

## Recognition for “A True Advocate”

Since 1999, Dr. Jan Yost has called Worcester home, devoting nearly 23 years to improving health in Central Massachusetts in deep and profound ways. As founding President and CEO, Dr. Yost has facilitated the Foundation's awarding of \$50 million in grants to 209 unique organizations while also operating the Foundation and growing its endowment to approximately \$96 million. Her remarkable career is being celebrated following her recent announcement of an anticipated Spring 2022 retirement.

Last Thursday, Dr. Yost was awarded the prestigious **Fairman C. Cowan Municipal Leadership Award** from the Worcester Regional Research Bureau. The award was presented virtually due to the ongoing pandemic, and the award inscription notes:

*“Impact. Many strive toward it, few truly achieve it. Jan Yost’s storied career has been dedicated to her community. Her impact in Central Massachusetts is felt by all. She has been a staunch advocate for mental health and access to dental services, she has fought to reduce hunger & homelessness, she has aided in prisoner reentry, and has been an active voice on fare free transportation. The Research Bureau has benefited from her counsel and passion. Jan embodies the ideas of this award, a true advocate and leader in our community.”*

The award along with the history of how Dr. Yost came to Worcester and highlights from her time at the Foundation are described in [this T&G article](#), in which the former Worcester mayor, Raymond V. Mariano, said of Dr. Yost, “In all my years of government, I’ve never seen anyone more effective on the nonelected side.”



**Dr. Wayne B. Glazier**, founding Chairman of the Foundation’s Board of Directors, remarked, “Well deserved. I speak for the founding Trustees that we are very proud of The Foundation and all it has accomplished!”

Current Chairman of the Board, **Judge Timothy M. Bibaud**, echoed those sentiments and noted, “The Foundation’s Board of Directors commends Dr. Yost on her nearly 23 years of remarkable leadership as founding President and CEO. She has left an indelible mark on Central Massachusetts through her leadership to change policies and systems to improve health in our region, and her impact will be felt for years to come.”



The true impact of Dr. Yost’s many contributions is immeasurable. In her time at the helm of the Foundation, Dr. Yost has contributed to significant policy and systems changes at the local and state level that have improved health and addressed inequities for those who live or work in Central Massachusetts. By changing policies and systems, the achievements of today will be sustained for the future.

