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&

Paul Gauvin

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Impact in Action



Erin Donelan always liked hanging out with her brothers on their varied Boy Scout adventures.

“Growing up with two brothers, I found myself wanting to do what they were doing,” said Donelan.

While she gave Girl Scouts a try in her younger years, she pounced at the opportunity to join Scouting America when the national organization opened its ranks to include all in 2019.

For her Eagle Scout service project, Donelan wanted to do something to help children entering the foster care system. Donelan had seen the challenges some of her peers faced when engaged with the social service system.

So she decided to create comfort kits for teenagers making the transition into Department of Children and Families’ care. Seeking donations, she hoped she would collect enough funds and materials to create 20 comfort kits that include backpacks and personal care items. She ended up creating more than 100.

Donelan credits the outpouring of support to effective marketing, from local news write-ups to social media. “Moms on Facebook, they know everyone,” she said.

Donelan has delivered 50 kits each to the Leominster and Sturbridge DCF offices for distribution to teens facing challenges. She said she is grateful that her project can provide some comfort to teens in tough situations, while also giving members of her community an opportunity to do something positive for others.



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Presentation of the Distinguished Citizen Award

Recipient Response Patricia Pistone

Formal Recognition—Paul Gauvin..... Fred Healey

Presentation of the Distinguished Citizen Award

Recipient Response Paul Gauvin

Closing Remarks

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A stylized, blue ink signature of Lynn Walsh, written in a cursive script. Below the signature, the name "LYNN WALSH" is printed in a blue, serif font.



Patricia Pistone

AVP of External Affairs,
UMass Memorial Health –
HealthAlliance-Clinton Hospital

Patricia Pistone is a lifelong advocate for equity and opportunity in North Central Massachusetts, with over 30 years of leadership in public service, community development, and health equity. Her career spans work with Congress, Making Opportunity Count, and most recently HealthAlliance-Clinton Hospital, where she continues to champion initiatives that improve lives across the region.

Patricia has led efforts to expand transportation access, revitalize downtown Fitchburg, and reduce barriers for those living in poverty through workforce development, housing, and healthcare innovation. She has played a key role in expanding access to innovative, high-quality healthcare in the Nashoba region, including emergency services.

As a leader at UMMH, Patricia is advancing equitable food access by supporting local farms and food-related businesses through strategic purchasing and investment, while also addressing food insecurity among patients and residents. Her commitment to the built environment is reflected in her support for economic development initiatives, including rail trail expansion and affordable housing efforts. Patricia also serves as a Trustee of Mount Wachusett Community College, helping guide strategic investments in education and community resilience. Her work reflects a deep belief that every person deserves dignity, opportunity, and care—and her legacy continues to shape a more inclusive and vibrant region.

Paul Gauvin

Rotary Club of Fitchburg,
Salvation Army, Crocker Field
Restoration Committee

Born in Fitchburg in 1950, Paul Gauvin moved to Lunenburg in 1952, where he began his connection to Scouting as a Cub Scout. In 1960, he returned to Fitchburg, starting at a new school and forming new friendships. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1968, and during those formative years, met Patti Lamarine—the love of his life. Paul earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Nichols College in 1972 and married Patti later that year, on October 22. Together, they raised four children—two sons and two daughters—and are now proud grandparents to six grandchildren: three girls and three boys.

After college, Paul joined the family business and took on the challenge of launching a new supply division focused on beauty products for salons across New England. The business already included 18 Henri Hairstylist salons and the Henri School of Hair Design. Under Paul's leadership, the supply division grew to include a warehouse and three professional-only supply stores located in Fitchburg, Keene, NH, and Bangor, ME. He also managed a team of ten sales consultants serving salons throughout the region. As the beauty industry evolved, Paul eventually sold the salons, closed the school, and retired the supply division in April 2019.

Paul's commitment to community service began in 1974 when he joined the Rotary Club of Fitchburg, where he remains an active member. Inspired by his early experiences in Cub Scouting and Rotary, Paul has dedicated himself to giving back. He has served on the boards of numerous nonprofit organizations, including the Home Health Agency of North Central MA, the Center of Wellbeing, the Fitchburg Public Library, Sacred Heart Day Care Center, the Thayer Symphony Orchestra, the North Central MA Salvation Army, and the Crocker Field Restoration Committee. Professionally, he has also contributed his expertise to the boards of the Local Chamber of Commerce, Worker's Credit Union, the New England Full Service Beauty Distributors Association, and the National Beauty & Barber Supply Institute.

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Patricia Pistone and Paul Gauvin,
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1978	P. Warren Keating	2006	Daniel M. Asquino
1979	Albert E. Anderson	2007	Sheila Donnelly, M.D.
1979	John Grado	2007	Timothy Richards
1986	John A. "Dutch" Adams	2008	Calvin Moore
1987	Jeanne L. Crocker	2009	Kimberly Ansin
1988	Vincent J. Mara	2010	David Celuzza
1989	Albert Stone	2011	Gregg Lisciotti
1990	Thomas F. Bagley, Jr.	2012	Joseph Cadette
1991	Norman Boudreau	2013	James Adams
1992	J. Parker Rice	2014	Edward F. Manzi, Jr.
1993	M. Marcus Moran, Jr.	2015	Suzanne Farias
1994	Ann M. Racine	2016	Martin F. Connors Jr.
1995	John Clementi	2017	Douglas J. Petersen
1996	John Howard	2018	Winfield S. Brown
1997	Charles A. Gelinas, Sr.	2019	Deborah Weymouth
1998	Kenneth S. Ansin	2022	John Zarrella
1999	Paul E. Cochrane, M.D.	2023	Barbara Mahoney & Dr. Richard Lapidus
2000	Thomas F. Bagley III	2024	Sharon A. Bernard & Jim Hohman
2001	Peter E. Bovenzi		
2002	Richard W. Nobile		

About the Distinguished Citizen Award

The Distinguished Citizen Award is presented annually by Heart of New England Council to community leaders who provide outstanding civic service to adults and/or youth in the community. Those who receive this award are not necessarily Scouting volunteers, but rather individuals who personify the Scouting ideals of active and engaged citizenship, outstanding moral fiber, and a commitment to helping others at all times.

Proceeds from this event benefit thousands of young people in our local Central MA communities, investing them with the confidence, leadership, skills and resources to reach their full potential.

2025 Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner Committee

Patrick Hanrahan
Jim Hohman
Mary Beth Jokela
Barbara Mahoney

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