

# Homelessness Prevention Group Honored With Human Rights Award

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Belonging to Each Other of Falmouth was selected as the 2024 Human Rights Award group recipient by the Church Women United of Cape Cod. A celebration of the award is planned for mid-January.

Since 2006, Church Women United has held events nationally to recognize individuals and groups that have supported the cause of human rights by maintaining a high regard for the dignity of others. They particularly focus on groups that “are doing extraordinary work on behalf of the least among us.” The local chapter has also presented citations since 2006 to groups and individuals across Cape Cod.

The other 2024 recipients are Lawrence Brown, author and retired teacher, and Cyndy Cotton, executive director of the Osterville Library and Philanthropy Day chairwoman. Marilyn Lariviere, president of the Cape Cod chapter, notes that “BTEO’s website homepage starts with a statement underscoring the group’s desire to work collaboratively and to preserve their guest’s dignity... ‘Working together, we can end homelessness in Falmouth, thus ensuring all our neighbors can live with dignity.’ They could not have made our decision-making process any easier. We are so impressed with the good work they have done for the last nine years.”

Gina Torielli, executive director of BTEO, underscores that much of the honor should go to the faith-based organizations in Falmouth, as well as the Falmouth community. “They incubated and nurtured BTEO as a small organization and helped support it to where BTEO is today. We are honored to receive this recognition and are a bit overwhelmed to join the giants in our community such as Brenda Swain, Nell Fields and Pamela Rothstein who received citations in previous years.”