



2018 Henry L. Shattuck City Champion

James D. Gallagher, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Manulife/John Hancock

James (Jim) D. Gallagher, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Manulife/John Hancock is a prominent business leader who is committed to serving the Boston community. In his current role, he oversees global law, compliance, internal audit and corporate secretary functions, and is a member of Manulife's Executive Leadership Team and Global Leadership Team.

Prior to his current role, Jim served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer for the U.S. Division. He was responsible for John Hancock's legal and compliance operations. As Chief Administrative Officer, he was also responsible for other functions including John Hancock's Government, Public and Community Relations as well as Brand Management and Sponsorship Marketing.

Despite his corporate responsibilities, Jim is engaged in civic organizations that serve the greater Boston community. Perhaps nothing epitomizes Jim's commitment to Boston more than his role with One Fund Boston following the Marathon bombing. The day after the attack, Mayor Tom Menino and Governor Deval Patrick announced the creation of One Fund Boston and Jim was part of a small group working to create and organize the fund. The fund was established with a \$1 million contribution from John Hancock, which in retrospect, was considered critical to its overall success in that it immediately legitimized the fund and set the bar high for other corporate sponsors. Seventy-five days after the creation of the fund, nearly \$61 million had been distributed to the survivors and families of the victims and an additional \$20 million was later distributed. And who was the founding President of One Fund Boston? Jim Gallagher.

Among his many charitable activities, Jim currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Catholic Charities of Boston, one of the largest providers of social services in Massachusetts. Catholic Charities of Boston offers nearly 75 programs and services in 26 locations around Eastern Massachusetts. Jim also serves on the Board of Directors of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Despite his many responsibilities, Jim always has time to listen to or care for a friend, co-worker or colleague in need of an empathetic ear. He takes his role as a colleague and mentor seriously and is a model of how a leader should lead. People come to Jim because they value his expertise, but also because they know he will give good, thoughtful advice and help them make connections with others who could be of assistance.

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