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CASA MYRNA APPOINTS MELANIE DAMSKER, ANNE GIOVANONI, AND MELINA MUÑOZ TO BOARD
OF DIRECTORS

Casa Myrna, Boston's leading non-profit delivering solutions to end domestic and dating violence, has appointed Melanie Damsker, Anne Giovanoni, and Melina Muñoz to its Board of Directors.

As Director of Partnerships at the GreenLight Fund, Melanie Damsker is responsible for donor relations with GreenLight's community of more than 200 venture capital, entrepreneur, and private equity supporters. Ms. Damsker oversees GreenLight's major fund-raising events and manages efforts to connect portfolio organizations with a variety of potential supporters. At GreenLight, Ms. Damsker has found a way to combine her passion for philanthropy and connecting with her love of Boston. She is a founder of Women in Nonprofits, co-chair of Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy- Boston, and a Boston World Partnership Connector. Before joining the GreenLight team, Ms. Damsker managed special events and the Young Professionals group at the Boston Public Library Foundation. She earned her B.A. from University of Massachusetts, Amherst and is a member of the LeadBoston class of 2011. She lives in Boston.

Ms. Giovanoni is a Corporate Attorney at Alkermes, a biotechnology company with a focus on developing therapies for chronic diseases. Her areas of practice include corporate governance, corporate organization, contracting, clinical research and development legal support. At Alkermes, she founded and coordinates the company's Corporate Community Services Day, and has volunteered at Community Servings, the American Liver Foundation, and the John F. Kennedy Library. She is a member of the Boston Bar Association. Mr. Giovanoni received her JD from Suffolk University Law School, her MS from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Services, and her BA from Smith College. She lives in Cambridge.

Ms. Muñoz is a Forensic Legal Advocate at the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC). In addition to providing services to clients, she acts as an expert on the forensics of sexual violence and participates in statewide efforts to provide training and technical assistance to sexual assault/crisis providers. She is bilingual in English and Spanish. Prior to her work at BARCC, she served as Interim District Director and Legislative Aide in the Office of State Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz. Her volunteer experience in community organizing includes work with Mission Movement. She received her BA from Simmons College. Ms. Muñoz lives in Boston.

Casa Myrna is Boston's leading nonprofit delivering solutions to end domestic and dating violence. Founded in 1977, the agency operates three residential programs in the City of Boston for women and children made homeless by domestic violence, the state's most comprehensive range of fully bilingual supportive services, and the only statewide domestic violence hotline in Massachusetts (SafeLink, 877-785-2020). Casa Myrna's range of programs includes legal advocacy services, individual counseling and support groups, children's services, housing search assistance and advocacy, financial literacy education, teen dating violence education, public awareness campaigns and education to key stakeholders on the issue of domestic violence.

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