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2021

PLAY ON THE LEGENDARY TD GARDEN
PARQUET TO BENEFIT BOSTON YOUTH

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Welcome to ABCD Hoop Dreams 2021!

November 2, 2021



Dear Friends,

Having missed 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are very happy to welcome you to ABCD's 10th Hoop Dreams charity basketball tournament at TD Garden! We hope you're excited to experience this one-of-a-kind event which benefits underserved young people in Boston through ABCD youth programs.

Maybe as a kid you imagined playing under the Boston Celtics championship banners, driving the lane and scoring at the buzzer. By bringing that dream to life tonight (or coming close), you also give young people a chance to follow their dreams.

As they say, "A dream is just a dream. A goal is a dream with a plan and a deadline." ABCD youth programs including SummerWorks and WorkSMART, equip and empower young people by providing paid work, career development skills, and academic and social supports. That is, we give structure to the dream by providing young people with knowledge, skills, and tools that will last a lifetime. And you're helping us to reach many more youth than we otherwise could.

Tonight wouldn't be possible without the support of Boston's generous business community and many longtime friends. We wish to express our deepest gratitude to Hoop Dreams co-hosts: Boston Celtics President of Basketball Operations Brad Stevens and celebrated Boston Globe sports columnist, author and podcaster Bob Ryan for their continued commitment to ABCD and the community. And we send our best to event co-founder Doc Rivers who would be here tonight if his NBA schedule allowed!

We'd like to acknowledge our event co-chairs Charlie Titus, retired vice chancellor, UMass-Boston, and Peter Damato, CEO of Merchant Resource Group. And a big thank you to our emcee, NBC Sports Boston host, author and podcaster Michael Holley!

Of course, Hoop Dreams would not be possible without TD Garden President Amy Latimer, the Jacobs family, and Garden Neighborhood Charities, and we thank our volunteer referees, including Joe Walsh, for keeping the game fair and fast for our teams, friends, and fans.

We wish every team an unforgettable night of basketball, camaraderie, sportsmanship, and fun! Everyone wins when we break down barriers and champion the teens and young adults who are ready to build and fulfill their dreams.

Sincerely,

John J. Drew
ABCD President/CEO

Sean Daughtry
ABCD Board Chair



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MISSION



Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) was incorporated in 1962 as a precursor to the War on Poverty. Its original mandate, which holds true to this day, was to promote self-sufficiency for people and neighborhoods. With the passage of the National Economic Opportunity Act in 1964, ABCD was designated Boston's official anti-poverty agency.

Today, as one of the largest human services charitable organizations in New England, ABCD continues to implement this philosophy of self-sufficiency by serving low-income residents through its downtown central offices, and a decentralized network serving neighborhoods in Boston, Malden, Medford, Everett and several surrounding towns. In addition, we operate about three dozen Head Start sites, and many other community programs.

ABCD provides innovative, timely programs and services that emphasize education and skilled job training at every level. Programs and initiatives include Head Start; Child Care Choices of Boston (CCCB); Elder Services; University High School; William J. Ostiguy High School; Youth Services; Health Services/Family Planning; Housing & Homelessness Prevention; Community Services; Fuel Assistance & Weatherization, and more.



DRIVE THE LANE FOR **YOUTH SERVICES**



All proceeds from tonight's parquet play at TD Garden will go towards ABCD Youth programs which aim to inspire teens and young adults to create positive change in their communities, further education goals, prepare for a career, and build a strong foundation for a successful future.

Programs such as SummerWorks, WorkSmart, and Career Explorations engage our young residents to earn an income, gain firsthand work experience, and explore career paths while creating lasting friendships and connections.

Our innovation schools, University High School and William J. Ostiguy High School, provide resources and focused support to students who often struggle academically or socially and have been left behind by the traditional school system. Teens are encouraged to achieve and gain their high school diploma within safe and supportive environments.

For our youngest teens, the Youth Engaged in Action (YEA!) program teaches leadership skills, civic engagement, and builds on their sense of community. Although they are too young to work, YEA! kids learn workplace etiquette as well as financial literacy and awareness. They will be well prepared for their first summer job!

The funds raised tonight are essential to keeping ABCD Youth Services a success. We thank you again for your generosity. Fulfilling your dream to play on the same floor as the Boston Celtics helps ABCD fulfill its mission of creating pathways from poverty to stability, and from stability to success.



PRESIDENT OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS BOSTON CELTICS **BRAD STEVENS**



Brad Stevens was named as the eighth President of Basketball Operations for the Boston Celtics in June 2021 following eight seasons as Head Coach. Recruited to ABCD Hoop Dreams by his predecessor Doc Rivers, he is in his eighth year as co-host.

Stevens amassed a record of 354-282 (.557) in 636 regular season games that saw the Celtics make three appearances in the Eastern Conference Finals and seven straight trips to the playoffs from 2015-2021. He sits fourth in franchise history for most wins by a head coach behind just Red Auerbach, Tommy Heinsohn and Doc Rivers. His 78 playoff games coached, and 38 wins, are fifth most in franchise history behind Red Auerbach, K.C. Jones, Tommy Heinsohn and Doc Rivers. During his coaching career for the Celtics, he was named the NBA's Eastern Conference Coach of the Month three times (April 2015, February 2016, November 2017) and was also given the honor of coaching the Eastern Conference during the 2017 NBA All-Star Game in New Orleans.

