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SENATOR ELDRIDGE RECEIVES MARJORIE MCDERMOTT INNOVAVE COMMUNICATOR AWARD FROM COMMUNITY TEAMWORK INC.



Karen Frederick, Executive Director of Community Teamwork, Inc., Senator Eldridge, and former State Senator Steven Panagiotakis.

BOSTON—Senator Eldridge (D-Acton) was honored on Wednesday, October 23rd for his efforts to reach citizens and solve community problems through the effective use of technology with the Marjorie McDemott Innovative Communicator Award from Community Teamwork, Inc. at Lenzi’s Millhouse restaurant in Dracut.

“I am honored to receive the Innovative Communicator Award and look forward to continuing to use new and emerging communications and technologies to better our community and connect with residents in the digital age,” said Senator Eldridge. “New media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, and blogging are a critical way to interact with residents, exchange ideas and strengthen community conversations – basic principles that make government better and more transparent.”

The Innovative Communicator Award was presented to Senator Eldridge for his efforts to help constituents stay informed and be part of the civic conversation about social problems and community needs in the digital age.

Senator Eldridge was also recognized for his participation in the White House Champions of Change event for submitting the #Help4OK challenge at the National Day of Civic Hacking, a weekend-long event held on June 1-2, 2013 that brought together software developers of all skillsets to find solutions using publicly-released data to improve their community, state and country. The goal of the #Help4OK project is to build on local efforts for crisis management response based off a website for Oklahoma tornado victims.

The mission of Community Teamwork, Inc. is to assist low income people to become self-sufficient, to alleviate the effects of poverty, and to assist low income people to participate in the decisions that affect their lives.