

Marc Davino – Recipient of the 2011 Mission Award

Marc Davino, MBA, has extensive and successful professional experience in development, communications and business. In 2004, after 17 years in higher education, Marc launched his new career direction to focus on non-profit fundraising. Currently, he is the Director of Development & Communications with the Boston Living Center (BLC), Massachusetts' renowned peer organization for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Marc's early successful professional experience in organizing and managing events in higher education led to his first community based non-profit appointment as Director of Events for the AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts (AAC). During his tenure at AAC, Marc successfully organized and led a highly effective event team, securing in his first year at AAC over \$1.7M in private funds. One of Marc's many major event responsibilities at AAC was organizing the AIDS Walk Boston. Under Marc's leadership the 25th annual AIDS walk alone raised a powerful \$1.1M.

From AAC, Marc was recruited to join The Iacocca Foundation as Assistant Director of Development & Communications. At the Iacocca Foundation he coordinated a \$10M fundraising campaign supporting diabetes research at Massachusetts General Hospital. In addition, Marc also managed "JoinLeeNow" – a national volunteer program named for the foundation's founder, Lee Iacocca, of Ford and Chrysler fame. He was also the lead staff responsible for public relations & marketing for the foundation's web-based communication, direct mail, and other marketing and branding communication strategies.

In 2008, Marc began leading development's prosperous new strategy at the BLC, New England's largest and oldest community and resource center for people living with HIV/AIDS. He directed all private fundraising including annual events, benefit (third party) events, individual giving, and corporation/foundation grant support. Marc worked with the board's Development Committee, outside vendors and countless supporters and volunteers to ensure the agency's private fundraising goals exceeded all goals.

Marc Davino began his professional career in higher education and academic event planning. He is well known and highly respected among development professionals and peers in the network of Massachusetts community non-profits. In his "free time" Marc remains highly active in Boston's LGBT sports community. He has served on the boards of three of the larger sports organizations, including voted by his peers as commissioner of two of these important and active sports groups.