

Reverend Doctor Robert P. Lawrence Humanitarian Award

The Humanitarian Award recognizes a citizen or an employee whose actions exemplify excellence in performance of civic responsibilities, show unselfish devotion to his/her fellow man and the community in which he/she lives; or whose actions bring honor to themselves and recognition to the City. Also for outstanding volunteer public service that significantly contributes to individuals, groups, organizations or communities in Massachusetts. Volunteer humanitarian actions for public services work are to be considered when nominating for recognition. Only volunteer services with no compensation are considered for the award.

The Reverend Doctor Robert P. Lawrence Humanitarian Award is to recognize an individual whose actions exemplify excellence in performance of public service and who significantly contributes to the welfare of others. The recipient of this year's award is **Peter McCarthy**, the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club and has been with the Club for forty-six years, serving as Executive Director for the past nineteen years. In addition, Peter served in a variety of positions at the Club, including lifeguard, Aquatics Director, Physical Director, Program Director, Assistant Executive Director and Camp Director. Peter successfully completed the Boys and Girls Club of America's Advanced Leadership Program.

Peter was born and raised in Fall River, graduating from B.M.C. Durfee High School and Providence College. Peter and his wife, Betsy, reside in Assonet where they raised their daughter Pam.

Throughout Peter's tenure at the Club, he made it a top priority to ensure that the Club is a "Fun, Safe and Clean" place for the kids of Fall River to play, grow and learn. He makes it his job to personally greet each child during camp season as they enter the building in order to learn their names. His career has been marked by exemplary dedication to the Boys and Girls Club and the youth of Fall River.