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INITIATING SOLUTIONS TO END HOMELESSNESS

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**Boston City Council President Mike Ross, Bob Glassman of Wainwright Bank and Pine Street Inn
Recognized for Their Commitment to Ending Homelessness in Massachusetts**

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (MHSA) will honor **Boston City Council President Mike Ross, Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of Wainwright Bank Bob Glassman and Pine Street Inn** on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at the sixth annual MHSA awards and fundraising event, *Home for Good: Join the Housing Revolution*, held at the Omni Parker House Hotel in Boston from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Boston City Council President Mike Ross' work to end homelessness in Boston includes the passing of legislation to protect tenants from being evicted from buildings in foreclosure and creating housing opportunities for the most vulnerable of Boston's citizens, homeless individuals. He will be receiving the *Canon Brian S. Kelley Public Servant Award*, named in honor of the retired Canon of Social Justice of the Episcopal Diocese of New England, the Right Reverend Canon Brian S. Kelley. Past award recipients include Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, Secretary of Administration and Finance for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Charles D. Baker and United States Representative Joseph P. Kennedy.

United States Interagency Council on Homelessness Executive Director Philip F. Mangano, who is ending his seven-year tenure in his role on May 15, will be at the awards ceremony to present Bob Glassman with the Bob Ray Partnership Award, named for the late Robert E. Ray, former vice president at The Gillette Company. The award recognizes the commitment of individuals in the private sector who work to end homelessness. Established in 1987, Wainwright has become the country's leading socially progressive bank, especially committed to ending homelessness, creating affordable housing, financing community development and supporting civil liberties. In addition to the activities of Wainwright, Mr. Glassman is personally engaged in a number of efforts as both a social entrepreneur and civic leader.

Pine Street Inn opened as an emergency shelter in 1969 and now serves more than 1,300 men and women each day. Pine Street has been a developer and provider of permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals for the past 25 years and now operates close to 550 units of permanent housing throughout Boston and Brookline. **Pine Street will receive the MHSA Cornerstone Award, which honors individuals and organizations who have demonstrated a commitment to providing assistance and care for homeless citizens across the Commonwealth.**

"I am humbled by the commitment to ending homelessness shown by this outstanding group of honorees" said MHSA Executive Director Joe Finn. "We are especially fortunate this year to have Philip Mangano joining us on the eve of his departure from the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. I look forward to congratulating our awardees and celebrating strides made in ending homelessness in the Commonwealth."

Limited tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information contact Erin Donohue at MHSA at (617) 367 - 6447 or edonohue@mhsa.net or visit www.mhsa.net.

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About Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance

The Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) public policy advocacy organization, was established in 1988 by Greater Boston homeless providers and citizens seeking to create a coordinated strategy to end homelessness. MHSA represents 90 community-based agencies operating more than 250 programs statewide that serve more than 98 percent of all homeless individuals in Massachusetts. Through strategic partnerships formed with government, private philanthropy, service providers, homeless individuals and business, MHSA works to ensure that homelessness does not become a permanent part of the social landscape. For more information, visit www.mhsa.net.