40th Anniversary Fundraiser

Award Ceremony & Film Debut

Event Program
Wellpath is honored to support and celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Massachusetts Disability Law Center.

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Trail Blazer Award
Jessica Stebbins, Healthcare Principal
Allen Buie, Senior Healthcare Architect & Planner
HDR, Inc.

Visionary Award
Robert Wadley
Receiving Award on Behalf of Ernst & Young

Our Mission:
To provide legal advocacy on disability issues that promote the fundamental rights of all people with disabilities to participate fully and equally in the social and economic life of Massachusetts
Dear Friends and Supporters,

Welcome to the Disability Law Center’s 40th Anniversary Fundraiser.

Over the past four decades, DLC has challenged discrimination against people with disabilities and helped them obtain the services they need to fully enjoy participating in and contributing to their communities. Looking back at our journey, we are proud of the work that we have done to effect positive social change through our litigation and advocacy. We are grateful that you, our sponsors and friends, are sharing this evening with us tonight. It is your generosity and support that helps us meet our funding challenges while inspiring us to give a little more everyday to meet the needs of as many people with disabilities as possible.

Tonight, we are celebrating the work of our staff and the clients they serve. Our short documentary film, Wheels of Justice, highlights the importance of robust health care coverage and legal advocacy. Most importantly, the film underscores how individuals with disabilities are constantly trying to break down actual barriers to access and inclusion.

We are especially grateful to our honorees for their commitment to ensuring that the civil rights of all people continue to be advanced and protected. They have helped to ensure full inclusion, access to employment and access to health care and other services essential to learn, live, work and play in the community.

To our dedicated and hard-working staff - thank you very much for providing the highest quality of services for our clients, every day. Thanks also to DLC’s dedicated Governing Board for their unwavering support and commitment to the Law Center’s mission.

Please leave this event tonight knowing that you have made a real difference in the lives of people with disabilities. We are truly grateful for your generosity.

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Evening Program

5:30 pm | Reception

6:00 pm | Abilities Dance - Boston

6:15 pm | Award Ceremony

Welcome and Acknowledgments
Marlene Sallo, DLC Executive Director

Greetings from the Board President
George Atanasov, DLC Board President

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6:45 pm | Debut of “Wheels of Justice”
Introduction by Chris Hoeh, Advocacy Representative,
Greater Boston Chapter, United Spinal Association

Closing Comments
Marlene Sallo, DLC Executive Director
HDR is a design- and research-driven practice that uses the power of design thinking to reimagine space, environments, programming, planning, operations and function. We blend our deep knowledge of healthcare delivery with our understanding of how environments can shape behaviors and outcomes to create solutions for clients that respect the social impact of their work—solutions that champion human-centered design, solve real problems, make lives better and advance wellness, well-being, healing and cures. Through design and the consideration of three important elements—patient care, context and community—we are working to reshape the way healthcare is perceived and delivered. Advancing health and wellness on a global scale and in local communities is at the heart of our endeavors.
Jessica Stebbins, IIDA, LEED AP

As a healthcare principal and market sector leader for New England, Jessica is responsible for bringing HDR’s vast network of specialized healthcare services and expertise to healthcare organizations throughout the region.

Jessica is recognized as a thought leader, with 20 years of experience in strategic planning, master planning, design and delivering complex healthcare facilities for community and academic healthcare clients. She has extensive experience in employing methods for expediting design and construction, maintaining quality and minimizing risk throughout the project delivery process to inform better and expeditious decision-making. She guides project teams through the entire design process, ensuring that the overall team collaboratively harnesses the talents of all participants to further enhance the value of the work that they produce for their clients. Jessica’s portfolio includes the nationally renowned LEED Gold replacement facility for Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Charlestown, Massachusetts; replacement facility for Jackson Health Rehabilitation Hospital in Miami, Florida; Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Hospital in Richmond, Virginia; and strategic facility master plans for the University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, New York.
Known for her broad range of industry expertise, Jessica has contributed to articles published in *Health Facilities Management*, *Greenhealth Magazine* and *Contract Magazine*. She has shared her knowledge through speaking engagements at the ASHE PDC Summit and the Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo, among others. She is also involved in Women’s Executive Leadership and Living as a mentor to young professional women in the A/E industry, a guest lecturer at Boston architecture and design schools, and sits on Boston’s USS Constitution Museum’s Board of Overseers.
Allen Buie, RA, ACHA, NCARB, LEED AP

Allen is an award-winning healthcare designer who challenges the boundaries that traditionally separate planning, architecture and interior design. His design solutions focus on creating efficient and dignified experiences within holistic and inspiring healthcare environments—where many of life’s defining moments occur. Allen sees every project as an opportunity to elevate the quality of care and design and to bring a powerful and elegant simplicity to healthcare for patients, visitors and staff. For over 18 years, his career has focused on exclusively on the design and planning of healthcare facilities. The 2013 recipient of the Healthcare Facilities & Symposium Individual Distinction Award, he has presented for the AIA, published articles and book chapters on healthcare design, and has taught and juried students at the Clemson University Architecture + Health graduate program, of which he is an alumnus. His work spans the United States and the world, having planned and designed projects in Maine, Massachusetts, Florida, Virginia, Ohio, China and the Middle East. He has led planning and design for Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Charlestown, Jackson Rehab Hospital in Miami, Sheltering Arms Rehab Institute in Richmond, and AdventHealth in Orlando.
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Robert Wadley

