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THE BOSTON FOUNDATION 100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER



The Boston Foundation is proud to have been "there at the beginning" with critical early funding for the Boston Children's Chorus, which is gracing us with a performance this evening.

ABOUT THE BOSTON FOUNDATION

For 100 years, the Boston Foundation has served as Greater Boston's community foundation and primary philanthropy. During its first four decades, it responded to the dramatic events of the times, including two World Wars and the Great Depression. In 1960, the Foundation began seeding innovation by providing critical early funding for more than 100 new ideas, including the cleanup of Boston Harbor, and new nonprofits, such as WGBH, ABCD, Brigham and Women's Hospital and the New England Aquarium. And in 2001, it added civic leadership and public policy to the roles it plays in our community—work that has had a profound impact on K-12 education, community college reform, smart growth housing, health, and cultural facilities across Massachusetts.

This Gala celebrates the Boston Foundation's remarkable history and the generous and deeply committed donors who made it all possible.

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In 1915, on the brink of America's entry into World War I, the Boston Foundation was launched by a father and son team, Charles E. and Charles M. Rogerson.
In 1917, the first donor, James Longley, left a bequest of \$4 million, giving the Foundation the resources to be the first community foundation in the country to make grants. For years, funding responded to the needs of poor immigrants and other

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In 1960, the Boston Foundation began seed funding new ideas and nonprofits in the context of the large social justice movements of the day. In the 1980s and 1990s, it launched major anti-poverty initiatives, attracted new donors and changed the Foundation's structure to put it on firm footing for the future.

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In 2001, Paul S. Grogan was appointed President and CEO. He soon transformed the Boston Foundation into a major civic leader. Today, the Foundation continues to respond to need, seed innovation and work closely with the Foundation's donors, including a vibrant constituency of more than 600 donor advised funds.

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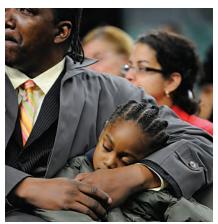












THERE AT THE BEGINNING

The Boston Foundation has provided critical early funding to more than 100 new nonprofits and great ideas in all areas of community life. From WGBH-TV in the 1950s to the New England Aquarium in the 1960s to Faneuil Hall Market Place and Brigham and Women's Hospital in the 1970s. It even played a central role in the cleanup of Boston Harbor. The Foundation also made deep investments that helped launch the nation's most extensive community health center network and one of the strongest affordable housing movements in America.

Beyond offering crucial financial resources, the Foundation's support telegraphed an optimism about the future of our city. In the arts, it provided start-up grants to American Repertory Theater, ArtsBoston and Boston Landmarks Orchestra. In education, it helped launch the Boston Compact and Strategies for Children. In health, it made early grants to Health Care for All, Health Leads and Mass in Motion. And, in the area of human services, seed funding went to ABCD and The Greater Boston Food Bank.

In recent years, the Foundation has been "there at the beginning" for City Year, Year Up, Success Boston and Mothers for Justice and Equality. And all of this support was made possible by the generous donors who have contributed to our endowment fund, the Permanent Fund for Boston, which will benefit from the proceeds of tonight's celebration.

THE PERMANENT FUND FOR BOSTON

"There at the Beginning"

The Permanent Fund for Boston has been the sole resource for the numerous times the Boston Foundation has been "there at the beginning," providing seed capital and early grants to new nonprofits, ideas and innovations in all areas of community life. In some cases, the Foundation helped to launch these endeavors and provided key leadership.

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