

2016 Berkshire Hero's Award Winner's

Osmin "Ozzie" Alvarez

Ozzie has been a longtime supporter of the Bay State Games in many capacities. He has assisted with the design of Bay State Winter Games artwork for posters and shirts and also provided the Games with promotion and coverage support through IBerkshire.com. Ozzie has supported the Winter Games through helping to coordinate the Bowling competition and host the event at his Greylock Bowl & Golf facility. Through his many business ventures in the Northern Berkshire Region, Ozzie has always been a strong supporter of the Bay State Winter Games and his efforts are greatly appreciated.

Elinor Goodwin

Elinor has also been a strong supporter of the Bay State Winter Games for many years. Initially with Berkshire Direct Marketing and currently through the Print Shop in Williamstown, Elinor helps design and print many of Bay State Winter Games promotional materials including the Winter Games program, Athlete ID cards and other items. Elinor is very active in the Northern Berkshire Community and serves on several non-profit boards including the Williamstown Youth Center, The Williams College Quarterback Club and the Williams College Hoop Group.

2015 Berkshire Hero's Award Winner's

Becky & Andy Goyette

Becky & Andy have been members of the Christmas Brook Figure Skating club since their daughters began skating at a young age. Becky serves as an officer of the Christmas Brook Figure Skating Club and Andy does a lot of "behind the scenes" duties for the club in addition to working as an electrician in Berkshire County. Both Becky and Andy do a tremendous amount of behind the scenes for months leading up to the Bay State Winter Games Figure Skating weekend. From organizing volunteers, coordinating vendors, overseeing the concessions stand and a host of other duties, both Becky and Andy make significant contributions to the success of Bay State Games Figure Skating.

Sara Senecal

Sara is from Hoosick Falls, NY and currently serves as president of the Christmas Brook Figure Skating Club. Sara has been a very active member of the Christmas Brook Club and a longtime volunteer at the Bay State Winter Games. She also serves as a member of the Bay State Games Figure Skating organizing committee. Support of the Bay State Games runs in Sara's family as her father served as an organizer of the Bay State Games Alpine Ski Races when they were held at Jiminy Peak. Sara's daughter, Ayla, has been a longtime participant in the Bay State Games Figure Skating competition.

2014 Berkshire Hero's Award Winner's

Joe Skutnik

Joe is a member of the Bousquet Ski Race team and plays a key role in the organization and operation of the Bay State Games Alpine Ski Race. Joe organized the participant run order and handles all timing and results for the race. Joe is an Accountant from Pittsfield and is very active in Little League, Youth Soccer and other youth sport events in the Pittsfield and Southern Berkshire County region.

Jill Johnson

Jill Johnson is a resident of Dalton and works at Bousquet Ski Area as a ski coach and instructor. Jill plays a very active role in the organization of the Alpine Ski race related to course set up & breakdown, organizing gatekeepers, getting the course officials to monitor the race and other course related responsibilities.

Orchards Hotel

For nearly two decades, the Orchards Hotel has been a strong supporter of the Bay State Winter Games. The Orchards has hosted organizational meetings, and houses officials, organizers and show performers. Many Bay State Games VIP's including Olympian Sylvia Fontana, Joan Benoit Samuelson, Doug Flutie. Mike Eruzione, Surya Bonaly and others have been housed at the Orchards and many competitors consider the Orchards their "home" when they come out to the Berkshire to compete.

2013 Berkshire Hero's Award Winner's**Stephen Rondeau**

Stephen is Athletic Facilities Foreman at Williams College whose responsibilities include overseeing the ice rink. Prior to his current role, Stephen was a longtime member of the rink staff. For over two decades, Stephen has gone above and beyond to support the Bay State Games when they return to the Williams Rink each year. He and his crew assist with event set up, handle all resurfacing and keep the rink clean during the very busy Winter Games weekend. Then efforts of Stephen and his crew significantly contribute to the overall experience of all participants.

Mike Garland

Mike works for WNAW Radio and as served as MC of the Bay State Games Figure Skating show for eight years and has been a longtime supporter of the Games. Each day, Mike can be heard on the Morning Show on WNAW 1230-AM in North Adams. Mike annually conducts interviews and on air promotions regarding the Winter Games. A native of Philadelphia, Mike has lived in North Adams for more than a decade and has become a fixture in the community as he is active in charity and fund-raising events.

