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## Victory Programs Celebrates Homes

This year's Homes for the Holidays Celebration at Clube Cafe on December 10, raised more than \$34,000 for Victory Programs' Victory Housing which serves individuals and families in need. The annual Peter Medoff Awards presented at the event honor community members and professionals who have provided exemplary service to Boston's HIV/AIDS and homeless communities.

Highlights for this year's Homes for the Holidays:

•Presentation of the Peter Medoff Awards:

2015 Peter Medoff Award  
Julie Marston

Executive Director of Community Research Initiative (CRI) of New Eng-



Photos from the event taken by Nancy Millstrom.

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2015 AIDS Housing Award  
Marie Herb  
Managing Director of Technical Assistance Collaborative

2015 Special Recognition Award  
Frank Ribaldo and Jim Morgrage  
Owners of Club Café

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•Remarks by Victory Programs' President and CEO, Jonathan Scott, Peter Medoff Awardee, Julie Marston, and a client speaker who recently graduated from one of our recovery programs.

•This year Homes for the Holidays raised more than \$34,000 through corporate sponsorships, ticket sales, individual donations including a charitable paddle bid, and a Silent Auction with more than 30 prizes sold.

2015 marks Victory Programs' 40th year of

opening doors to hope, health and housing for individuals and families in need. Since its inception in 1975, the agency has expanded to 17 housing and health programs providing shelter and recovery services to 2,300 people annually. Victory Programs has a storied history of responding to emerging needs in the community - from being one of the first agencies in Massachusetts to allow HIV positive clients in its addiction recovery programs in 1981 to opening Chamblet Family Home in the midst of a surge in family homelessness in 2014. Throughout its organizational growth, Victory Programs' commitment to those struggling with homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction and chronic illnesses like HIV/AIDS always remains its top priority.



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