



# BROOKVIEW

Helping Courageous Moms Lift Their Children Out of Homelessness

Summer 2016



## IN THE NEWS - #It's More than Coding #It's a Sisterhood

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Established in 1990, Brookview's mission is to help homeless and at risk families learn the skills necessary to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. Brookview provides a safe place to live and programs to build skills and self-esteem. Families practice skills necessary to thrive as active and integral members of their community and by so doing, improves the community for all of us.

The Brookview Girls Who Code club follows the standard curriculum - learn algorithms, how to create websites, games and apps. According to the Huffington Post, they are working toward a brighter future.

Our Brookview girls also firmly believe the club goes above and beyond coding. They say: #It's a Sisterhood! It's the foundation they need for success not just in school, but in life. Each week half way through class they take time to enjoy a meal together and discuss school and life at home. They encourage and support each other through tough times and celebrate good times. At the close of this facilitated discussion - they shift their attention back to coding and successfully complete their assignments.

• **Boston Business Journal**  
April 14, 2016 – Sara Castellanos

At Girls Who Code in Dorchester Confidence and Computer Science Collide...

• **WBUR – May 3, 2016 – Louise Kennedy**  
It may not look like your idea of a homeless shelter. It also may not look like your idea of a classroom for computer programmers. But it's both...  
<http://wbur.fm/2bTovNG>

• **Huffington Post Good News**  
May 24, 2016 – Kimberly Yam  
Brookview House, a nonprofit that provides housing to homeless women and children as well as other special programs, is also home to a coding club for teen girls called "Girls Who Code."  
<http://huff.to/2bNuodo>

• **KTVU.com Fox – May 25, 2016**  
A one of a kind program is teaching homeless girls, and girls who are at risk of becoming homeless, how to code.

• **ABCNews.go.com**  
May 25, 2016 – Avianne Tan

Charity Leschinski, who works full-time as a software developer, said her favorite part about volunteering [at Brookview] is "seeing the girls gain more confidence."

"I thought it wasn't my thing at first. I've been getting better grades in math. I used to struggle, but now I'm getting A's." –Shanice



## LETTER from the Chairperson



Dear Friends,  
Summer barbecues, relaxing days at the beach, laughing with friends – memories of experiences like this can feed our souls for a lifetime. But for families experienc-

ing homelessness, the stress of survival makes such simple but important experiences a luxury. This year at Brookview we are helping more than 50 children and teens have the kind of summer they will remember for a lifetime.

With both educational and recreational full-day programming that includes: science classes with “e” inc Summer Science Discovery program, career day at the Boston fire department, an experiential trip to Boston Scientific, the beach, roller-skating and more. Brookview’s youth programs give kids the foundation they need for success not just in school, but in life. Our kids enjoy our youth programs so much that many return as counselors and teachers to give back to the place that gave them a leg up.

Brookview could not make such a lasting impact on the lives of so many without your help, and we – and our families – are grateful for it every day. Every penny helps further our mission to ensure that some day, every family can take the joys of summer for granted.

  
Djuna Perkins

## POWER of the Purse

On Thursday, April 7, 2016 Brookview hosted its inaugural ‘**Power of the Purse Luncheon & Symposium: Investing, Building Wealth & Financial Independence**’. The introductory address at this sold out event was delivered by the **Honorable Karyn Polito, Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts** at The Exchange Center on Boston’s historic waterfront.

The symposium included a panel discussion with women business leaders, lunch and live & silent auctions of purses from powerful women including **Senator Elizabeth Warren, former first lady Diane Patrick, and former LA Dodgers CEO Jamie McCourt**, among others.

### Panelists included:

**Stephanie Robinson, Esq.** (event moderator) – Harvard Law School Lecturer.

**Valerie Galinskaya** – Director of Center for Family Wealth Dynamics and Governance at Merrill Lynch.

**Julie Goodridge** – Founder & CEO of NorthStar Asset Management.

**Amanda Reeves** – Senior Legal Analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. Fund Administration Product Group.

**Jackie Shoback** – EVP, Chief Client Development Officer of Boston Private Financial Holdings.

**AJ Williams** – Founder of AJ Williams Events.



# BOSTON 2016 Marathon

## Everyone has something that keeps them going:

It was David Consigli, veteran marathon runner and Brookview volunteer who encouraged us to apply to become a partner in the John Hancock Boston Marathon Nonprofit Program. Brookview was honored to receive three bibs as David coached and guided us through the process. Our inaugural Marathon team exceeded their goal. Nate Helming, Sarah Cousineau and Dr. Thomas Randall successfully raised \$24,000.



