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The Boston Center for Independent Living welcomes you to our 26th annual BCIL Marie Feltin Award Ceremony. This event celebrates Marie's life by honoring people and organizations whose work exemplifies the spirit, commitment, and innovation that she brought to her work and the communities that she served.

We have great awardees again this year. We honor all Personal Care Attendants (PCAs) during the pandemic – thousands of PCAs have provided invaluable service to persons with disabilities during the Covid crisis. PCAs Maria Alejandra Alessio, Gwendolyn Brown, and Ruiyi Tan, members of 1199SEIU, will speak on the work they do. Taciana Ribeiro-Saab of BCIL, a longtime activist for equity and services, is directing BCIL's new satellite office in Dorchester and leading the organization's vigorous antiracism efforts. And Dan Manning of Greater Boston Legal Services has litigated numerous cases over decades with the GBLS team to advance rights and services for low-income people, including the ADA class-action lawsuit against the MBTA.

Featured in today's ceremony is the film that speaks to Dr. Marie Feltin's noteworthy life and legacy. It links Marie's efforts to the disability rights work in which BCIL is actively involved in today. We offer a special thanks to all who were involved in the production of this film, including producer Mike Kligerman.

The evening would not be possible without our sponsors, including host sponsor Mass General Brigham, and the commitment of Dr. Robert Master, who gives so much to this event and has given so much to disability rights and innovative health care. We also want to thank Senator Lydia Edwards, a longtime friend of BCIL and strong advocate for equitable and fair housing, disability rights and services, and equity for all.

The staff and board of BCIL thank everyone for your support and for honoring those whose work embodies the spirit of Marie Feltin.

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Dr. Marie Feltn



Dr. Marie Feltn found her way to Boston via Montreal and McGill University after being born in Nazi-occupied France, and christened under an assumed name to avoid the terrors of the Holocaust because she was Jewish. She was a product of the 1960s and the idealism and flamboyance of that era, having a universal love of dance, the flute, piano, and conga drums. Marie's life was never compartmentalized; work, pleasure, family, and friends were interwoven in seamless fashion. What she left behind is a direct result of who she was and where she came from in life.

Marie saw people with disabilities' strong desire and ability to live independently and she viewed "empowerment" as not just an abstract ideological goal but as a practical strategy to promote health and function. Marie and her staff returned to home visiting to provide medical care, recognizing how difficult it was for many of her patients to make the trek to the doctor's office or to the clinic, and she felt that home care broke down the barriers that existed between clinicians and the lives of their patients. Marie, according to Dr. Susan Bennett, had a "willingness to take care of people who are sick and poor and old, but she did not do that with any sense of it elevating herself. She did it with complete humility."

Marie was always available for her patients. Her beeper would go off constantly and she would always respond quickly but calmly. Jean Masland, director of the long-term care services at East Boston

Neighborhood Health Center, sums up the feelings of those who knew Marie as a physician: “She really touched patients a lot—I mean physically and emotionally. Her patients always wanted to hug her. She liked that.” In her personal life and in her work, she was very humble and very spiritual.

There are many memorials left behind by Marie that withstand the test of time and continue her legacy in both the medical field and in life in general. Founder of the East Boston Health Center’s Home Care Program, Boston’s Community Medical Group, and the Urban Medical Group, she was a modern-day pioneer in providing medical care to society’s most neglected and vulnerable populations. She broke down barriers that often existed between patient and physician and medical care staff such as nurses and nurse practitioners. She saw her job with other medical personnel as a task of total devotion with no separation because of job title or function.

Supported in these endeavors by her husband, Dr. Robert Master, and their children, Daniel, Johanne, Steven, Jonas and Sarina, Marie overcame many obstacles to attain her goals, though she was unable to overcome the illness that took her from us in 1994. The Boston Center for Independent Living is proud to be the sponsor of this twenty- sixth annual award ceremony in memory of Dr. Marie C. Feltin. The ceremony, the brainchild of the late Sergio Goncalves, is held to carry on the work started by Marie to empower individuals with disabilities to take control of their lives and live independently.



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honors individuals and institutions embodying the pioneering spirit of the late Dr. Marie Feltin, who died in 1994 at the height of her power as a doctor and advocate for disabled and chronically ill patients. A founder of the Boston Community Medical Group, the Urban Medical Group, and the East Boston Health Center Homecare Program, Marie focused on serving neglected and vulnerable populations. Her hands-on care and the medical institutions she created empowered patients to become actively involved in their care as a critical means to bettering their health.

Criteria

To those persons and organizations who best exemplify the commitment to empower individuals with disabilities to live independently either through their work, professional affiliations, advocacy in the community or volunteer involvement.

Or

To those persons and organizations who through their work have demystified medical care and enhanced personalized medical services to individuals with disabilities.

