

STEPPING STONES

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Meet Roberta Rosenberg!

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE SECOND STEP

The Second Step (TSS) welcomed Roberta Rosenberg as Executive Director on January 1, 2008. Roberta is a respected executive leader with over 30 years of experience in the management of not-for-profit organizations. She combines the strategic vision, the operational excellence, and the team-building skills needed to grow a results-oriented social services organization like TSS. She brings a passion for setting survivors of domestic violence on a safe path to personal and professional growth.



Roberta Rosenberg (left) takes the reins from Liz Kirsch, who retired at the end of last year.

TSS conducted an extensive nationwide search, and was pleased to find the best qualified person for the job right in our own backyard. Roberta is a resident of Newton and has been a longtime supporter of TSS.

Liz Kirsch, who had held the Executive Director position since TSS opened in 1992, retired at the end of December 2007. Liz helped to build a strong and successful organization. She left a legacy of commitment to helping families.

Roberta Rosenberg is proud and excited to be part of TSS. "I know there are challenges ahead, and I look forward to meeting them by working together with the excellent staff and the extensive network of supportive partners TSS enjoys. Having dedicated myself to social service, I see this position as the pinnacle of my career."

For more on Roberta Rosenberg, see Letter from the Executive Director on page 2.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 8, 2008
Celebrating Success
Come see what the buzz is about!
And bring a friend! See article
below

November 8, 2008
Step Up to the Plate
Join us at Step Up to the Plate and
enjoy a wonderful evening with a
celebrity guest

For event sponsorship, tickets or
information call 617.965.2026

NEW YORK COMEDIAN CORY KAHANEY BRINGS LAUGHS TO CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Cory Kahaney has a twenty-two year old daughter and a two-year old son, which gives her lots to talk about. Having spent many years as a single mom, she can relate to the stories of courage we honor at Celebrating Success, which she will host on May 8, 2008.

Cory may be best known as a grand finalist on "Last Comic Standing" on NBC and her half hour special "Having It All and Other Myths" on HBO. Other TV credits include "Last Call with Carson Daly," multiple appearances on Comedy Central, "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn," Joy's comedy corner on "The View" and "Politically Incorrect." She is an active member in the "New York Friars Club."

Currently Cory is starring in her new Off-Broadway show "The J.A.P. Show" honoring the Jewish female comedians who paved the way for women in stand up. www.thejapshow.com



Cory Kahaney uses humor to get through adversity.

From the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEAR NEW FRIENDS,

Having completed two months as the new Executive Director of The Second Step, I want to share some of my initial impressions with you, and invite you to be part of our future.

The incredible legacy of Liz Kirsch has been a blessing in every regard! Her mark is everywhere, from the high quality support TSS provides the survivors we serve, to the exceptional staff, engaged Board members, extensive volunteer network, strong positive relationships with funders and peer agencies, and financial solvency. What more could anyone ask? And everyone I've met, to a person, has been patient, thoughtful, and supportive of my transition. Thank you!

In the near future, we hope to sustain this, and increase the earning power of our graduates, expand long term opportunities for graduates to develop supportive peer relationships, refine our far reaching community programs, and establish additional sources of funding. Externally, we will be working with our legislators to ensure future funding, collaborating with peer agencies to expand the long term network of support for survivors that increases the likelihood of a successful transition to independence, and maintaining a strong focus on the needs of children, so that we can be proactive in ending the cycle of violence in their lives.

These are challenging themes and challenging times. I urge you to be an active part of the work at TSS, whether as an advocate, a mentor, a volunteer, a donor, a board member, a staff member, or a friend, make some part of your life focused on the goal of making every home a safe home.

I welcome your comments and your energy. And I look forward to getting to know you better!

Warmly,



Roberta Rosenberg, MS
Executive Director



The Second Step breaks the cycle of domestic violence by providing survivors and children with transitional housing and supportive services that empower them to remain free from abusive relationships and lead productive lives.

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SPOTLIGHT ON CORPORATE PARTNERS

Capital One has joined forces with The Second Step in a two-year grant partnership to assist survivors of domestic violence. The financial services company has awarded TSS \$10,000 to help expand Second Step's Community Program, and \$2,000 to support women's education.

The partnership includes volunteer opportunities for Capital One associates, including providing financial literacy seminars to survivors, leading activities with the children in the residences, and participating in the annual holiday gift drive. This past holiday season, Capital One associates purchased 75 presents for TSS clients and graduates and helped to deliver the gifts.

Brijal Padia, Senior Business Manager at Capital One, began volunteering at TSS in 2002 and knew it would be a great partner for his company's Community Corps. "The Second Step's commitment to improving the lives of children and families who have suffered from domestic violence has encouraged me to continue to play a role in this great organization," said Mr. Padia. "I've seen first hand how the work they do translates into opportunity and positive development for many children. I look forward to continuing this partnership between The Second Step and Capital One."



