



## **Sandra M. McCroom Named 2026 Pinnacle Awards Honoree by Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Women's Network**

*Honored for Achievement in Non-profit Management*

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BOSTON, MASS — [Children's Services of Roxbury \(CSR\)](#) is proud to share that its President and CEO Sandra M. McCroom has been named a 2026 Pinnacle Awards honoree by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Women's Network. Aptly, as McCroom marks 10 years leading CSR, this award recognizes her achievement in non-profit management. The [2026 Pinnacle Awards](#) honors nine outstanding women professionals in the Commonwealth for achievements in business, government, and management. The awards program serves as the region's most prestigious honor for women in professional roles across industries.

“Receiving this award is thrilling and such an honor,” said McCroom. “I am truly humbled by the recognition and to be in the company of such brilliant and impactful women leaders.”

Children's Services of Roxbury is one of the largest Black-run nonprofits in Massachusetts, serving 6,500 children and families in Greater Boston and running support programs across the state. Under Sandra's leadership and keen understanding of transformative change, CSR purchased its Roxbury headquarters in 2021. The ensuing renovations will enable expanded programs and services that advance economic mobility and peace of mind for the at-risk youth and families CSR serves, while also generating new jobs for the local economy.

“The cascading impact of Sandra's decade at CSR's helm cannot be denied,” said Juliette Kayyem, a Harvard professor, former Assistant Secretary at the Department of Homeland Security, and 2023 Lifetime Achievement Pinnacle Award recipient who nominated McCroom. “Guided by her unique vision and unwavering commitment to Massachusetts' most vulnerable children and families, Sandra has disrupted the cycle of generational trauma and created meaningful progress that has changed the trajectory of countless lives. I am elated to see her receive this award.”

“Congratulations to our 2026 Pinnacle honorees. Our region is fortunate to have your outstanding leadership,” said James E. Rooney, President and CEO of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. “The Chamber's Women's Network celebrates excellent leaders across sectors and industries that are elevating all people and all businesses across the Commonwealth. This year and every year, our Pinnacle honorees are forging inspiring professional journeys while sharpening our region's competitive edge.”

The annual Pinnacle Awards celebrate remarkable leadership, achievement, and dedication to enhancing quality of life in the region. This year's honorees will be celebrated on Friday, January 30, 2026, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport. More than 1,200 attendees are expected. [Past honorees](#) include Governor Maura Healey, Nia Grace, Josiane Martinez, Irene Li, and Jane Steinmetz.

“Congratulations to the Women's Network 2026 Pinnacle honorees,” said Caitlin Dodge, CEO of Argus, Chair of the Women's Network, and previous Pinnacle honoree. “Every year, the stories of these women inspire us and

remind us what makes our region thrive. Their incredible vision, leadership, expertise, and innovation make our community better and the Commonwealth a more competitive place to live and work."

The 2026 Pinnacle Award honorees are:

- Achievement in Arts & Education: Mary K. Grant, President, Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- Achievement in the Professions: Elizabeth Lowrey FIIDA, RDI, Principal, Elkus Manfredi Architects
- Emerging Executive: Shavelle Olivier, Executive Director, Mattapan Food & Fitness Coalition
- Achievement in Management – Government: Mary Skipper, Superintendent, Boston Public Schools
- Achievement in Management – Non-profit: Sandra M. McCroom, President & CEO, Children's Services of Roxbury
- Achievement in Entrepreneurship: Rose Staram, Owner & Founder, RoseMark Production
- Achievement in Health Care: Robyn Riseberg, MD, Founder, Boston Community Pediatrics
- Achievement in Management – Private: Kimberly Sherman Stamler, President, Related Beal
- Lifetime Achievement: Patricia Jacobs, Ph.D., Massport, Chairman, Board of Directors; Avangrid, Independent Director; AT&T, President of Northern Region (retired)

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*Children's Services of Roxbury (CSR) is celebrating 50 years of providing wraparound programs for children and families that include family shelter, culturally attuned behavioral health services, foster care and family support services, early education and childcare, and youth development programs. CSR is one of Massachusetts' largest Black-run nonprofit organizations, led by a Board and staff that represent the diverse communities it serves. CSR's programs and services demonstrate practices that break the cycle of systemic racism for future generations and empower families and young adults on their journey from poverty to stability and wealth-building. Learn more at [csrox.org](http://csrox.org).*

**About the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Women's Network**

*In the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce's [Women's Network](#), there is a diverse group of more than 3,000 women and male allies at all levels of their careers, from all backgrounds, sectors, and industries, and professions, with the collective mission to make Greater Boston the best place for professional women to thrive. For 30 years, the Women's Network has connected female professionals of all backgrounds and career levels. The Women's Network is the largest in New England, strengthening the professional networks of women.*

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