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**The Boston Club Recognizes Alkermes plc and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts with First President's Award**

*Two organizations with presence in the greater Boston area honored for their commitment to gender diversity in the workplace*

BOSTON, May 5... Alkermes plc and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts are the recipients of The Boston Club's first President's Award, recognizing organizations that are leaders in supporting the advancement of women in the C-suite and boardroom, but whose corporate structure does not meet the specific research methodology used by the Club in its annual census of public companies. Anne Giovanoni, Vice President, Corporate Counsel at Alkermes, and Dorothy Puhly, Chair of the Board of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, will accept the awards today at The Boston Club's Community Salute, an annual event that recognizes the leadership and collective volunteer contributions of women to nonprofit and public organizations.

In presenting the Award, Rita B. Allen, past president of The Boston Club said, "Our mission of advancing women leaders is only possible because of our partnership with leaders in the business and nonprofit communities. The support of these partners is extremely valuable to us and very much appreciated. The Boston Club identifies, recognizes, and showcases organizations that are leaders in our census reports, but we realize there are organizations that do not meet the research methodology yet have consistently demonstrated leadership in advancing women in their organizations.

"I am extremely excited to announce a new initiative to recognize such organizations. We are presenting The Boston Club President's Award to two organizations that have shown continued leadership in advancing women leaders within their own organizations, consistent with the mission of The Boston Club.

"Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and Alkermes are committed to creating inclusive and diverse organizations, as seen by the increasing number of women leaders on their boards and executive management teams, as well as within all levels of their workforces. They are leaders in

the advancement of women and are continued supporters of The Boston Club. Most importantly, they exemplify that commitment in their practices.”

### **About The Boston Club**

The Boston Club ([www.thebostonclub.com](http://www.thebostonclub.com)) is an influential community advancing women leaders, offering connection, access, and professional development. Among the Club’s key initiatives are increasing the participation of women on corporate and nonprofit boards; providing topical, provocative programs; and conducting research on issues affecting women in business. Founded in 1976, The Boston Club is New England’s largest organization of senior executive and professional women.

### **About Alkermes**

Alkermes plc is a fully-integrated, global biopharmaceutical company developing innovative medicines in the fields of neuroscience and oncology. The company has a portfolio of proprietary commercial products focused on addiction and schizophrenia, and a pipeline of product candidates in development for schizophrenia, bipolar I disorder, neurodegenerative disorders, and cancer. Headquartered in Dublin, Ireland, Alkermes plc has an R&D center in Waltham, Massachusetts; a research and manufacturing facility in Athlone, Ireland; and a manufacturing facility in Wilmington, Ohio. For more information, please visit Alkermes’ website at [www.alkermes.com](http://www.alkermes.com).

### **About Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts**

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts ([www.bluecrossma.org](http://www.bluecrossma.org)) is a community-focused, tax-paying, not-for-profit health plan headquartered in Boston. We are committed to the relentless pursuit of quality, affordable health care *with* an unparalleled consumer experience. Consistent with our promise to always put our members first, we are rated among the nation’s best health plans for member satisfaction and quality. Connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), and [LinkedIn](#). [BlueLinks for Employers](#)

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