

DAVID HATCH



David Hatch became an advocate and steadfast volunteer for those living with multiple sclerosis (MS) more than 50 years ago. Since his own diagnosis in 1965, David has been involved in elevating awareness and support of the MS community through a myriad of organizations and programs. His goal has always been to help those living with MS thrive and enjoy their quality of life. Specifically, here at the Boston Home, David has been involved with improving the means by which those with MS experience and adapt to the world around them, especially through technology and communication within and outside of this facility.

During his 30-year career as an engineer and senior manager at GTE, and throughout the past five decades, David has consistently found ways to combine his education, knowledge and skills from his professional life with his keen community and team-building talents. This has resulted in several advancements for people everywhere living with MS, and their loved ones.

- In the 1980's, David worked closely with a team of medical professionals to establish The MS Clinic at MetroWest Medical Center in Framingham, MA, where he also served on the board of The Friends of the MetroWest MS Clinic.
- David has been an active volunteer with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Greater New England Chapter; and was also instrumental as an early leader of ATOMS (Association to Obliterate Multiple Sclerosis).
- Prior to becoming a resident, David volunteered at The Boston Home to help bring new adaptive technologies to benefit residents, including much of the design and innovation here at The Boston Home Cyber Café.
- As a resident of The Boston Home, David has been a valuable mentor to MIT students, sharing his expertise, skills and ideas in support of their research.
- David has been an active member of the Resident Council and an ardent supporter of all of those involved with The Boston Home – staff, leaders, volunteers and his fellow residents.

David is honored and humbled to be recognized for his contributions to The Boston Home through the dedication of the Cyber Café' in his name. The mural represents the song 'Moon River,' which was played at David and Norma Hatch's wedding in 1963, and chosen by David in honor of his 56-year marriage.