

Crisis Center to Honor Changemakers

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The **Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center** is honoring 25 **Changemakers** in December, among them the Bay State's first lady, **Diane Patrick**, who will also give the introductory remarks for the gala.

Suzanne Dubus, the executive director of the center, said having someone of Patrick's stature attend the meeting helps in the cause against domestic violence.

"It is wonderful having someone of her stature and importance coming to an organization," she said. "We have always been a small organization that dreams big. It kind of confirms to me that we are doing the right kind of work in the right kind of way."

The center is honoring 25 people who Dubus said have either changed how domestic violence assistance is available to the public or "the way we look at domestic violence."

The group includes many local, statewide and national Changemakers.

They include state Rep. **Michael Costello**, Sen. **Joseph Biden**, Sheriff **Frank Cousins**, state Sen. **Steven Baddour** and **Eileen McNamara**, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author, journalist and professor.

In other news, the Crisis Center was also given \$5,000 by the **Verizon Foundation** to help improve the economic stability program for women at the center.

The program gives women the knowledge, resources and support to be able to provide economically for themselves and their families. Without economic stability, women often return to abusive partners, Dubus said in a press release.