



**New Directions
for homeless families
Luncheon ~ Fashion Show**

**Tuesday April 13, 2010
The Wharf Room, Boston Harbor Hotel, Boston**

11:30 AM Reception and Marketplace
12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch and Program
1:30 PM Marketplace

New Directions *for homeless families* is an annual visibility and fundraising event in support of COMPASS *for homeless families*, a program of COMPASS for kids. This year, New Directions will be taking a “break from breakfast” and will be held as a luncheon~fashion show on Tuesday, April 13th at The Wharf Room, Boston Harbor Hotel. New Directions will kick off spring with a look at cutting edge fashions, while also providing perspectives on the problem of family homelessness in and around Boston.

Janet Wu, reporter on Channel 7 will emcee. Wu will be joined on stage by New Directions Co-chair Yolanda Taylor and recent graduates of the innovative COMPASS Community College Collaborative program, all of whom have experienced family homelessness first hand. Taylor, a COMPASS Board Member and a retired portfolio manager at Fidelity Select Brokerage and Investment Management Portfolio, will talk about her recently published memoir, *Take Me Back to Redway*. This poignant juxtaposition of past and present tells part of Taylor’s story as a homeless child raised by a single father, after he escaped both Vietnam and her abusive mother. Janet Wu will present the third annual Beacons Awards, honoring individuals making a difference to homeless families in Massachusetts – and beyond – day in and day out.

The New Directions fashion show will feature designs by Jana Kos, renowned designer of women’s luxury apparel, only available through direct sales (www.janakos.com). Ms. Kos herself will narrate the show. Ms. Kos’ fashions will be accessorized by jewelry from the S. King Collection, statement making couture jewelry from the world’s most talented designers and artisans, also only shown privately (www.skkingcollection.com). Additional vendors are being confirmed.

New Directions will include a marketplace, where attendees can view and purchase from featured and other collections. A portion of the proceeds from these sales will be donated to COMPASS *for homeless families*.

COMPASS *for homeless families* works to end family homelessness by collaborating with public and private organizations, businesses and individuals to provide services and supports that promote family self-sufficiency and stability in housing for homeless and at risk families. COMPASS specializes in partnering with homeless and at risk parents, and in delivering group education and long-term coaching support. New Directions is an event that expands these critical partnerships.

Event Co-Chairs

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