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Press Release: Bowditch & Lynette Paczkowski, Partner, Honored at Gala Hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & MetroWest

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Boston and Worcester, MA – November 17, 2026 – This week, both Bowditch and Lynette Paczkowski, a Partner at the firm, were honored by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & MetroWest at the organization's annual gala. Pairing adult volunteers with youth to build one-on-one relationships, Big Brothers Big Sisters is one of the oldest and largest mentorship organizations in the United States.



Lynette Paczkowski (left) and fellow Bowditch and Board Member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & MetroWest, at the November 16 awards event.

This year, the celebration's timing was permanently shifted from its normal scheduling in the spring to the fall, beginning a new chapter for the beloved event. Titled "Every Journey Begins with One Connection: A Big Celebration of Cultures and Connections," the gala, held at Vue in Worcester, featured an immersive culinary journey featuring street-food favorites, regional specialties, and internationally inspired cocktails and wines.

"This year, our long-time volunteer and former Board Chair, Lynette Paczkowski, is honored with our Natural Mentor Award," said Connie Askin, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & MetroWest. "This is the inaugural year for the award, which will honor individuals who inspire, guide, and empower youth and peers through organic, natural mentorship rather than a formal Big Brother or Big Sister. The criteria for honorees are people who demonstrate an authentic commitment to showing up, paying attention, and fostering long-term personal or career growth in others."

"It's really touching to be recognized by an organization so close to my heart," said Paczkowski, who is also the immediate past chair of the board of the organization. "I've seen just how important the work that Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & MetroWest does every day for the children and young adults in our community; I couldn't be prouder to support and be a part of it and to carry forward its mission in my own personal and professional relationships."

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"What an honor for Bowditch to be recognized by Big Brothers Big Sisters in such a way," said Benjamin Hinks, an Associate at Bowditch and board member with Big Brothers Big Sisters. "For more than 60 years, they have ensured that the children in this area are listened to, cared for, and helped to grow into the best versions of themselves. We'll cherish this award alongside all the work that Big Brothers Big Sisters has done for this community."

Lynette has been a board member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass and MetroWest since 2019, serving as Vice-Chair (2021-2023), Chair (2023-2025), and Immediate Past Chair (2025-present).

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & MetroWest (BBBS CMMW) creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. Founded in 1963, BBBS CMMW is on track to serve 735 young people ages 6 to 25 this year across 87 cities and towns in Central Massachusetts and MetroWest, at no cost to families.

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