The Boston Center for Independent Living presents the 24th Annual

BCIL MARIE FELTIN AWARD CEREMONY

March 20, 2020

Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel
Grand Ballroom
Boston
This event honors individuals and institutions who exemplify the pioneering spirit of the late DR. MARIE FELTIN, a tireless advocate for disabled and chronically ill patients. Marie was a founder of Boston’s Community Medical Group, East Boston Health Center’s Home Care Program and the Urban Medical Group, neighborhood healthcare services that focused on encouraging patients to become actively involved in their care as a critical means to bettering their health. Marie was always available for her patients and was a modern day pioneer in providing medical care to society’s most neglected and vulnerable populations.

The ceremony is held in support of BCIL, and as a tribute to Marie’s legacy, which epitomizes BCIL’s mission of empowering individuals with disabilities to take control of their lives and live independently. BCIL promotes the CIVIL RIGHTS of all people with disabilities and our ENERGIZED ADVOCACY and SERVICES support and help create EQUAL ACCESS to healthcare, affordable housing, accessible transportation, and ADA compliance for thousands of Greater Boston residents each year, leading many to jobs, an education, and SELF-SUFFICIENCY for themselves and their families.
BCIL Marie Feltin Award Ceremony
2020 Honorees

Zary Amirhosseini
Champion of InclusAbility in healthcare through education and accommodation

Mala Rafik
Believer in the hard, unglamorous work of advocacy and justice

Shirley Simmons & Darryl K. Williams
(posthumous)
Turning hate into love: A mother’s and son’s contribution

Friday, March 20, 2020, 6:00–9:00 pm
Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel · Grand Ballroom · 138 St. James Avenue, Boston
Hors d’oeuvres / Cash Bar / Dinner / Awards Ceremony
Silent Auction Opens at 6:00 pm / Closes at 8:15 pm
“BCIL has been at the forefront of the human rights and civil rights revolution for people with disabilities and other marginalized populations for decades. There is much to be proud of in BCIL’s remarkable history. There is also much to celebrate. But today we find these hard-won gains under attack by powerful anti-democratic, racist forces that would deny the fundamental humanity of so many. So, at this year’s Marie Feltin event let’s celebrate our history, and honor this year’s awardees through a commitment to resistance and service as never before. Marie would have really loved that.”

~ Dr. Robert J. Master