2012 Berkshire Hero's Award Winner's**Bill Bird**

For over 15 years, Bill Byrd has served as coordinator of game officials for the Bay State Games Masters Ice Hockey Tournament. All officials who work the Games do so as volunteers and Bill does a great job of making sure that all Games are covered. Bill is very active in Berkshire County as an ice hockey official for high school games in the area. He is also a member of the National Ice Hockey Officials Association. Bill is a longtime resident of the Berkshires and Bay State Games is extremely appreciative of all his efforts with securing officials for the Masters Hockey tournament.

George Jervais

George Jervais has been the owner of Bousquet Ski Area in Pittsfield for nearly 30 years. For nearly ten years, Bousquet has hosted the Bay State Games Alpine Ski Races due in large part to the support and assistance of Mr. Jervais. George has provided use of the race course at Bousquet as well as the resources of Bousquet staff and the Areas ski race team who help put on the races.

George is a resident of Richmond and is very hands on with the operation of Bousquet Ski Area. George is a tremendous supported of youth sports and he makes Bousquet available to many high school teams and young skiers in the area. Bay State Games are extremely grateful for the support that George has given to the Bay State Games Alpine Ski Races.

2011 Berkshire Hero's Award Winner's

Peter W. Foote Vietnam Veterans Memorial Skating Rink

The Peter W. Foote Vietnam Veterans Memorial Skating Rink has hosted events in each of the 26 years that the Bay State Winter Games has been held in the Berkshires. While best known as the long time home of the Masters Ice Hockey tournament, the rink has also hosted a variety of Bay State Winter Games events including youth hockey in the mid 1990's and speed skating at the first Winter Games in 1985. The City of North Adams has been extremely supportive of the Bay State Winter Games since taking control of the rink from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management. Special thanks go out to current Mayor Richard Alcombright, former Mayor John Barrett and Laura Wood for their longtime support of the Bay State Games. Over the last 25 years, the staff of the rink including current manager Darin Lane, have continually provided outstanding support to ensure that all events held at the rink are successful.

Bruce Hayden

Bruce Hayden has been a long time supporter of the Bay State Games for over 20 years. Bruce makes significant contributions toward decorating the figure skating venue and creating a special atmosphere for all participants. Bruce first became involved with the Bay State Games in the late 1980's when his children were skating as members of the Christmas Brook Figure Skating Club. Despite the fact that his children are grown and left skating long ago, Bruce remains committed to volunteering his time each year which includes building the award backdrops and welcome signs for the rink. Aside from his involvement with the Bay State Games, Bruce, a resident of North Adams, is very committed to

supporting the local community. He is very active with the North Adams Fall Foliage Festival Parade building floats and he works on floats for several other parades, as well.

2010 Berkshire Hero's Award Winners

The Cece Family

Barbara Cece, her husband, Al, daughters, Laura and Jenna, and son, Derek have been fixtures at the Winter Games since its inception in 1985. Barbara, a Bay State Games Hall of Famer, has been an irreplaceable part of the Games' success. She has served as the figure skating commissioner, member of the organizing committee and has been on the Future Leaders Scholarship committee. Al has served as a general volunteer at events, is a former Bay State Skate emcee and has helped out as a soccer official in the Summer Games. Laura and Jenna started out as runners and flower presenters when they were still too young to participate. Once they were old enough, they both competed in figure skating and presently serve as coaches with Christmas Brook FSC. From age 5 until he left for college, Derek was a jack-of-all trades for the Games, assisting in various ways. The family has even housed BSG staff members during the Winter Games weekend at their home in Williamstown.

Judy Giamborino

Judy has been involved with the Winter Games since it first began 25 years ago. For over a decade, she managed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Rink in North Adams that has been home to speed skating and masters ice hockey. Judy is a lifelong resident of the northern Berkshires who currently serves as executive director of the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce. In that role, she continues to show great support for the Winter Games through her efforts with the community's hotels, shops and restaurants. Judy also has over two decades experience as a licensed realtor.

