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## **The BSA Foundation raises over \$667,000 at annual fundraising breakfast.**

(Boston, February 22, 2019)—More than 200 supporters pledged over \$667,000 at the BSA Foundation's (Foundation) breakfast fundraiser, held on December 14, 2018, at the MIT Media Lab in Cambridge. The invitation-only annual event presented a series of live and recorded testimonials to demonstrate how Foundation programs affect the lives of young people, improve communities, and empower citizens to be active advocates for change in their built environments.

Breakfast attendees were welcomed by recorded remarks from Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone, who spoke about design's visionary role in making cities economically and socially vibrant.

Other highlights included remarks by Foundation volunteer Jess Garnitz AIA, architect at Stantec; executive director Eric White; teen-mentoring program participant Linda Soto; City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development project manager John Feuerbach AIA; and Foundation chair Laura Wernick FAIA, principal at HMFH Architects.

After breakfast pledging, the Foundation's high level donors—the Legacy Circle—grew in both depth and breadth. New and renewing members in the top two categories of the Legacy Circle include:

### Provoking Change—\$50,000+ commitment

- Payette (landmark leader, renewing commitment)
- Boston Properties
- DiMella Shaffer
- HMFH Architects
- Marguilies Perruzzi Architects

### Inspiring Vision—\$25,000+ commitment

- Bergmeyer Associates
- CBT Architects
- Commodore Builders
- Elkus Manfredi

- Laura Wernick FAIA
- Patrick Ahearn
- Timberline Construction

We are also grateful to the many members who renewed or signed up to support the Foundation at the Engaging Communities—\$5,000 + level. Legacy Circle members form the backbone of sustainable support for the Foundation and make all of its public service efforts possible.

Additionally, a new donor category—The Rising Philanthropists—was announced to invite participation by those just embarking on their philanthropic journeys.

As always, the Foundation receives and is extremely grateful for donations of any amount. For a complete list of BSA Foundation Legacy Circle members and other donors, visit [architects.org/foundation/supporters](http://architects.org/foundation/supporters).

Breakfast sponsors included the MIT Department of Architecture, First Republic Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, and DREAM Collaborative.

## **About the BSA Foundation**

The mission of the BSA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity, is to build a better Boston by engaging communities, inspiring vision, and provoking positive change. The Foundation's vision is that by 2030 Boston is a model of a resilient, equitable, and architecturally vibrant city and region. Foundation activities seek to enhance public understanding of the built environment and the processes that shape it, and empower citizens to be active advocates for change in their built environments. The BSA Foundation was established by Boston Society of Architects/AIA (BSA/AIA) in 1971 as the public service sister organization to the BSA/AIA. Since 2015 the BSA Foundation has served over 125,000 people. For more information, visit [architects.org/foundation](http://architects.org/foundation).

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