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Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA Partners with Save the Harbor for an End-of-the-Summer Cleanup at M Street Beach



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From left to right: Chris Mancini of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, Alexis Higgins and Stacy McDonald of Blue Cross Blue Shield, and state Rep. David Biele at the M Street Beach cleanup.



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On September 23rd, 20 volunteers from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts collaborated with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to clean up South Boston's M Street Beach.

During Blue Cross Blue Shield's 11th Annual Day of Service, volunteers cleared ramps, stairways, and removed trash and invasive weeds from M Street Beach. A total of 16 bags of trash and weeds were collected from this cleanup.

"Thanks to Save the Harbor and their community partners at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts for helping to get our beaches ready for fall and for making them more accessible to people with disabilities," said State Rep. and Metropolitan Beaches Commissioner David Biele.

DCR Commissioner Jim Montgomery shared that sentiment. "We'd like to thank Save the Harbor and their

corporate and community partners for volunteering to help DCR staff with the end-of-summer beach clean-up last week. Save the Harbor's year-round commitment to caring for the environment makes them valued collaborators in every season."

This summer season brought many beachgoers from all over Boston and the Commonwealth. As a result of the volunteers' hard work, M Street Beach is now ready for the fall season.

"Blue Cross is proud to support Save the Harbor and their efforts to make M Street Beach accessible for everyone," said Jeff Bellows, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs. "We've been partnering with Save the Harbor for over a decade through our annual Service Day and are always excited to give our colleagues the opportunity to come together to protect Boston Harbor and give back to the South Boston community."

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Executive Director Chris Mancini was at the cleanup. "South Boston's beaches are important recreational assets for our community and all the region's residents," said Mancini. "Thanks to the great team at DCR and to BCBSMA for their partnership and dedication to caring for and sharing these spectacular resources, and thanks to Rep. Biele and the Metropolitan Beaches Commission for helping us secure funds for mobility mats and beach wheelchairs."

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is a non-profit, public interest harbor advocacy organization made up of thousands of citizens as well as civic, corporate, cultural, and community leaders and scientists. Their mission is to restore and protect Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Bay, and the marine environment and share them with the public for all to enjoy.

To find out more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, visit their website at savetheharbor.org.