

Marine Corps Veteran Anthony Domagala opens new location of Transworld Business Advisors

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Transworld Business Advisors® (TBA), a world leader in building, marketing, selling and buying businesses, has opened a new office in Dedham, serving buyers, sellers and franchise owners in Norfolk County.



is in the business of helping buyers and sellers connect, conducting franchise consultations, and supporting franchise development. The company represents acquisition-minded corporations or individuals interested in owning their own company or franchise.

Leading its outreach to local entrepreneurs is franchise owner Anthony B. Domagala (photo, right), a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, and former nurse and hospital administrator. Domagala is eager to support the individuals and businesses in Norfolk County communities in reaching their full potential

ing industry.

Domagala has a Master of Science in nursing and has worked as a registered nurse, director of nursing and hospital administrator.

He has strong ties to Massachusetts; he grew up in Freetown and has lived in Westport for five years.

"I'm excited to join Transworld Business Advisors," Domagala said. "Out of more than 200 franchises I looked at, it was the best in terms of organization and the support I can expect as a franchise owner. It offers unlimited opportunities to me, my team and our clients."

Transworld Business Advisors' Norfolk County office is located at 3 Allied Drive, Suite 303, Dedham. For more information, call 508-283-4783.

About Transworld Business Advisors: Transworld Business Advisors® (TBA) is part of United Franchise Group™ (UFG) family of affiliated brands.

With over 40 years of business brokerage experience, Transworld Business Advisors

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About United Franchise Group: Led by CEO Ray Titus, United Franchise Group™ (UFG) is home to an affiliated family of brands and consultants, including Accurate Franchising Inc.™, Exit Factor™, FranchiseMart®, Fully Promoted®, Signarama®, Transworld Business Advisors®, and the Co-works™ division consisting of Franchise Real Estate™, Network Lead Exchange™(NLX), Office Evolution® (OE) and Venture X® as well as a food division featuring Graze Craze® and The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill®.

UFG affiliated brands include over 1,600 franchises in more than 60 countries, with consultants that have helped develop over 350 brands into franchises in over 80 countries with more than 2,500 franchisees. With over three decades in the franchising industry, United Franchise Group offers unprecedented leadership and solid business opportunities for entrepreneurs.

MAB Community Services honors Dedham staff member Lisa Funches with a Maxo Joseph Excellence in Direct Care Award

Funches was recognized for her tireless dedication to elderly women with disabilities

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MAB Community Services, a leading social service agency supporting nearly 2,000 people with visual impairment, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and acquired brain injuries across Massachusetts, has announced the 11 honorees of the 2024 Maxo Joseph Excellence in Direct Care Awards, who each received \$2,000, \$5,000, or \$10,000 awards.



Lisa Funches (photo, right), a residential counselor at a MAB community-based home in Dedham, received a \$2,000 award.

Two anonymous donors recently contributed a total of \$110,000 to support the continuation of this unique awards program. Established in 2021, the Maxo Joseph Awards recognize direct care staff in MAB's Adult Disability Services division who go above and beyond in their commitment to the participants they support.

This year, 46 award nominees reflected the life and legacy of Maxo Joseph, an exceptional caregiver and beloved colleague who served MAB for nearly 20 years and passed away in 2020.

Lisa Funches has been a residential counselor at MAB Community Services since 2022. She loves providing direct care, and the participants love her, including Christina, who lights up when she sees Lisa.

Three of the four women who live in the Dedham residence use wheelchairs. While this can present challenges, Lisa makes it work. She has coordinated participants' visits to Red Sox games, apple picking, live theater, and the salon for manicures.

Lisa prepares participants for visits with their family members, thinking through everything they will need before they go out. She also de-escalates longtime conflicts in the home, including what to watch on TV.

Lisa is gentle and even-tempered, no matter what, and she stands up for what's right for the participants.

The number of years that the 2024 Maxo Joseph Award winners have dedicated to MAB ranges from one to 20, with an average of more than six years. Honorees are chosen by a committee consisting of MAB staff, community supporters, and family members of the participants

the nominees serve.

"It's a pleasure to recognize and reward our hardworking direct care staff through the fourth annual Maxo Joseph Awards," said Barbara Salisbury, CEO of MAB Community Services. "In the last few years, MAB has increasingly focused on giving participants the skills they need to become more independent. Our staff and programs are helping participants achieve goals that wouldn't have been possible before. I'm very proud of what they are accomplishing."

The Maxo Joseph Awards help to create a culture of recognition which improves recruitment and retention. While the direct care industry experiences an annual turnover rate between 40% and 60%, MAB's turnover in direct care was less than 17% during the past year.

About MAB Community Services: MAB Community Services (MAB) has been creating opportunities for people with disabilities since 1903. MAB is one of the oldest social service agencies in the nation assisting people with blindness or visual impairment. Over time, MAB has grown to serve people with a wider range of disabilities. MAB's three divisions are: the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, which offers a variety of services statewide; the Ivy Street School, which serves a neurodiverse population of students, including those on the autism spectrum, with behavioral health challenges, and with brain injuries; and Adult Disability Services, which serves individuals with intellectual disabilities and brain injuries. Through each division and program, MAB's goal is to provide the support needed for each person to actively participate in their community and to live a full and satisfying life.

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