Recipients

Personal Care Attendants (PCAs) during the pandemic – Thousands of PCAs have provided invaluable service to persons with disabilities during the Covid crisis.

Taciana Ribeiro-Saab - Longtime activist for equity and services, and is directing BCIL's new satellite office in Dorchester and leading the organization's vigorous antiracism efforts.

Dan Manning - Has litigated numerous cases over decades with the GBLs team to advance rights and services for low-income people, including the ADA class-action lawsuit against the MBTA.

Program

Welcome

Dianna Hu – Chairperson, BCIL Board of Trustees

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2022 Review of BCIL

Bill Henning

Moment of Respect

Song: Freedom by Richie Havens - Dedicated to the people of Ukraine.

Bill Henning

Introduction to the Marie Feltin Film

Dianna Hu

Conferring of Awards - Dianna Hu

- **Personal Care Attendants (PCAs) during the Pandemic** – *Countless PCAs have provided invaluable service to persons with disabilities during the Covid crisis. We salute all PCAs, who will be represented by Maria Alejandra Alessio, Gwendolyn Brown, and Ruiyi Tan, members of 1199SEIU, the PCA union.*
- **Taciana Ribeiro-Saab of the Boston Center for Independent Living** – *A longtime activist for equity and services who is directing BCIL's new satellite office in Dorchester and has led the organization's vigorous antiracism efforts.*
- **Dan Manning of Greater Boston Legal Services** – *Has litigated numerous cases with the GBLs team to advance rights and services for low-income people for decades, including the ADA class-action lawsuit against the MBTA.*

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dianna Hu

Keynote by Senator Lydia Edwards

Concluding Remarks

Dr. Robert Master

Senator Lydia Edwards

Senator Lydia Edwards is a career advocate, activist and voice on behalf of society's most vulnerable. She was raised all over the world by her military mom but chose to make East Boston her home.

Prior to being elected to the State Senate and Boston City Council, Lydia worked extensively in the legal field. She worked as a public interest attorney with Greater Boston Legal Services focusing on labor issues such as fighting for access to unemployment insurance, back wages, fair treatment for domestic workers, and combating human trafficking.



Additionally, she coordinated a statewide campaign to pass the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights - and she won. Following the bill's passage, she was named Bostonian of the Year, Honorable Mention, by the Boston Globe.

As a City Councilor, she led efforts to protect Boston's affordable housing stock through innovative and bold policy proposals. She spearheaded reforms to Inclusionary Development and Linkage and passed through the council a real estate transfer fee on the sale of properties valued at over two million dollars, with all proceeds dedicated to affordable housing.

Lydia pushed to reduce airport pollution, expand water transportation, address traffic congestion, ensure community voice in major energy projects, rebuild public housing and stop proposed highway expansion. She solidified her role in the community as a bridge-builder, convening and organizing community meetings to take on larger conversations like Suffolk Downs in East Boston, the Bunker Hill Redevelopment project in Charlestown, and climate resilience in the historic North End.

She spearheaded the effort to get the city's charter amended and democratize the three billion dollar city budget through participatory budgeting. Lydia advocated for greater transparency in city government while maintaining fiscal responsibility. She has fought to reform the Zoning Board of Appeals to reduce influence-peddling in the development process. Lydia fights for a Boston that works for everyone.

Her job title may change, but her values never have. Lydia Edwards has always been on the side of the underdog- and she's found new ways to make change at each new role.

Upcoming Events

- **May 26** at 5:30 pm RTAG RIDE meeting
- **June 1** at 10 am BCIL Housing Workshop
Monthly 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
- **June 8** 1-3 pm MBTA settlement update with
Judge King
- **June 10** 1-3 pm BCIL Consumer meet-and-
greet on Boston Common
- **July 5 – August 19**
BCIL Youth Summer Workshops
Morning and Afternoon
- **July 19** Boston ADA Day at City Hall

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- Taciana Ribeiro-Saab of the Boston Center for Independent Living
- Dan Manning of Greater Boston Legal Services

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Honorees

Personal Care Attendants (PCAs) during the pandemic



My name is **Gwendolyn Brown**. I'm an energetic outgoing person, and I love being outdoors to enjoy the fresh air. Hiking, water tubing, and ziplining are just a few of the activities I enjoy. I also love to dance and laugh as a form of meditation and therapy for myself. I am a proud mother, grandmother, and great grandmother to my three children, six grandchildren, and my two-year-old great grandson. My two wonderful sons are 42 and 40 years old, and they both have their own beautiful families. My beautiful daughter Nevaeh is 20 years old, and she is in her sophomore year at Salem University.

