

February 13, 2015

Mr. Jack Williams c/o WBZ-TV 1170 Soldiers Field Road Boston, MA 02134

Dear Mr. Williams,

On behalf of the New England Council Board of Directors, I am delighted to extend our invitation to you to attend our 2015 Annual Dinner and be honored as a 2015 "New Englander of the Year." The dinner will be held on the evening of October 22, 2015, at the Seaport Hotel/World Trade Center, in Boston.

Each fall, some 1,500 New England Council members and guests—representing our region's most wellrespected businesses, academic and health institutions, and public and private organizations—gather in Boston for the New England Council Annual Dinner. The dinner has become one of the region's most anticipated business events.

The highlight of each year's event is the presentation of the prestigious "New Englander of the Year" awards. First presented over 40 years ago, the award honors residents and natives of the New England states for their commitment and contributions in their fields of work. Over the years, the Council has honored leaders from both the public and private sectors, including U.S. Senators and Representatives, Governors, cabinet secretaries, college presidents, non-profit executives, and CEOs of some of the region's most respected and successful businesses. In recent years, we have honored U.S. Ambassador Caroline Kennedy; Pulitzer Prize winners Doris Kearns Goodwin and David McCullough; U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen, Kelly Ayotte, and Susan Collins; ABC News Anchor George Stephanopoulos; and former White House Chief of Staff Andy Card, to name a few.

We would be delighted to honor you this year in recognition of your remarkable career as one of our region's most respected television news anchors, as well as your tireless work to help children find adoptive families through Wednesday's Child. You are an inspiration and a role model for generations of New Englanders to follow, and I know that our members would love to celebrate your accomplishments at the Annual Dinner.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information. I can be reached at (617) 723-4009 or <u>ibrett@newenglandcouncil.com</u>. We hope that you will accept our invitation and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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