

Champions of Freedom Fundraising Event Raises \$100,000 to Support Equity and Leadership Development in Boston

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On Tuesday, October 3, 2023, Boston came together at the Fairmont Copley Plaza to support the incredible work of Freedom House. The Champions of Freedom fundraising event was an evening filled with music, inspiration, and generosity, resulting in a remarkable \$100,000 raised to further Freedom House's mission of promoting economic, racial, and social equity for Black, Brown, and Immigrant youth in Boston. The \$100,000 raised through this event will be instrumental in advancing Freedom House's programs, which include academic support, leadership development, youth jobs, and skills programs. These efforts play a pivotal role in dismantling systemic barriers and encourage youth to discover their potential on their journey to achieving post-secondary education.

One of the evening's main highlights was the incredible music provided by Angelena & the Unit, whose soulful melodies brought down the house! Attendees were also deeply moved by the inspiring stories shared by students whose lives have been positively impacted by Freedom House's educational and leadership programs. These stories served as a powerful reminder of the transformative potential of education and mentorship.

In addition to celebrating the extraordinary achievements of Freedom House, the event honored three remarkable community leaders as Champions of Freedom honorees. Champions of Freedom honorees are recognized for their commitment to equity, social justice, and community development. This year's honorees were Dr. Makeeba McCreary (New Commonwealth Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund); Dr. Constanza Cabello (VP, Equity, State Street), and The Cummings Foundation.

Charmaine L. Arthur, CEO of Freedom House, expressed her gratitude for the overwhelming support and celebrated the honorees: "We are deeply moved by the generosity of our community and are honored to recognize these outstanding individuals and organization as Champions of Freedom. Their dedication to advancing equity is truly transforming our city and communities. With these funds, Freedom House can continue to nurture young minds to expose their gifts and unlock their potential, succeed in post-secondary education, and emerge as leaders for their communities."

The success of Champions of Freedom would not have been possible without the support of our dedicated sponsors, donors, volunteers, and the entire community. Freedom House extends its heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to this unforgettable event.

For more information about Freedom House and its impact, please visit www.freedomhouse.com.

About Freedom House

Freedom House is building economic, racial, and social equity in our communities through education and leadership development. For 74 years, Freedom House has been a leader in programs and services that champion educational equity and economic opportunities for Black and

Brown youth throughout our communities. We see education as a pathway toward economic opportunities. We focus on college access and post-secondary success to increase college graduation rates and career readiness by providing comprehensive services focused on holistic youth development to our students. Freedom House was founded in 1949 by Muriel and Otto Snowden as a catalyst for promoting equality for lower-income Bostonians, with an initial goal of centralizing community activism in the fight for neighborhood improvement, good schools, and harmony among racial, ethnic, and religious groups primarily in the Roxbury/Dorchester area. For more information about Freedom House, visit <https://freedomhouse.com/>.

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