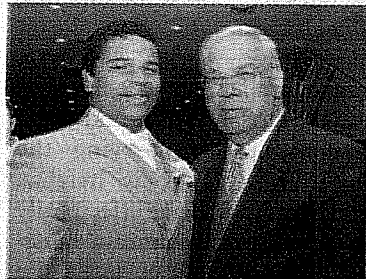


Community Appreciation Awards banquet recognizes those who give back

On Friday, May 9, more than 350 people turned out to the 17th Charlestown Community Appreciation Awards banquet at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Established by the Charlestown Neighborhood Council in 1991, the Charlestown Community Appreciation Awards Committee acknowledges members of the community whose good deeds might otherwise go unnoticed. Award categories include Business, Organization, Public Servant, New Resident, Senior, Youth, Alumnus and Unsung Hero. This year's award recipients included The Joy of Old (Business), Michelle Gorman (Public Servant), Lindy Williamson (New Resident), Judy Burton and Rose Lyman (Seniors), Hector Kilgoe (Youth), Charlie McGonagle (Alumnus) and Joe McGonagle (Unsung Hero). Lifelong Charlestown resident Jim Conway also received a special award at the banquet for his contributions to the community.



Mayor Thomas M. Menino is seen with the Youth Award recipient, 15-year-old Hector Kilgoe of Medford Street. Kilgoe spends a great deal of time at the Charlestown Boys & Girls club serving as junior staff, and he is a member of the Boys & Girls Club board of directors as one of two youth delegates. He is the president of the Keystone Club and takes part in the Club's community action team that established a recycling program. He also volunteers at an assisted living facility, helped raised funds to go to New Orleans to assist with the disaster relief. He also serves on the BGCB's President's Youth Council.



Mayor Thomas M. Menino (back fifth from left) City Councilor Sal LaMattina (back far right) and all the award recipients.