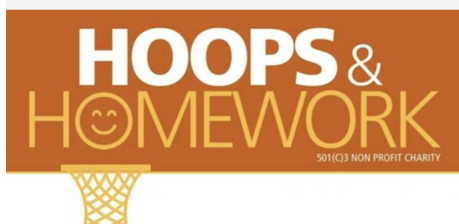


# Salute To Framingham Community Service Award Announced

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FRAMINGHAM, MA- Hoops and Homework was selected to be this year's recipient of the Jim O'Connor Community Service Award for the 27th Annual Salute to Framingham.

The award is given to organizations that hold the passion, vision, commitment and leadership skills of the Salute to Framingham founder, Jim O'Connor and work as a team to serve the youth of

Framingham.



Hoops and Homework is an after-school and summer program that offers academic and enrichment services to children and youth in two locations: Framingham Housing Authority's site at Carlson and Pusan Rd, and the Cochituate Cooperative Homes site at Interfaith Terrace. The program was launched in 2012 by a group of concerned citizens, led by Framingham resident Herb Chasan, interested in making improvements to an underserved section of the city.

Hoops and Homework Inc. was incorporated as a non-profit 501c3 charity in December 2014 in order to continue to provide after-school services. The funds that are donated are used to pay for

staff, supplies, insurance and snacks at the two sites. Private donations and grants have made it possible to sustain the program.

In June, 2017, the Massachusetts Office of Early Education and Care approved Hoops and Homework as a licensed child care provider. They are the only licensed neighborhood-based after-school program in Framingham. In November, 2017, Hoops and Homework earned eligibility for state tuition vouchers.

The Salute to Framingham will take place on Thursday, March 21st at 5pm at the Sheraton Framingham Ballroom. Online ticket sales begin February 1, 2019. For more information about the Salute to Framingham, please visit [www.salute-to-framingham.com](http://www.salute-to-framingham.com).

All proceeds from the Salute to Framingham benefit the Framingham High School Foundation which supports the extracurricular Activities, Arts, and Athletics at Framingham High School. For more information please contact Sydney Turner, Salute to Framingham Committee, at [salutetoframingham@gmail.com](mailto:salutetoframingham@gmail.com)

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