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MAB Community Services Honors Excellence in Direct Care and Awards: \$58,000 Total

MAB proudly recognizes our 11 award winners and 23 finalists for 2024.

\$10,000 Awards



Stefani Kennedy
MAB Voc, Central MA
Employment Specialist

This is more than just a job for Stefani. Some of her clients get jobs or right away. Others take months of hard work. She helps clients get the jobs they want with any accommodations they need, helping them believe in themselves and their futures.



Patrick Parker
Training and Rehabilitation Center, Westborough
Program Specialist

Patrick and his coworkers offer unique classes and services that support independence, all under one roof. His workshops on music, cooking, nutrition, flower arranging, and more engage participants and help them recover from brain injuries.



Lily MacNamee
Individual Supports, Greater Boston
Case Manager

Since age 7, Robbie has participated in MAB programs. As he aged and moved into MAB housing, he still needed 24/7 support. Lily, who worked with Robbie before, has guided him in learning essential life skills and using adaptive technology. Robbie is much more independent and very proud of all he can do.

\$5,000 Awards



Olugbenga (Anthony) Osho
Residential Services, Watertown
Residential Counselor

Anthony has worked overnight at MAB for 20 years. He keeps everything neat and clean at the home, makes the breakfasts the participants like, helps them with daily activities, remains calm, and never complains.



Romil Sanon
Residential Services, Watertown
Residential Counselor

Romil leads an overnight team and ensures that the five elderly participants are ready to go to their weekday programs by 8:30 a.m. He is attentive to each participant, from reading with them, to gently comforting them as they pass away.



Bennett Anyanwu
Residential Services, Watertown
Assistant Residential Coordinator

Bennett helps participants who are recovering from brain injuries to relearn life skills. He collaborates with other providers to meet each participant's treatment goals, finds solutions, and works well with family members and staff.



Dendirmwa Samuel
Residential Services, Hyde Park
Residential Counselor

Den takes initiative and works additional shifts. She is devoted to the elderly intellectually disabled participants in her care. She communicates clearly, works with participants on the weekly menus, and advocates for them during medical appointments.

\$2,000 Awards



Babatunde Adebisi
Residential Services, Brookline
Residential Counselor

The participants call him Mr. Bob. He is wise and has earned everyone's respect. He supports teamwork and provides welcome advice. Everything runs smoothly with Mr. Bob, including medication management and doctors' appointments.



Stanley Ugochukwu
Residential Services, Brookline
Residential Counselor

The staff trust Stanley. His supervisor relies on him. Stanley performs error-free medication audits. He is the "go to" leader for emergencies. Stanley works shifts night and day, knows the participants well and prepares delicious meals.



Antonia Drigo
MABWorks, Allston
Program Specialist

Toni supports participants in gaining skills for independence, including money management and fitness. She has lots of energy and takes the participants to watch hockey practices. Toni sets a high standard of excellence.



Lisa Funches
Residential Services, Dedham
Residential Counselor

Lisa loves providing direct care, and all her participants love her. She de-escalates longtime conflicts and likes taking participants into the community. Lisa is gentle and even-tempered, no matter what, and she stands up for what's right.

MAB Community Services is a statewide nonprofit organization that creates opportunities for people with a range of disabilities to live full and satisfying lives. Staff selected for annual Maxo Joseph Awards honor the life and legacy of Maxo Joseph, who embodied excellence and supported the health, safety, and independence of participants.

Learn more at www.mabcommunity.org.

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