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Bay State Community Services Hosts Third Best of Bay State Event *Father Bill and George Burke Honored*

QUINCY, MA - October 30, 2008 - Bay State Community Services, Inc. (BSCS) was pleased to honor Reverend William McCarthy and Attorney George Burke at their Best of Bay State - A Night of Comedy event held on Thursday October 23, 2008. The event took place once again at Granite Links Golf Club located on Quarry Hills Drive in Quincy, Mass.

Reverend McCarthy, more affectionately known as Father Bill, has been a prominent figure in the City of Quincy for more than thirty years. Early on, Father Bill recognized the complex problem of substance abuse. In the 1970's, Father Bill served as a Board Member of the South Shore Council on Alcoholism, which later merged with Survival, Inc. and three other organizations to create Bay State Community Services.



Father Bill is best known for founding Father Bill's Place, an emergency shelter in Quincy, which after twenty five years, has joined with the MainSpring Coalition of Brockton to become Father Bills & MainSpring. This partnership brings a new strength to the goal of ending homelessness and promoting self-sufficiency by giving food and shelter to over 2,000 individuals annually, finding safe affordable housing and providing permanent housing and supportive services. Over the years, Father Bill and BSCS have collaborated on a number of projects including sustaining the operation of an adolescent emergency shelter in Weymouth.

Attorney Burke has been a driving force in Quincy for nearly 50 years. He has served in countless roles, including President of the Quincy City Council, State Representative, Acting Mayor of the City of Quincy and District Attorney of Norfolk County. As District Attorney he established pioneer drug education courses in Massachusetts schools and received numerous accolades for fighting drug abuse and crime.

"Father Bill and Attorney Burke are recognizable names throughout the region and especially to those who call Quincy *home*", said Ken Tarabelli, Chief Executive Officer and President of Bay State Community Services. "Our organization has been fortunate to benefit from the work of these gentlemen. Their vision, courage and dedication has helped us to understand the true meaning of community."

Best of Bay State - A Night of Comedy began at 6:00 p.m. with a welcome reception and silent auction, followed by dinner in the Grand Ballroom and The Best of Bay State Awards Ceremony. Boston's best comedians provided the entertainment. All proceeds from the event will benefit the ongoing efforts to



provide programming for adults and children in need of social, mental health, addiction and correctional services.

A special thanks to all of our sponsors, Eastern Bank Platinum sponsor for the event. Gold Sponsors included Atlantic Broadband, Inc. Our Silver sponsor, Foley Hoag LLP, contributing Bronze sponsors, Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company and Roche Bros. Supermarket. Our Friends, Mr. Jeff Antos, Dickinson Development Corporation, O'Connor & Drew PC, Salvatore J. Puccia, Djinna M. Gochis Esq., Mr. & Mrs. William E. Kelley and Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP.

Bay State Community Services, Inc. (BSCS) was founded in 1991 through the merger of five local, nonprofit agencies, including Quincy-based Survival, Inc. and South Shore Council on Alcoholism. Today, throughout Southeastern Massachusetts BSCS offers a unique continuum of social, mental health, addiction and correctional services. Most programs offer help based on need regardless of ability to pay; all recognize the primary importance of individual, family and community empowerment. BSCS continually strives to partner with clients and community in the most direct, honest and whole-hearted manner as possible. For more information on Bay State Community Services, Inc., please visit www.baystatecs.org.

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