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Thank you to all who joined us at the 13th annual *Medicine That Matters Gala*. We're deeply grateful for the generosity of our supporters, especially our event sponsors, who altogether helped raise \$1.1 million for BHCHP. Their invaluable financial support goes a long way in strengthening and sustaining our work caring for Boston's unhoused community.

As part of the evening program, we showed three videos that highlighted the work of BHCHP's Family Team, HIV Care and Transgender Health. Please visit our Youtube channel to watch the videos and feel free to share them with your networks.



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Dr. Jim O'Connell Award – Monica Bharel, MD, MPH

- This year, Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program didn't have to look far to find the most deserving recipient of the Dr. Jim O'Connell Award. In Boston, a city whose firmament holds a constellation of medical luminaries, few stars shine brighter than that of Dr. Monica Bharel. A longtime devoted physician with the program, Dr. Bharel served as BHCHP's Chief Medical Officer from 2003 until 2015 when she was asked by then Governor Baker to serve as Commissioner of the MA Department of Public Health and the state's chief physician. In this role, Dr. Bharel was a leader of the state's response to the opioid crisis, efforts to reduce health disparities, and state's massive public health response to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. Under her leadership, Massachusetts ranked nationally as among the healthiest states in the nation. Dr. Bharel was then

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treatment needs. Currently Dr. Bhargava works for Google as the Clinical Lead for Public Sector Health. [Click here to read more.](#)

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