

# Your Town

search  GO

< Back to front page

Text size - +

ALLSTON BRIGHTON, JAMAICA PLAIN

## 2 Hub developers among 4 in U.S. awarded for affordable housing 'excellence'

Posted by Matt Rocheleau October 5, 2011 05:21 PM

Print | Comments ()



B'nai B'rith Housing receives its affordable housing award. Pictured, from left to right: Bob Golden and Marvin Siflinger B'nai B'rith Housing's board of directors, Susan Gittelman executive director of B'nai B'rith Housing, Lisa Nye of the MetLife Foundation, and Katie Swenson of Enterprise Community Partners.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Two Boston nonprofit housing developers are among four organizations that will each receive a \$50,000 grant to reward their "excellence" in affordable housing recognized by a national insurance provider and a national development and real estate finance company.

[B'nai B'rith Housing New England in Brighton and the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation](#) were honored in recent weeks each receiving an annual award "which laud best practices in green, service-enriched housing for low-income seniors" from the MetLife Foundation and Enterprise Community Partners, according to press releases about the awards.

On Monday, the Brighton developer was presented the award for its work at the Covenant House communities, officials said

"We are honored that MetLife Foundation and Enterprise Community Partners recognize our Covenant House communities as national models for supported senior affordable housing," Susan Gittelman, B'nai B'rith Housing's executive director, said in a release. "But we didn't do it on our own, which is why we are

ADVERTISEMENT

### ALLSTON-BRIGHTON REAL ESTATE

86  
Homes  
for sale

160  
Rentals  
available

6  
Open  
houses this  
week

0  
New listings  
this week

ADVERTISEMENT



Waiting for Twitter to feed in the latest...

[Follow other Boston.com Tweets](#) | [What is Twitter?](#)

honoring the many partners who help us make Covenant House such a special place.”

Two weeks ago, the Jamaica Plain developer was presented its award for its work with the Julia Martin House.

“A healthy, active elderly population is essential to a healthy neighborhood overall,” Richard Thal, the JPNDC’s executive director, said in a release. “We thank Enterprise and MetLife Foundation for providing this grant toward helping seniors living at the Julia Martin House remain part of this community.”

The two Boston winners, a third in Delaware and another in California are each being recognized at events in their community, culminating with a final event at the LeadingAge conference in Washington, D.C. this fall, officials said.

Since the awards for affordable housing excellence were created in 1996, more than 40 organizations have been honored nearly and nearly \$2 million committed to community-based entities focused on senior housing, according to a press release.

“MetLife Foundation and Enterprise share a commitment to ensuring our growing older adult population has access to affordable, safe and healthy housing,” said a statement from Dennis White, president and CEO of MetLife Foundation. “We are pleased to join Enterprise in recognizing four organizations that are effectively meeting this growing need and enabling older adults to age in place.”

“This country is entering into a senior tsunami. By 2030 one out of every five Americans will be over the age of 65, with many in need of affordable housing,” Melinda Pollack, vice president of vulnerable populations at Enterprise added. “It is through the efforts of organizations like those we have honored today that our seniors will be able age in place with high quality of life. We thank MetLife Foundation for its consistent support on this growing sector of affordable housing.”

*E-mail Matt Rocheleau at [mjrochele@gmail.com](mailto:mjrochele@gmail.com).*



---

[◀ Previous entry](#)

[Next entry ▶](#)