Williams College

Williams College has played host to the Bay State Winter Games Figure Skating competition and Bay State Skate Figure Skating show for the 25 year history of both events. The Williams College Athletic Department under the direction of Harry Sheehy and operations director Gary Guerin have always provided the best facilities with the support of the Lansing Chapman Rink staff including former rink manger Bill Bryce and current manger Stephen Rondeau, as well as Bea Miles. The Security Department under Jean Thorndike and Mike Batory have provided a strong presence at events, while Bruce Wheat has lent audio support. Countless other staff members have contributed to the Games' success, as well.

2009 Berkshire Hero's Award Winners

Ken and Michele Gietz

Ken and Michele, owners of Where'd You Get That!? in Williamstown, have worked with the Winter Games for more than 15 years. Michele, who was involved with the Christmas Brook Skating Club, has served as a volunteer during the skating competition, while Ken's magnificent balloon creations have awed competitors and their families, year after year. Like they always have for the Winter Games, the Gietz donate balloons to local charity events, and have also put together game nights at local schools such as the Adventures in Learning program. The Florida, Mass., natives have also been involved with the Holiday Walk committee, and Ken serves on the board of the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce. Ken and Michele have owned Where'd You Get That!?, located on Spring Street, for 20 years.

Dale Waterman

Dale has been a part of the Bay State Winter Games since its inception in 1985. She has been involved in almost every aspect of the Winter Games from helping with registration to selling tickets, and from organizing the athlete party to recruiting volunteers. Dale originally became associated with the park while serving as park supervisor at the Western Gateway Heritage State Park – a position from which she just recently retired. The North Adams resident spends her spare time working on community

activities and with local organizations including the Be Our Guest Christmas Dinner and Fall Foliage Festival Committee, and as a member of the board of Berkshire Serve.

Heidi Cornwell

Heidi, a lifelong resident of the Berkshires, has been involved in the Bay State Winter Games since the early 1990's when she was an employee at the Swift River Inn which was the location of the cross country competition. As host, Heidi was instrumental in the organization and planning of the event. Since then, she has held the position of Director of Marketing and Sales at several hotels in the Northern Berkshire region including the Holiday Inn Berkshires in North Adams and the Orchards Hotel – both of which have been prime destinations for Winter Games athletes and their families thanks to Heidi's support. She lives in Hinsdale with her 17-year-old son, Jonah, and also serves as secretary of the Mohawk Trail Association and is on the Berkshire Visitors Bureau Travel, Trade, Marketing Committee.

2008 Berkshire Hero's Award Winners

Carl and Marilyn Faulkner

Carl and Marilyn Faulkner, of The Williams Inn, have been involved with the Bay State Winter Games since its inception in the Northern Berkshires 23 years ago. Winter Games participants, volunteers, officials and spectators have always had a comfortable stay in Berkshire County thanks to the hospitality and generosity of Carl and Marilyn. Both have been staunch supporters of the Games citing its large economic impact on the area in bringing guests to the region who otherwise would miss out on the beauty of the area. They have both been active in other community activities, as well, and in 1999 were awarded the Williamstown Community Chest Good Citizen Award. In 2002, they received a Governor's Exemplary Employer Award and more recently a Citation from the Governor for outstanding commitment to the lodging industry.

Marcia Sarrouf

Marcia Sarrouf has been involved with the Bay State Winter Games for 22 of the 23 years that it has

taken place in the Northern Berkshires. From the beginning, she has been one of the key volunteers at the figure skating venue, and has supported the Games in numerous other ways from providing food and vans for judges to helping coordinate air transportation for skating stars. Her involvement began as co-president and then co-treasurer of the Christmas Brook Figure Skating Club, and she has done a little bit of everything since that time. A resident of Williamstown for 40 years with George, her husband, Marcia has been a North Adams public school educator for 36 years and was the 1993 Marion B. Kelley Teacher of the Year. She currently serves as educational coordinator for North Adams historical society.

Bill Bryce

For 36 years, Bill Bryce has been facilities director at Williams College, which has been one of the most important supporters of the Winter Games. Since the beginning, he has worked on the college's behalf with everyone at the Games to ensure that the event is a success. Always a pleasure to deal with, Bill has gone above and beyond countless times to ensure that the Games run smoothly. Sadly, the North Adams resident is planning to retire from Williams College sometime this year. He will be greatly missed by all those who have been involved in the Winter Games.