

An open letter to poverty

You will no longer lie to me about my self-worth.

You will no longer steal my hopes and aspirations.

You will no longer cheat me out of my rights.

You will no longer force me to choose between food, heat, or medicine.

You will no longer push me around from one unsafe home to another.

You will no longer hold me back in dead-end jobs.

You will no longer deprive me of being a part of a healthy community.

You will no longer depress my spirits, deny my dreams,
defeat my plans or discourage my heart.

You will no longer crush my soul.

With Caritas, I have found a new way.

I now have a supporting community that provides me with a safe,
affordable home. I now have things I seldom had before: a warm coat,
a nutritious meal, and a peaceful night's sleep.

Thanks to my Caritas family, I have my own place now,
and you will no longer be welcome.

Caritas Communities is committed to **Improving Lives. One Room at a Time.**



Join Us

November 8, 2018, for Our Annual Dinner

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Caritas Communities 33rd Annual Dinner
Thursday, November 8, 2018



Sponsorship Opportunities

Doorways to Dignity Sponsor: \$50,000

- Premium seating for 20 guests
- Overnight accommodations for two guests at the Westin Boston Waterfront, breakfast included
- Logo or family name has headline recognition on invitation (deadline September 19) and on all event-related print materials
- Feature story to appear in social media campaign
- Headline logo visibility on video screen, night of event
- Special recognition from podium, night of event
- Inside front cover placement of full-page color ad in program book
- Logo and link on the Caritas Communities website

Partners in Permanence Sponsor: \$25,000

- Premium seating for 16 guests
- Logo or family name prominently displayed on invitation (deadline September 19) and on all event-related print materials
- Feature story to appear in social media campaign
- Prominent logo visibility on video screen, night of event
- Special recognition from podium, night of event
- Special placement of full-page ad in program book
- Logo and link on the Caritas Communities website

Strength and Stability Sponsor: \$10,000

- Premium seating for 10 guests
- Logo or family name displayed on invitation (deadline September 19) and on all event-related print materials
- Spotlight visibility in social media campaign
- Logo visibility on video screen, night of the event
- Recognition from podium, night of event
- Distinguished placement of full-page ad in program book
- Logo and link on the Caritas Communities website

Haven of Hope Sponsor: \$7,500

- Priority seating for 10 guests
- Logo or family name appears on invitation (deadline September 19) and on all event-related print materials
- Highlighted in social media campaign
- Logo visibility on video screen, night of event
- Recognition from podium, night of event
- Full-page ad in program book
- Logo and link on the Caritas Communities website

Pride in Property Sponsor: \$5,000

- Preferred seating for 8 guests
- Company or family name appears on invitation (deadline September 19)
- Listing on video screen, night of event
- Recognition from podium, night of event
- Half-page ad in program book
- Logo and link on the Caritas Communities website

Rooms of Renewal Sponsor: \$3,000

- Reserved seating for 4 guests
- Listing on video screen, night of event
- Listing in evening's program book

Individual

- Tickets \$400
- Young Leaders \$200

Purchase a Program Book Ad

- Full-page ad: \$1,000
- Half-page ad: \$500

Ads are black and white; artwork due October 26, 2018

Contact Hallie at hgarvey@caritascommunities.org or 781.843.1242 x19 to reserve space.



*"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can still do something.
And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."*

— Edward Everett Hale, author and Unitarian Clergyman from Boston

"Caritas is one of those things I can do." — Rick High

P. Leo Corcoran Humanitarian Award 2018 Honoree

Rick High

President, John M. Corcoran & Co.

In 1975, while working for an anti-poverty nonprofit in Cincinnati, Rick High wrote a magazine article on the plight of the poor being “locked into hopelessness” due to societal systems and a lack of resources—an injustice that has fueled his desire to help the less fortunate since. Together, Rick and Caritas are working to free individuals from the ravages of poverty through social justice and resources, namely housing that a low-income person can afford.



Our 2018 Honoree

Rick joined John M. Corcoran & Co. in 1982, having started his career in the nonprofit and government sectors. With no prior business experience, he learned by watching. “Leo Corcoran and his brother John showed me that how a business conducts itself is just as important as turning a profit,” he recalls. “Fairness and integrity were paramount. So was respecting the worth and dignity of every person. Leo and John left a legacy of goodwill wherever they went, whatever they were doing.”

As president since 2002, Rick believes his foremost obligation is to honor and preserve that legacy—and then to build on it. And that includes following Leo’s and John’s examples of contributing to the community, especially to the economically disadvantaged, both as a company and individually. Today the company manages more than 10,000 apartment homes, about 4,000 of which are affordable housing.

“The company giving part comes easily,” Rick reports, “because so many of the staff are deeply committed to service. They generate the ideas. My role is simply to encourage and to ask, ‘How can I help?’” The results are notable: In 2008, the National Multi Housing Council awarded the company its national “Good Neighbor Award” for its charitable work.

On the personal side, Rick and his wife Anne Perkins focus their giving on the disadvantaged in our cities. Favorites include The Food Project, NOAH, English for New Bostonians, St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children, the United Negro College Fund, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and, of course, Caritas.

“Caritas is providing disadvantaged individuals decent, affordable, safe places to live—the foundational first step in escaping lives of poverty. I have terrific trust in the Board and staff. The results of their hard work are self-evident.” – Rick High

Rick High

Caritas Communities 33rd Annual Dinner Team

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2014

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2013

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2012

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Westin Boston Waterfront
Cocktails, Dinner, Live Auction & Program

For more information

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Annual Dinner Team

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About Caritas Communities

What We Do

At Caritas Communities, we provide very low-income individuals with permanent housing, support, a sense of community and expanded opportunities. For 33 years, Caritas has helped fill the need for safe, secure housing in Greater Boston.

Our Response to Poverty

It's nearly impossible to afford housing in Greater Boston if you make minimum wage or live on a low fixed income. Lack of affordable housing is a primary cause of homelessness, and in 2017 over 17,000 people experienced homelessness in Massachusetts.

Caritas's response to this worsening crisis is to provide affordable housing to some of Boston's most vulnerable citizens: previously homeless veterans, those dealing with mental and physical health issues, the elderly, the minimum wage worker—people on extremely low fixed incomes, or those unable to earn a living wage. We know that not having a home makes it impossible to escape poverty and the hardship it brings. We know that having a home combats poverty by providing basic human needs like shelter, water, safety, warmth, and community. Not until these needs are met can a person thrive. **As a foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty, there truly is no place like home.**

30 
BUILDINGS
plus 2 more building
sites in progress

14 
**GREATER BOSTON
COMMUNITIES**

1,000+
RESIDENTS 

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