Being a mother has given me the ability to understand how important it is to provide quality care and a safe environment for your children and loved ones. As a caregiver, allowing people to have the opportunity to live in their homes, easing the minds of their loved ones, and providing them with respect and dignity is important to me. I embrace each consumer and their families as if they were my own. I've always felt that as a caregiver, it's not just about doing a job. It's about creating joyous smiles, hearing laughter, and seeing that through my work I am able to provide happiness and comfort. That's the true show of an outstanding caregiver. My goal is to always be an advocate for those who can't raise their voices. I feel that helping others and making people happy is not just a passion for me, it is my purpose in life.



I am **Ruiyi Tan**, and I have worked as a personal care attendant (PCA) for 13 years. For the past 11 years, I have been a PCA for Medical Resources Home Health Corporation. Six years ago, my colleagues and I decided to unionize, making Medical Resources Home Health Massachusetts's first unionized personal care service provider.

At the start of the pandemic, more than two years ago, the world seemed to come to a standstill. We all lived in fear as the virus threatened our lives. The impact of the pandemic across industries is unimaginable, but especially so for front-line workers in the personal care and service industries. Not only do these front-line workers need to take care of their own families and themselves, they also risk their lives to take care of their clients' health and livelihoods. Many elderly people, who could not properly care for themselves during this pandemic, passed away due to insufficient care. As a result, many families have lost their loved ones. Some families did not have the chance to say good-bye or see their loved one one last time. This tragic and regrettable loss highlights the significance of the personal care industry.

The impact of the pandemic is even greater on low-wage workers. Working families are facing many pressures from soaring prices, rising rents, increasing medical expenses, and more. The plight of the working-class person is not just my own. Many working-class families face the same difficulties. Despite reaching retirement age, I have no choice, but to continue to work. In fact, I work four jobs just to make ends meet. The need to raise wages and improve the lives of workers and their families is urgent. Only when ordinary working people's lives are improved can our society move towards equity and true progress.



Maria Alejandra Alessio has been working with children, adults, and seniors with disabilities for over 10 years. She has watched the people she serves grow to be confident and independent by providing an environment that includes compassion, structure, and guidance. She has the honor of working with the union, 1199SEIU,

which has allowed me to assist my fellow co-workers and beyond.” She comes from a diverse family that includes individuals with disabilities. “They were my first inspiration to have a career in healthcare.”



Congratulations to all this year’s awardees, and thank you for your tireless work for the disability community!

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Honoree

Taciana Ribeiro-Saab

Taciana serves as Program Manager for BCIL's recently opened satellite office in Dorchester and has been leading the organization's antiracism efforts for the past two years. She also oversees the Information and Referral Department and is working with her team to increase outreach and services to Boston's Black, Indigenous and People of Color consumers.



Taciana came to the United States as a young woman who had to flee domestic violence with her then 2-year-old son, Cristian. She resettled in Northampton, MA where she pursued her studies in Social Thought and Political Economy at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She then moved to Boston and pursued work in organizing and welfare reform for many years, while being an active member of Latinos for Social Change and the Brazilian Immigrant Center. The shift to working with people with disabilities came after the tragic loss of her then 18-year-old son in 2004. Cristian was killed during a robbery at a local retail store where he worked after school.

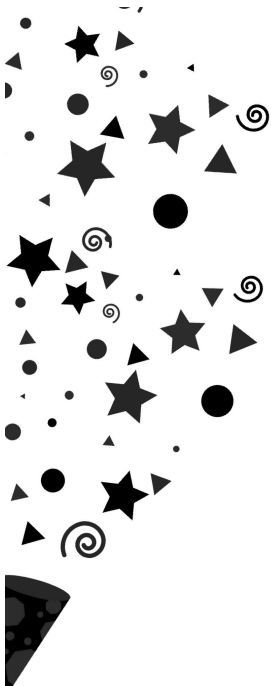
Cristian's tragic death propelled Taciana into action for changes of workplace safety regulations. She joined forces with teen leaders of the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health and the Brazilian Immigrant Center. After conducting research on work conditions for teens at several Boston retail locations, they proposed several changes to workplace safety, training for teen employees, reduced work hour schedules, and proper supervision during night shifts. This legislation was signed into law by then Governor Mitt Romney in 2007 – the Child Labor Reform Act.

Taciana has devoted her life to fight for social and economic justice for people of color and sees BCIL’s antiracism efforts as an extension of her life’s work. “The fight for racial justice is deeply personal to me. As a parent who lost a son during a robbery, killed by a man who was stealing to feed a drug addiction, and a parent of a young Black man, I see the intersection of race and disability as crucial to creating a better society for all of us.” Taciana’s own struggles with mental health issues, and difficulties of getting a correct diagnosis and proper treatment, contributed to the urgency of her work.

