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JCHE CELEBRATES SPRING 2009

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 AT 6:30 PM AT
THE MASSACHUSETTS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S ELM BANK IN WELLESLEY

Dear Friends,

Whatever else goes on in the world, Spring arrives again, bringing a new sense of hope and possibility. Amid a climate of uncertainty, we at JCHE have not lost sight of all that is good.

We remain confident that we have a strong and resilient organization. We are led by a dedicated and competent Board of Directors and managed by a talented and skillful staff. Our public funding that provides rent subsidies and covers operations is secure at this time. We are working aggressively to raise the private funding needed for the programs and services that enable tenants to age well at JCHE.

We were established over 40 years ago to provide quality housing to vulnerable seniors during a critical time. The circumstances are different today, but our commitment to providing that most basic of needs – good and supportive housing – remains constant.

As part of JCHE's family, we thank you for standing with us throughout the years, supporting the services that are the heart and soul of JCHE housing, and helping us sustain our mission.

Warmly,
Paul Rosenberg
Board Chair
Ellen Feingold
President

JCHE Annual Fund Raising Event will be a 'Feel Good' Evening of Fun

Here are 5 great reasons to attend JCHE Celebrates Spring 2009!

- The venue will be spectacular. **Massachusetts Horticultural Society's Elm Bank** in Wellesley is a local gem with 36 acres of gorgeous gardens.
- You will laugh together with friends. **Comedian and political impressionist Jim Morris** will be on hand to remind us that humor is a great response to uncertain times.
- **WCVB's Susan Wornick** will once again graciously serve as evening host, adding her sparkle and special brand of fun.



Susan Wornick, WCVB-TV's award winning anchor, will host JCHE's event.

- A mid-week event gives you a jump on the weekend. JCHE events have rightfully earned the reputation as the best place to schmooze with friends. May 27 will be no exception.
- And... most importantly, you will have the satisfaction of improving the lives of seniors. With your help, *JCHE Celebrates Spring 2009* will provide key funding so that JCHE tenants can continue to enjoy full and supportive lives.

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Visit www.jche.org/Event registration or contact Lauren at 617-912-8480 or lmikels@jche.org

A Message from the Event Co-Chairs

These are difficult times to hold an event and ask the community to purchase tickets, buy program book ads, and bid on auction items. Yet, it is especially in these unsettling days that the tenants at JCHE need our help more than ever.

It takes private dollars to fund the essential supportive services and programs that bring stability and comfort to the lives of vulnerable seniors and their families. Our Spring event is a major source for this funding and, with your help, we will be successful.

We are committed to sponsoring an event that's in line with the economic situation. We have dramatically reduced ticket prices compared with last year. We have been very careful to keep event expenses in check – but we haven't skimped on the fun! *JCHE Celebrates Spring 2009* will be a wonderful evening and will provide funding for an exceptional organization. We look forward to seeing you there!

Merle Grandberg,
Jessica Hamermesh,
Carol Hanover
Event Co-Chairs



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Jim Morris is Back in Town!

"The country's leading political impressionist." - *The New Yorker*



Jim Morris

President Barack Obama is likely to appear at *JCHE Celebrates Spring 2009*! He'll be in the good company of others on the political landscape, including John McCain and George Bush – both father and son – and Hillary and

Bill. Don't be surprised if you also rub shoulders with Rush, Rudy and Arnold. When Jim Morris is on hand to entertain, be prepared to be among the most prominent personalities in politics and popular culture.

On May 27th, JCHE will feature renowned comedian and political impressionist Jim Morris in a show described as a monologue...with a

cast of thousands. Jim is well known to network and cable television audiences. He has starred in comedy specials on HBO, ABC, CBS and Cinemax. Described as a living and breathing political cartoon, Jim has appeared on *The Tonight Show* and *Larry King Live*, and provided the voices for the critically-acclaimed cartoon *"The X Presidents"* on Saturday Night Live.

Born in Framingham, Jim is particularly pleased to entertain at *JCHE Celebrates Spring 2009*. He has fond memories of life in MetroWest!

JCHE Celebrates Spring 2009 is a wonderful chance to welcome Jim back to town and enjoy what *Time Magazine* describes as his gift for "donning not only their voices and gestures, but their psyches as well."



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Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly is nationally recognized for excellence in building and managing affordable senior housing. With an extensive array of supportive services and life-enhancing programs, JCHE enables over 1,300 tenants of all backgrounds to live in their own apartments, even as they face the challenges of aging.

JCHE's housing is financed and subsidized through state and federal programs, and through gifts from individuals, foundations and corporations. These private contributions are essential for creating communities that make JCHE so much more than a place to live!

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JCHE's Intergenerational Program Brings Together Coleman House Tenants and Brandeis Students

On a recent Sunday afternoon, an energetic group of very awake Brandeis University undergraduates arrived at JCHE's Coleman House. This monthly gathering is one of JCHE's *Generations Together* programs.

Tenants greeted the students with the warm hugs and smiles that are shared by good friends. Brandeis student Gail Goldspiel described the sentiment this way: "Coming to Coleman is like spending time in my grandparents' living room. I love it!"

The program, now in its eighth year, continues without interruption despite the fact that the students who lead it graduate each May.

Each year as they prepare to leave the University, the enthusiastic departing students recruit a new group to whom the baton is passed.

After enjoying bagels and conversation, the highlight of the afternoon began. Students and tenants took turns at the microphone to entertain one another in the annual talent show. Michael Shafir, a student from New Jersey, played a Mendelssohn piece prepared for an upcoming piano competition. Following "Bravos!" from an admiring audience, 85 year-old Maurice Rothman took his seat at the piano bench. His vibrant piano playing sparked a sing-a-long of "Baby Face" and other hits

of the '40s. There were performances from more musicians and singers, topped off by Brandeis' all male, Jewish a cappella group.

Brandeis senior Robin Farber is a co-coordinator of the program, organizing the students' arrangements for these Coleman House events. She welcomes the visits as a "wonderful time to get off campus to talk with people who have real life experiences." As Robin's college years come to a close, the tenants enjoy sharing with her their very definite opinions of what direction her post-college journey should take!



Brandeis student Robin Farber enjoys chatting with Coleman House tenant Stephen Field.



Maurice Rothman is very comfortable at the Coleman House piano.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT JCHE CELEBRATES SPRING 2009 AT MASS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S ELM BANK IN WELLESLEY ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 AT 6:30 PM!

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