

In The News

Andrea Swain

Andrea Swain, Executive Director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston's Yawkey Club of Roxbury, recently received Boys & Girls Clubs of America's 2009 Northeast Region "Contribution to the Profession" award.

This annual award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution toward the advancement of the Boys & Girls Club movement during the course of their career. Swain has been a Boys & Girls Club professional for eight years.

"Andrea exhibits commitment, compassion, creativity, and decisiveness," said Josh Kraft, Nicholas President and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston. "Her leadership makes it possible for young people, regardless of their circumstances, to feel hopeful about their future."

Swain was recognized for a range of accomplishments, including:

- Ensuring that the Yawkey Club is a safe haven for more than 300 youth daily;
- Assuming a leadership role in developing the StreetSafe initiative, at the request of the Boston Foundation, which will expand services to at-risk youth in Roxbury;
- Maintaining service to Club members during Club renovations three years ago by operating programs out of neighborhood schools and community centers;
- Strengthening programming by partnering with more than 30 organizations, including a current partnership pilot with Northeastern University that will serve as a replicable model for other Club-college partnerships.

The award ceremony was part of Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Northeast Regional Conference, held October 22 in Atlantic City.

