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Applications from Nonprofits for 2020 Projects Now Being Accepted



CCT is now accepting applications from prospective nonprofit clients for the 2020 project cycle. Please assist CCT's Client Development Committee by spreading the word to nonprofits that could benefit from a pro bono consultancy. Contact Amy Casher or Sarah Schott at client@cctboston.org with questions and nonprofit referrals. Applicants must be Boston-area 501(c)(3) organizations and project proposals should relate to a key strategic challenge critical to its mission. Please note that this year's application **deadline is August 16**. Visit www.cctboston.org/clients for details.

Celebrating Our Nonprofits and Volunteers



The annual CCT Wrap-Up Celebration was held on June 11 at the NonProfit Center in Boston. It was inspiring to listen to this year's clients speak about the great work their organizations are doing and rewarding to hear of the impact that CCT had on their teams. George West, Chair of the CCT Infrastructure Committee kicked off the evening with an overview of the year-

long series of activities that support the January-May client projects. This year, our virtual, all volunteer organization delivered 9 client projects through the dedication of over 110 volunteers.

A common theme among client speakers was that CCT teams had helped them create strategic focus. Nicole McLoughlin, Director of Strategy and Advancement at Plummer Youth Services noted that many speakers had voiced the same challenge that her team faces in being so excited about their mission that they have a big "appetite" for new initiatives. She noted, "We learned that you aren't allowed to have 10 priorities." Mark Hogan, Board Chair of Samaritans agreed, "There is a lot of opportunity. Thanks to CCT, we have a good map of where the best opportunities are to expand."

Another shared experience across the projects was the connection that the nonprofit teams felt with their CCT volunteers. Jack Murray, VP Partnership and Operations at Boston Harbor Now told his CCT group, "It was amazing to develop relationships with all of you." World Teach's Executive Director, Mitra Shavarini, expressed, "They got to know me and our organization...CCT has been a lifesaver."

Finally, it was gratifying to hear that less than a month after projects ended, clients were acting on recommendations and using tools delivered in the final presentations. Both North Shore Community College and Mill City Grows spoke about how they were already working on components of their plans.

Tribute to Sam Hartwell

The CCT community received the sad news of the July 10 passing of longtime volunteer, Sam Hartwell.

Sam was a valued volunteer, advisor and one of CCT's dearest friends at a pivotal time for the organization. His unique combination of positivity, intellect, integrity, kindness, and empathy made him the ideal CCT ambassador. Former Board Co-chair, Carolyn McGuire explained, "Sam Hartwell had become, and will continue to be, a reference point for me."



Sam believed in CCT's mission and values. Sam was dedicated to finding the best potential new clients that would benefit the most from CCT's consulting services, and he nurtured these relationships long after projects were completed.

Former Co-Chair Gabriele Loebbert noted, "He always found time to offer counsel when asked; advice so valued given his experience establishing and growing Strive, a nationally recognized nonprofit."

2019-2020 CCT Board Members Announced

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Clients in the News

Doc Wayne Youth Services Receives Award

Doc Wayne CEO, David S. Cohen shared with CCT that they received the 2019 Children's Behavioral Health Innovation Award at the sixth annual MA Department of Mental Health's symposium in May. This \$10,000 award recognizes an organization's effort to fill an unmet need or gap in the children's behavioral health care delivery system, or responds to a "wicked" problem facing the children's behavioral health field through creation of an innovative program or practice. Doc Wayne won for its Chalk Talk program, which blends traditional outpatient therapy and sports.



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