Robert Wadley is an audit partner in EY Boston’s Financial Services Office where he serves banking and capital markets clients. He is the New England Executive Sponsor of EY’s AccessAbilities Professional Network. Robert has a passion around inclusiveness and diverse abilities, in part because of his love for two nephews on the autism spectrum, and because he’s faced depression in his own life. He resides in Medfield, Massachusetts with his wife Karen and sons, Josh and Paxton.
Chris Hoeh is the Advocacy Representative for the Greater Boston Chapter of the United Spinal Association. Prior to his accident, Chris was an avid skier and athlete.

In 2015, Chris was named the Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year from the National Council for Social Studies. In addition, Chris is the recipient of the 2014 Teaching Tolerance Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Southern Poverty Law Center. While teaching second-grade at Cambridge Friends School in Cambridge, Chris developed an academically rigorous, multi-disciplinary, yearlong social studies curriculum that followed the creation of clothing from cotton. Each step in the process was connected to historical and contemporary struggles for social justice. Additionally, Chris has shared his substantial experience by being a mentor to practicing teachers.

Chris has worked in solidarity with community organizations to support public education, LGBTQ rights, anti-racist groups, and in opposition to the Iraq wars and the Boston Olympics proposal. He is also the Founder and Director of the Jamaican Plain Youth Soccer Academy for children in grades 1 to 4, where he continues to coach local kids on the game.
“Wheels of Justice”

Wheels of Justice is a short documentary film that shines a light on how people with disabilities are fighting for their rights in a society that has yet to fully realize that those rights exist. The story is told through the journey of one of our former clients, Chris Hoeh, who has been living with paralysis since a spinal cord injury in February 2017 as a result of a skiing accident. Chris started working with the Disability Law Center in July 2017. Concerned with the dangers of pressure ulcers and the limitations associated with a regular wheelchair and its impact on his active lifestyle, Chris knew that he needed something innovative in order to continue to maintain his health. With DLC’s legal advocacy, Chris was able to receive a standing wheelchair. The film highlights the importance of robust health care coverage and legal advocacy. Most importantly, the film underscores how individuals with disabilities are constantly trying to break down actual barriers to access and inclusion.
A few years ago, as Ellice Patterson was auditioning and taking classes around the greater Boston area, she found that there was no place that would develop and allow her to perform on a professional level.

Ellice even discussed with the director of one company her limitations and inquired if there was one choreographer among the many there that would modify to meet her requirements. The director kept repeating that this was a professional company. Ellice was angered by that interaction. She decided that if there was not an institution for her and run by people like her then she would create it. Abilities Dance - Boston was born. Ellice is its Executive Director.

Since its very first show February 3, 2017, the company has gone and continues to go to new and uncharted territories. Abilities Dance – Boston’s performing company is comprised of adult dancers with and without disabilities. Their movement tendencies and personalities influence the stories told through movements. Through improvisational exercises, the choreographer develops choreography that tells stories while letting the dancers’ voices resonate throughout the piece. Original music is composed that matches the movements of the dancers in a continuous feedback process with the choreographer. The collaboration between these three parties creates unique pieces that blends strong voices to tell powerful stories that are universal to the human experience with an inclusive lens.
Abilities Dance – Boston offers private classes in adaptive ballet/modern for all ages with and without disabilities. We notice the need for students to be able to access classes that are modified for their bodies in studios that are accessible to them (no stairs, elevator and doors wide enough for wheelchairs, etc.).

Abilities Dance – Boston spreads its message through performances, workshops, and daily life. At the helm as the executive director, Ellice hopes to continue to break barriers and drive the value of inclusion for all abilities.
Congratulations on 40 years of leadership and advocacy!

The Arc Massachusetts

Congratulations to our friends at DLC!

- Julie, Brian and Dan Heffernan

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for its great work improving and
enriching the lives of people with disabilities!

~ Carol Steinberg and Jerry Rubin
At the intersection of love and wisdom lies justice.

Thank you DLC for forty years of fighting for our rights with wisdom and love.

Much love,

Michael Muehe and Amy Battisti-Ashé
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Abilities Dance disrupts antiquated ableist beliefs and promotes intersectional disability rights through our professional performing company, community engagement, and education programs.

Check out our website at abilitiesdanceboston.org or Facebook and Instagram @abilitiesdanceboston to learn more and see how you can become involved as an event/administrative volunteer, board member, composer, and more!

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The work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives and the dream shall never die.

Edward Kennedy