

# ► FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES/ SPECIAL EVENTS

## ABCD Rocks Boston, Celebrates Volunteers, Supporters at 2014 Events

### The Supreme's Mary Wilson, Danny Glover and The Roots shake up the town

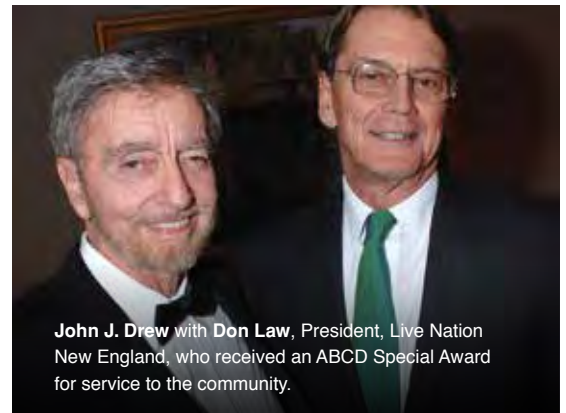
ABCD applauded 17 community volunteers and honored neighborhood activists and corporate supporters at two 2014 events.

September's Community Awards Dinner raised the rafters as the Supreme's Mary Wilson had 800 guests dancing in the aisles and on stage with her. Renowned community activists Sarah Ann Shaw and Hubie Jones were inducted into the ABCD Hall of Fame with emcee Karen Holmes Ward orchestrating the festivities.

In November, actor/humanitarian Danny Glover joined emcee Bianca De La Garza for an on-stage chat and The Roots flew in from their Tonight Show taping to entertain in pure New York knock 'em out style. Don Law, President, Live Nation New England and the Boston Red Sox were honored for their significant contributions to the Boston-area community and people in need. ABCD thanks AJ Williams and the many staff and supporters who made the "Gala" a huge success! ABCD also thanks long-time supporter Fred Bertino, President, MMB, who is providing a pro bono rebranding campaign for the organization.



SUPREME Celebration: Mary Wilson's "Stop in the Name of Love" gets some help on stage from Kathleen West, John J. Drew and a small Supreme to be...



John J. Drew with Don Law, President, Live Nation New England, who received an ABCD Special Award for service to the community.



The ROOTS reign at ABCD's GALA.



Actor/humanitarian Danny Glover takes a selfie with his new best friends.

## ABCD Business Advisory Council

In 2013 ABCD's President/CEO John J. Drew and Government/Industrial Relations Director Bob Elias created the ABCD Business Advisory Council to increase awareness in the business community of ABCD's key role in combating poverty and fostering economic development in Boston and beyond. BAC members played a key advisory and hands-on role in several ABCD special events. ABCD expresses its sincere appreciation for their dedication and significant assistance in enhancing ABCD's fundraising capability and success.

BAC members are: A. Sherrod Blakely, Ernie Joseph, Paul Leyden, Pat Moscaritolo, Larry Moulter, Colette Phillips, Howard Wayne, John Riordan, Geri Denterlein, AJ Williams and Joe Dalton, BAC Chairperson.