Capital One volunteers



Roberta Rosenberg and Brijal Padia



Natalie DeAngelo, Jill Pugach, Mike Boisvert, Brandon Strickland (and missing, Rachael Bailey) are this year's Team TSS

Rachael Bailey, Mike Boisvert, Natalie DeAngelo, Jill Pugach, and Brandon Strickland are this year's Team TSS.

These dedicated athletes will run the Boston Marathon on April 21st to raise funds to support the programs of The Second Step.

The Boston Athletic Association sets a fundraising minimum of \$3,000 for runners participating in their charity program, which allows runners who might not meet the strict qualifying criteria to run the race, while also

and moving through each run that I do."

Mike Boisvert of Sudbury, and his wife, Heather Merrill, make a great team of their own: Mike does the running while Heather does the fundraising. Mike has run the Boston Marathon three times. "This is a great opportunity to combine my love of running with the ability to help people in need."

Natalie DeAngelo of Somerville said, "Running a marathon has always been on the top of my '100 Things to Do in This

RUNNING TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

creating a wonderful benefit for deserving nonprofit organizations.

Rachael Bailey of Boston learned of TSS from her colleague Claudia Moeller, a member of the TSS Finance Committee and a runner with the marathon team last year. Rachael said, "Knowing that I am running the marathon to help others have better, healthier lives keeps me motivated

Lifetime' List. I decided to run for TSS because of the immeasurable quality of care and support they give to DV survivors every day."

TSS is thrilled to again have two runners, Jill Pugach of Newton and Brandon Strickland of Boston, from Communispace, a marketing strategies company based in Watertown. Jill said, "It has been my dream to run the marathon and I think that this is the perfect time to go for it, especially when I am doing it for something I believe in." Brandon has dedicated his marathon effort to "my mom, to TSS, and to all the families affected by violence."

If you are interested in learning more or sponsoring a runner, call 617.965.2026 or visit www.thesecondstep.org. Go Team TSS!



A Time for Joy



Linda Galbraith of Dwyer & Collora LLP and Greta Kenney



Susan Paley (center) of The Village Bank with Carole & Greta



Nicole and Theresa Johnston



Newton-Wellesley Hospital volunteers



Volunteers from Fidelity



Veronique Dohlberg

Photos by Joni Lohr

Thanks to an amazing outpouring of “angel” generosity, TSS’s annual Holiday Gift Drive brought the magic of Santa Claus to 114 families, including 268 children, who are recovering from domestic violence.

Carole Thompson and Greta Kenney, TSS Community Program Director and Community Services Coordinator respectively, managed the gift drive, along with the support of an army of volunteer “elves” and “reindeer” who helped to receive, sort, wrap and deliver all the presents.

Special thanks to Richard Kleinberg of United Properties Group, who generously donated space for the Gift Drive headquarters.

If you or your company would like to learn more about the gift drive, please contact Greta at 617.818.8685 or gkenney@thesecondstep.org.

*December was such a blessed month, it made up for the whole year. **I can't thank you enough.***

– Su Yin, Gift Drive Recipient

*Every time my daughter finished opening a gift, there was another one to open and she said, **“This is Christmas!”** and it felt so good!*

– Danita, Gift Drive Recipient

You are all wonderful! I am at a loss for words. I never imagined all of this, and "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" – they are from Newton, Massachusetts.

– Lilah, Gift Drive Recipient

Thank You! Holiday Gift Drive Angels, Elves, and Helpers

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Jackie Husid

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Suzi Kahn

Anne Kaplan

Heather Keare

Kathleen Kerr

Laurie Laba

Lady Grace

Bruce Green

Davis Larson

Melissa Martin

Eileen Morrison

Betty Lee

Marilyn Leeds

Nancy Lichter

Joni Lohr

Lisa Mancini

Harriet Madell

Paul and Roisin Marcus

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Linda McDonough

Robin McManus

Lynn McWilliams

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Middleton Ladies' Golf Club

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Alejandro Montero and Alycia

Kenney Montero

Mount Ida College

Will Cribby

Elizabeth True

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Melissa Bleakney

Newton Mother's Forum

Alison Hong

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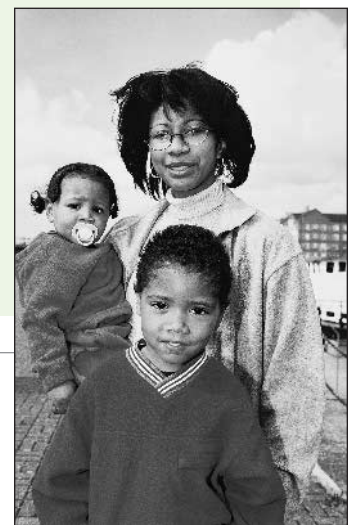
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I truly want to express my thanks and gratitude to The Second Step and the donors who made this weekend the most pleasant that my children and I have had for a very long time.

