



An Evening to Benefit Rogerson

September 30, 2020

**Honoring Governor Michael Dukakis and Kitty Dukakis**  
Recipients of the Charles E. Rogerson Award

*WELL* HOME

## ROGERSON COMMUNITIES

Now celebrating 160 years, Rogerson Communities has provided housing and healthcare for elders and low-income individuals and families since its founding in 1860.

We serve over 1,800 Greater Boston families through 29 properties and programs, providing greater independence to a diverse community of individuals in affordable, supportive housing. In many cases we prevent homelessness. Our Adult Day Health programs help avoid unnecessary hospitalizations and delay nursing home care by keeping elders safe, strong and engaged.

Our mission is to protect the health, dignity and longevity of all those whom Rogerson serves. At the same time, we are continuing in our work to alleviate Greater Boston's housing crisis by raising public awareness, influencing housing policy, developing properties to meet accelerating need and partnering with other nonprofit entities to create and implement effective strategies for housing and health.



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## PROGRAM

*Celebrating Team Rogerson for meeting the challenges of the pandemic and drawing on 160 years of experience in keeping elders safe.*

## Welcome

**Walter J. Ramos**, President and CEO, Rogerson Communities

## Video Spotlight

**A Salute to Team Rogerson — Our Heroes**

## Message from the Board of Directors

**Brit d'Arbeloff**, Chair

## Greetings from Friends of our Honorees

**A Conversation** with **Governor Michael Dukakis and Kitty Dukakis** led by **Jim Braude and Margery Eagan**, co-hosts of WGBH's *Boston Public Radio*

## Presentation of the Charles E. Rogerson Award

**John Dukakis**

**Remarks** from Governor Michael Dukakis and Kitty Dukakis

# HOME

## ROGERSON CELEBRATES 160 YEARS OF GROWTH AND INNOVATION!



1860

The Home for Aged Men opens in Boston for "aged men with few resources."



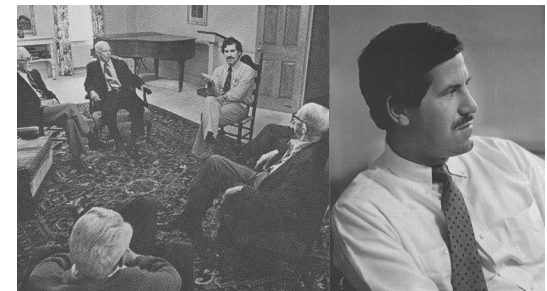
1904

Rogerson's president Charles E. Rogerson sets a standard for charitable giving.



1957

The Home moves to Jamaicaaway and is renamed Rogerson House.



1970s

James Hunnewell, Chair of the Board, and James F. Seagle, Jr., President, transform Rogerson's mission and vision.

## HONORING

### Governor Michael Dukakis and Kitty Dukakis with the Charles E. Rogerson Award



Photo by M. Scott Brauer

Together and individually, **Governor Michael and Mrs. Kitty Dukakis** have enhanced the well-being of our communities in immeasurable ways. They continue their extraordinary work as passionate advocates for our state's most vulnerable populations.

**Michael Dukakis** served as Governor of Massachusetts from 1975-1979 and from 1983-1991. His vast progressive agenda has advanced equitable economic development, introducing gateway cities and investment in public transportation. He responded to the challenges of family homelessness by establishing the first public shelter in Massachusetts in 1983 and created programs that significantly increased the state's stock of affordable housing. The Democratic Presidential candidate in 1988, Michael founded a leadership initiative to encourage young people to pursue careers in public service. He serves as Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Northeastern University and Visiting Professor of Public Policy at UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs.

**Kitty Dukakis** has elevated public understanding of mental health and addiction by sharing her personal struggle. She has advocated for compassionate behavioral healthcare to ensure the availability of vital treatment services and shelters for women. Much of her leadership on contemporary human rights issues focuses on the victims of genocide; she works on behalf of refugees striving for fulfilling and productive lives in their adopted communities.

The Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University is named in honor of their legacy of public service to the Commonwealth. Boston's South Station was renamed in honor of Governor Dukakis in 2014. They are the 2020 recipients of the Massachusetts Health Council Champions of the Century Award and the 2015 Art of Healing Award from Cambridge Health Alliance.



### 1978

Rogerson welcomes women to their properties. Rogerson pioneers Adult Day Health programs in Massachusetts.



### 1980s

Beacon House and Farnsworth House kick off the expansion of Rogerson's residential portfolio. Rogerson allows pets—a first in the nation!



### 1990s

New nonprofit partnerships expand affordable housing for elders and working families. Rogerson House becomes a national leader in dementia care. Rogerson Communities announces its new name!

## WELCOMING

### Jim Braude and Margery Eagan Co-hosts of WGBH's *Boston Public Radio*



Photo © David Yellen

**Our emcees** have worked together for 18 years, first hosting a TV program at NECN and then as co-hosts of the *Jim & Margery Show* at WTKK. Since 2013, they have co-hosted the midday talk show *Boston Public Radio*, acclaimed for its engaging, quality journalism.

**Jim Braude** is a lawyer and Boston radio and television personality. He is the executive editor and host of the WGBH News program, *Greater Boston*. Prior to joining WGBH, he hosted *Broadside with Jim Braude* on New England Cable News (NECN).

**Margery Eagan** has written for numerous publications including her hometown paper, *The Fall River Herald News*, *Boston Globe*, *Boston Magazine*, and the *Boston Herald*, where she was a regular columnist for 27 years.

## ROGERSON COMMUNITIES

### PROPERTIES

#### Back Bay

Hale House

#### Beacon Hill

Beacon House  
Joy Street Residence  
Peter Faneuil House

#### Chinatown

Hong Lok House

#### Jamaica Plain

Farnsworth House  
Mount Pleasant Home  
Rogerson House  
Springhouse Independent Living, Assisted Living and Memory Care Support

#### Norton

Daggett-Crandall-Newcomb Home

#### Roslindale

Florence House  
Longfellow House  
Roslindale House

#### Roxbury

Carleton House  
Cooper House  
Council Tower  
Spencer House  
Walnut House

#### West Roxbury

Sophia Snow House  
Residences at Snow Place

#### Weymouth

Fairing Way

#### Wrentham

Community at Pond Meadow  
Pond Home

### PROGRAMS

Egleston Adult Day Health  
Elder Assistance Fund  
Fitness First  
Rogerson House Day Program  
Roslindale Adult Day Health  
Roslindale Dementia Day

## WELCOME HOME 2020

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## 2000s

Rogerson opens Fitness First centers for elders. Work begins on transforming a blighted parcel in Roxbury into a beautiful campus, Franklin Park Place.



## 2010s

Ribbon cuttings mark the openings of Hong Lok House in Chinatown, Cooper House in Egleston Square, and Fairing Way in Weymouth.



## 2018

Walter J. Ramos inaugurates a new era as President and CEO.



## 2020

We continue our vital leadership role on behalf of the most vulnerable members of our community.

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