

The City Year Moccasins Award

For the last seven years, City Year has recognized outstanding community leaders whose dedication and commitment to community change has inspired City Year corps members and staff during their year of service. The name moccasins comes from an American Indian prayer which is a City Year founding story: "Great Spirit, grant that I may not criticize my brother or my sister until I have walked a mile in his or her moccasins."

The recipients of the 1995-1996 City Year Moccasins Award set a powerful example through their hard work, their creativity and their commitment to young people. They represent the thousands of hard-working community leaders who have dedicated their lives to making Boston a better place to live for all of its citizens. We salute the 1995-1996 Moccasins Award winners:

Adam Barrett, Coordinator of Youth Peer Education American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay

Adam Barrett has served as the driving force behind the HIV/AIDS curriculum service project for the past two years. He has enhanced the team who worked with him both personally and professionally. His dedication and passion for education, and his willingness to go to great lengths for the youth with whom he works have inspired the young people whose lives he has touched.

Ann Garofalo, Teacher James F. Condon School

Ann Garofalo is a second grade teacher

at the James F. Condon School and has been the greatest champion for the 1995-96 Gillette Team. She played an instrumental role in the Spring Camp held at the Condon School this past March by giving up her spring vacation to be the school representative on site during the camp. This was the first spring camp ever to take place in South Boston and would not have happened without the hard work and dedication of Mrs. Garofalo. She has been an incredible support and guiding force to the team who worked at the Condon this year.

Nancy Jamison, Director Fair Foods

Nancy Jamison founded and built Fair Foods and has worked there for the past ten years. Through Fair Foods, she has distributed \$25 million worth of food to the needy over the past ten years and will be distributing another \$25 million worth of food over the next three years. She has served as a catalyst by educating other organizations about hunger issues. Her incredible commitment and dedication to her work has inspired the entire City Year community.

Lois Lee, Family Program Coordinator

Catholic Charities Community Family Center

As the Program Coordinator for the St. John's/St. Hugh's Family Program, Lois Lee has committed herself to creating a home away from home for neighborhood women and families. In 1988, Lois Lee helped City Year find some of its initial service projects in the Dorchester neighborhood and contin-

ued providing service for Serve-a-thon teams. Lois' daughter was a corps member last year and Lois has been on the Families for City Year Steering Committee ever since. Her strong faith and belief that people can make a difference have been an inspiration to the team working at the St. John's/St. Hugh's Family Program.

Sidewalk Sam, Artist

Sidewalk Sam, with the help of his wife, Tina, has achieved a distinguished level of notoriety and respect in Boston due to his years of service to the community envisioning and implementing projects designed to enhance peoples' appreciation for themselves and the area around them. In Sam's words, "I believe it is possible to create artwork that is more than an image, but an effort to bring different people in society together." His unselfishness, compassion for others, devotion to service and optimism in the wake of difficult circumstances is a beacon that all should look towards.

Thu-Hang Tran, Teacher Mather School

Thu-Hang Tran works as the Vietnamese bilingual kindergarten teacher at the Mather School in Dorchester. She presented a workshop at CYZYG, City Year's Annual Convention of Idealism, entitled "Let's talk about Vietnamese life, while we eat." Her creativity, dedication and commitment to the children with whom she works has inspired the team working at the Mather School.

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