– Anne, Gift Drive Recipient



SHOP TO SUPPORT THE SECOND STEP

APRIL 7-13TH

crossingmain

**Crossing Main Invites you to a
Fabulous Spring Shopping Event!**

The Wellesley boutique at 20 Church Street will donate 10% of proceeds from April 7-13 to support TSS. In addition, Crossing Main will match the value of the proceeds with a wardrobe of clothing and shoes to be donated to domestic violence survivors in the program.

Crossing Main clothing stores have provided women with fashion and unique clothing for over 14 years, featuring lines such as Tracy Reese, Nanette Lepore, Milly and Tibi, Hugo Boss, Vera Wang Lavender, Mint, Velvet, Anna Sui, Michael Kors and accessories from well-known designers.

Crossing Main has a Shop by Appointment program that offers the customer personal stylist assistance and the opportunity to shop any time before or after store hours, or in the privacy of her own home, free of charge. To make an appointment for the week of April 7th call 781-235-3366.

WELLESLEY 20 Church Street
781-235-3366 • www.crossingmain.com

5 Ways YOU Can Help End Domestic Violence

- *Want to be a role model?* Become a mentor to a survivor of domestic violence.
- *Love children?* Volunteer in our Afterschool Program or evening playspace.
- *Are you "all about the details?"* Serve on an event committee.
- *Want to raise awareness?* Host a house party for your friends and colleagues or a business breakfast on behalf of The Second Step. We'll show you how.
- *Are you a dentist? Do you own a hair salon or a bookstore?* Partner with The Second Step to provide these and other everyday services to the families we serve.

Volunteers Needed for New Moving Program!

"It takes a village" to help our families move from TSS into their own, independent homes. We invite you to join us as we assemble an advisory group of concerned and committed volunteers. This advisory group will help us to put into motion a viable new approach to assisting our families with all aspects of their transitions into clean, decorated and furnished new homes. This rewarding volunteer opportunity is perfect for individuals who are creative and resourceful, and who may be interested in having direct contact with some of our families. Please call Carole at 617.965.2538.



STEP UP TO A **Fun Night!**

“Step Up to the Plate continues to be one of the most interesting fundraising evenings around town. It’s a winner!” said attendee and past host Suzanne Priebatsch. Held on the evening of Saturday, November 3, 2007, this annual benefit raised over \$175,000 to support the programs of The Second Step.

Step Up was comprised of 18 elegant dinner parties hosted in homes around the area. Each dinner featured a special guest, among whom were Barry and Eliot Tatelman of Jordan’s Furniture, chef and restaurateur Gordon Hamersley, Jim Braude and Chet Curtis of NECN, investigative reporter and mystery author Hank Phillippi Ryan, and Dave Andelman, founder and CEO of The Phantom Gourmet.

The event planning committee was chaired by Ruth Isaacs, Chana Meyer and Joan Tepper. TSS is extremely grateful for their leadership and the participation of their talented volunteer committee: Susan Benjamin, Roberta Carson, Brenda Freishtat, Suzi Kahn, Valerie Lowenstein, Debbie Slater, Cheryl Sober, Clare Villari and Ellen Zarrow-Nissenbaum.

The planning is underway for Step Up 2008. If you would like to host or help find a compelling special guest, please call 617-965-4173.



Hosts Amy Cody and John Furst (of Johnnie’s Luncheonette) are flanked by Eliot (far left) and Barry (far right) Tatelman of Jordan’s Furniture



Ronna and Tom Klein hosted Hank Phillippi Ryan



Art historian Jonathan Ribner (left) was hosted by Harriet and Mel Warshaw

THANK YOU STEP UP TO THE PLATE SPONSORS!

World Series

Clare Villari & David Weinstein

Pennant

Pamela Dippel Choney & Jeffrey Choney
Gerri & Douglas Potter

Grand Slam

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Home Run

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Lisa & Ethan Lerner
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Please join us as we honor the brave women
who have completed The Second Step

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday May 8, 2008 at 6:00 PM

Celebrating Success 2008

"Everything will be okay in the end.
If it's not okay, it's not the end." | Cory Kahaney

Honorary Chair: Diane Patrick,
First Lady of Massachusetts
Host: Cory Kahaney, Comedian

The Newton Marriott
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Newton, Massachusetts

For more information: 617.965.2026
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Learn more about Cory Kahaney on Page 1

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