David Consigli, Jr.

“I strongly believe in using what you have to help others in your community. This past summer [2015] I got to work with the ReebokOne Ambassadors for an afternoon at Brookview House. Spending the day with Brookview really brought me back to how important this work really is. I’m excited to run the Boston Marathon again (it’s the first marathon I ever ran - for a Boston College charity back in 2004). I’m excited to do and share what I love with Reebok and the greater community all the while adding a bigger purpose to it. I want to use my Strength to Serve.”



-Nate Helming



“I am the proud parent of 9-year-old triplets and I look at this as an opportunity to show them the positive results - for Brookview and myself - that will come from dedicating myself to this type of challenge. I feel blessed to have not known the kind of hardship that clients of Brookview face every day and consider it an honor to be given an opportunity to help improve their situations.”

- Sarah Cousineau

“I greatly enjoyed this year’s fundraiser [Brookview’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary] and I was very impressed with your work. I love to run and would be honored to raise money for Brookview House. It would give me a compelling way to make my friends and colleagues aware of Brookview’s work.”

-Thomas Randall, M.D.



## The 'SALT OF THE EARTH' Award

Deborah Hughes, president & CEO of Brookview was among four recipients of the Community Labor United 'Salt of the Earth' Awards at their ceremony June 10 at the InterContinental Boston Hotel. Also honored were Senator Dan Wolf, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, and Brian Doherty, General Agent, Building and Construction Trades Council of the Metropolitan District and Greater Boston Legal Services.



Community Labor United (CLU), led by Executive Director Darlene Lombos, combines the joint power of community-based organizations and labor unions to advance the interests of low and middle-income working families in Massachusetts. Strategic campaigns promote quality jobs, secure healthcare, affordable housing, and climate justice.

CLU achieves its mission through coalition building, research and policy development, public education and grassroots mobilization that move policies forward.



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Director of Public Affairs  
Award-winning Host of "CityLine"  
WCVB Channel 5

#### INSPIRATIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR:

Jeri'Ann Hiller, PhD  
Senior Manager, Biocompatibility  
Corporate Preclinical Sciences  
Boston Scientific

#### HONOREES:

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Andrea Geyling, Milton Academy

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Sarah Cousineau  
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These families practice the skills necessary to thrive as active and integral members of their community and, by so doing, improve the community for all of us.

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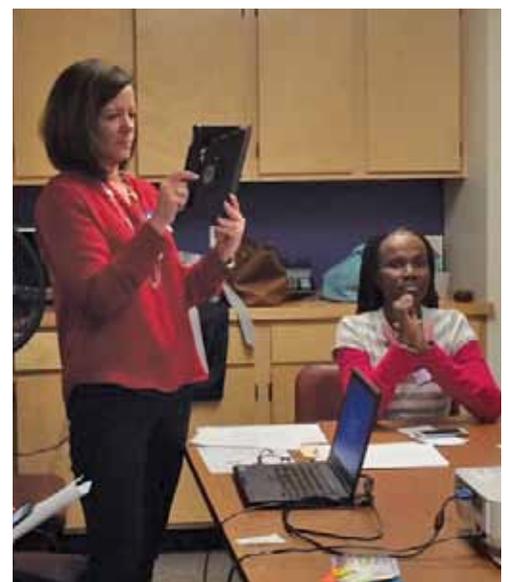


On July 18<sup>th</sup> our #Brookies visited Boston Scientific in Marlborough, MA – headquarters for the endoscopy, urology and women’s health divisions. Our 2016 **Inspirational Woman of the Year**, Jeri’Ann Hiller, PhD and her colleagues from BRIDGE – the Black employees resource group, hosted the day. Activities included hands-on learning, the **Science of Success** panel, and lunch. A talented team of engineers, scientists, attorneys and finance experts shared their wide-ranging journeys to the world of STEM.



## EMC Volunteer Initiative

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, NEMA Human Resources Business Partner -Patricia Bourett, Executive Talent Director -Krista Sequeira, and Senior Director Customer Service - Kathleen Swanson, conducted “mock interviewing” sessions at Brookview House. Brookview is recognized for its innovative approach to providing housing and services for families in transition. The EMC team worked with Brookview moms to motivate and influence a positive mind set when approaching the job market.





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