Taciana has invested the last two decades of her life creating pathways to careers for people with disabilities, new Americans, and other under-served populations. In recent years, Taciana partnered with local public schools, community colleges, credential training partners, and employers to create Credentials to Careers Initiatives in the Culinary Arts and Allied Health Field for youth and adults with disabilities.

Taciana is a highly skilled program developer who also has experience creating credential bearing pathways for people in the early childhood education and hospital industries. In her previous role as Workforce Development Director at Triangle in Malden, Taciana launched successful innovative workforce development programs and enhanced existing DDS and MRC funded services that catalyzed the careers of hundreds of individuals with disabilities.





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the Pandemic**

Taciana Ribeiro-Saab

Dan Manning

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Honoree

Dan Manning



Dan Manning is the Director of Litigation for Greater Boston Legal Services. He started his legal aid career as a law student in 1971 at the Fields Corner office of the Boston Legal Assistance Project (now GBL) and has been representing low-income people ever since. He has worked on cases involving housing, immigration, family law, welfare rights, consumer, employment, and, for the last 25 years, he has focused on the rights of people with disabilities. He has been involved in litigation against virtually all state agencies serving poor people and several major federal agencies as well.

Dan is very proud of his collaboration with BCIL on many issues. In 2002 he and his colleague Tara Doucette partnered with community members to take on the problem that people with disabilities were constantly being denied access to buses and subways in Boston. Together they filed the case of Joanne Daniels-Finegold v. MBTA, in which BCIL was an organizational plaintiff. After vigorous litigation, hard hitting grassroots advocacy, and intense negotiations, this landmark ADA class action lawsuit was settled in 2006, resulting in opening up the system to everyone.

Dan has also worked with BCIL on access to healthcare. While he believes that litigation can help solve problems, he thinks the best solutions come when individuals and advocacy organizations engage directly with institutions to provide full access and benefits to people with disabilities. One of his proudest moments was playing a supporting role for eight individuals and BCIL when they met directly with the presidents of Mass General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital to explain why their institutions were not serving

people with disabilities the way they should. This was followed by very detailed agreement for major improvements in access to care at the hospitals. Both presidents said the meeting with the group made all the difference. This work also led to a similar agreement with Boston Medical Center.

While continuing to practice law in Boston, Dan had the opportunity to travel to South Africa soon after Nelson Mandela became president to work with legal aid organizations there who were working to dismantle the legacy of Apartheid. That experience led to work with other legal organizations around the world including in Bangladesh, Albania, Bosnia, China and Cambodia, among others. He continues to be inspired by the work he saw those organizations do under very challenging circumstances.

Dan and his wife Ellen are very blessed to have 6 wonderful grandchildren. He is an avid jigsaw puzzler and kayaker.



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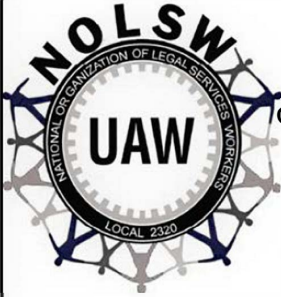


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*Personal Care
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during the Pandemic*



Taciana Ribeiro-Saab



Dan Manning

Judge Patrick King

Dan -
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Taciana Ribeiro-Saab

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More information on PCAs

Dr. Lisa Iezzoni, member of the BCIL board, past winner of the BCIL Marie Feltn Award, and a disability rights champion has written a book, ***Making Their Days Happen, Paid Personal Assistance Services Supporting People with Disability Living in Their Homes and Communities.*** This book expertly weaves policy concerns with profiles of persons with disabilities and homecare workers to shed critical attention on the challenges facing homecare services in America.

Information on the book can be obtained at:

<https://tupress.temple.edu/book/20000000010407>.

A podcast summary of the book can be found at:
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Also, those interested in the active effort to increase PCA compensation can contact Becca Gutman at Rebecca.gutman@1199.org or Bill Henning at bhenning@bostoncil.org.



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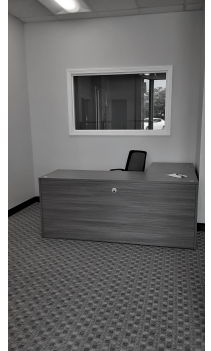
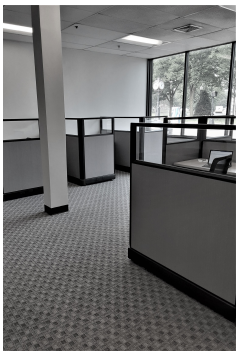
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-Michael Martignetti

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Taciana Ribeiro-Saab

Dan Manning

Dan - Thank you for your hard work in helping to make the T accessible for all. Your efforts are remembered every time the T is used by me and those in the disability community!

~Anonymous

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James Tierney

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David Perini

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2006

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2012

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