

Laura Kurzrok



Laura Kurzrok is the Executive Director of the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation. During her tenure, Eastern has given an average of 10% of its net income every year to charity – seven times the national average – a number totaling more than \$120 million since 1999. Eastern is regularly recognized for its philanthropy and social advocacy, and most recently was named by the Boston Business Journal as the fifth most charitable company in Massachusetts as well as the most charitable financial services company in Massachusetts.

A Boston native, Laura graduated from Vassar College, and then spent 12 years as a women’s sportswear buyer for large retailers including Macy’s, Filene’s, and Talbots. In 2001, Laura joined Eastern Bank as the Executive Director of the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation. This position has allowed Laura to combine her business skills and experience with her passion for giving back to the community and helping advance the Bank’s commitment to social justice. Founded in 1818, Boston-based Eastern Bank is America’s oldest and largest mutual bank and serves communities in eastern Massachusetts, southern and coastal New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. Since its inception, Eastern has been about giving back. It recognizes that a community bank like itself can only thrive when the customers, colleagues and communities it supports thrive as well, and the Foundation under Laura’s leadership has been a key extension of this mission.

Living and working on the North Shore of Boston has given Laura another opportunity to understand and be involved in its not-for-profit community in addition to her role at Eastern. She has held volunteer positions with the Marblehead Public Schools, Temple Emanu-el, Marblehead, and Girls Inc. of Lynn, and has served as a mentor to incredible North Shore youth. Laura has received recognition from numerous organizations including Jewish Family & Children’s Services of the North Shore, the Salem Evening News Top 100, Silver Lining Mentorship, YWCA of Northeastern MA, and Whittier Street Health Center. She has also served as an advisor to the Essex County Community Foundation and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation. Laura and her husband Steven are the proud parents of two grown children.