

Lew Finfer

Since 1970, Lew Finfer has been one of Boston's most effective and unsung community and tenant organizers. From 1981 until 1985, Lew served as the first staff director of the Mass. Tenants Organization (MTO). Since then, he has directed both the Mass. Affordable Housing Alliance and the Organizing and Leadership Training Center, which trains neighborhood and housing activists.

Chuck Turner

Chuck Turner's work at the Third World Jobs Clearing House and in the Boston Jobs Coalition opened many jobs to people of color. But Chuck's work with the Industrial Cooperative Association has gone beyond jobs to seek workplace democracy. Chuck is currently the director of the Center for Community Action, which helps communities of color organize.

Judith Meredith

Judith Meredith's belief in grassroots organizing, which led her to organize for Mass. Fair Share and ACORN in the late 70s and early

80s, moved her to start her own political consulting firm. Meredith and Associates specializes in low-income advocacy.

Michael Harrington

Michael Harrington's book *The Other America*, which started the war on poverty, is just part of his forty-year war on capitalism's barriers to justice. Mike's organizing and agitating as co-chair of the Democratic Socialists of America have been complemented by his thirteen books, which provide an analytic grounding for his struggle. While battling cancer recently, Mike has completed his autobiography and begun revising his major work, *Socialism*.

Debs-Thomas-Bernstein Award

The award is named for Eugene Debs and Norman Thomas, the two great leaders of democratic socialism, and the late Julius Bernstein, the heart and soul of democratic socialism in Boston. Previous recipients include Carol Doherty, Tommy Evers, Domenic Bozzotto, Ellen Feingold, David Slaney, Randall Forsberg, Hubie Jones, and David Scondras.