Stevens joined the Celtics after coaching Butler University where he boasted a 166-49 record, four league regular season championships, three league tournament titles and six trips to post-season tournament play. He has the top two single season win totals in Butler and Horizon League history, and he became the only coach in school history to lead a team to the NCAA Division I national championship game which he did twice. Stevens owns two Horizon League Coach of the Year awards and has rewritten the NCAA record book for Best Coaching Starts by Wins. During the 2012-13 season, he moved into the top spot on the six-year list with 165 victories. He captured the five-year record (139), moving ahead of Everett Case of North Carolina State (1947-51) in 2011-12, and he owns the three-year (89) and four-year (117) records. He is second on the two-year list with 56 wins.

Stevens earned a B.A. degree in economics from DePauw in 1999. He was a four-year member of the basketball team at DePauw, earning the squad's "Coaches Award" in 1998-99. He and his wife, Tracy, have two children, son Brady and daughter Kinsley.



AWARD-WINNING SPORTS JOURNALIST

BOB RYAN



Bob Ryan has been active in sports coverage since his first day as a Boston Globe summer intern in 1968 (when he first encountered a fellow sports nut named Peter Gammons) up to the present day. Though he retired from full-time duty with the Boston Globe following the London Olympics, he still writes between 30 and 40 Sunday columns a year for the Globe. He also is a regular panelist on a variety of ESPN shows. He has been on the Sunday Morning “Sports Reporters” since 1989. He has been with “Around the Horn” since its inception in 2002. And he has been a regular substitute host on “Pardon the Interruption,” since 1982.

He has spent many nights and afternoons in both the original Boston Garden and the current TD Garden. He began covering the Celtics at age 23 in 1969, handling the assignment for 13 1/2 years over a 19-year span. Basketball was his passport, but over the course of time he has covered numerous events in many sports. In addition to having covered the Red Sox, he has compiled a resume that includes 29 Final Fours, 20 NBA Finals, 18 golf majors, six Ryder Cups, and 10 Super Bowls, in addition to innumerable playoff games in all sports, college bowl games and national championship games. He covered the Dream Team from the first bounce of the ball in La Jolla to the gold medal game in Barcelona, and that was the first of 11 Olympics (six Summer and five Winter) he would cover.

He is a member of four Halls of Fame: The Curt Gowdy Award from the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame; the USBWA (college basketball writers) Hall of Fame; the New England Basketball Hall of Fame; and the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame. Most recently he received the PEN/ESPN Lifetime Achievement Award for Sports Literacy and the Associated Press Red Smith Award for Lifetime Achievement.

He is the author of 12 books, the current one being his autobiography, “SCRIBE, My Life In Sports,” which received the Grand Prize Award at the New England Book Festival. He has collaborated on books with Celtics greats John Havlicek, Bob Cousy and Larry Bird.

Bob Ryan has been a booster of ABCD for more than 35 years, having been introduced to the organization by his friend Bob Elias.



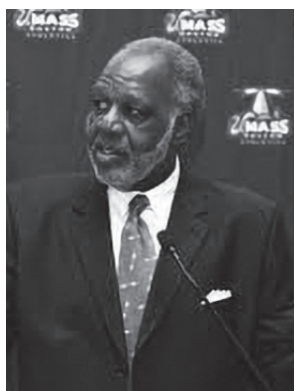
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PETER DAMATO AND CHARLIE TITUS



PETER DAMATO

Peter is a results-oriented, sales-driven CEO with 25+ years of experience in leading and selling start-ups in industries as diverse as payment processing, and online data and identity solutions. He built a highly profitable and fast growing payments and data business in less than 1 year and led two technology businesses to successful acquisitions. He has consistently exceeded sales goals for companies like Microsoft, Deluxe Corporation and First Data. Peter also honorably served our country in the U.S. Navy.



CHARLIE TITUS

Once the director of ABCD youth programs, Charlie Titus has dedicated his career to youth development, particularly through athletics. Currently Special Assistant to the Chancellor at UMass Boston, in 2020, Titus retired as Vice Chancellor for Athletics and Recreation and Special Programs at the institution. Titus first arrived at UMass Boston almost 40 years ago as the school's basketball coach when the squad was a club-varsity team. He took a break from coaching in 1980 to concentrate his efforts as UMB's first Director of Athletics,

a title he would embrace for 30 years prior to his current appointment within the University. Titus returned to the hardwood for the 1981-82 season and coached the Beacons to 233 victories in 29 seasons in addition to a 74-37 mark in six years at the club-varsity level to give him over 300 wins.

Still active with youth programs, Titus serves on the board of directors for several organizations and has received national recognition with numerous community service awards. In past years, Titus served on a pair of the Governor's Advisory Committees as well as the Roxbury Community College Advisory Board.



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ABCD STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS EXTEND THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO:

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Peter Damato and Charlie Titus

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The Jacobs Family, Amy Latimer, Tina Natale, Courtney Mercier, Tricia McCorkle, and Garden Neighborhood Charities.

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Brad Stevens and Bob Ryan are champions to the community and repeatedly give back and have been instrumental in the success of Hoop Dreams.

CELTICS

We also thank the Celtics staff for the support for Hoop Dreams. Quite a unique experience. The ABCD community is forever grateful for the help you so generously give.

OFFICIALS

Thank you to Joe Walsh and our officials from the Honan League.

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Thank you to ABCD Government & Industrial Relations Director, Bob Elias without his creative vision none of this would be possible. To Liz McCarthy and John Mavridis, thank you for your hard work to bring Hoop Dreams to life. Thank you to our Public Information team for its marketing support.

Thank you to the teams, donors, in-kind sponsors, volunteers, and guests who are here today. Your support goes beyond TD Garden walls and helps dreams come true for youth looking to learn and grow in the community through ABCD's Youth Services programs.



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