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Sue Marsh

Since graduating from Bowdoin College, Sue Marsh has been a steadfast and tireless advocate for the needs of the homeless and near-homeless in the greater Boston area. As the executive director of Rosie's Place, a Boston-based service agency for homeless and poor women, she oversees programs that offer overnight and permanent housing, a food pantry and hot-meal program, support services, educational assistance, and job training. Each month, Rosie's Place serves more than 1,200 homeless and nearly homeless women. Sue has been an advocate in reforming the food stamp program in Massachusetts, removing administrative barriers and simplifying the application process. From 1986 to 1988, she worked at the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless as housing policy coordinator and for ten years as its executive director. Sue joined Rosie's Place in 1998.

She serves as a member of the Boston Mayor’s Homeless Planning Committee and the Access to Justice Commission of the Supreme Judicial Court. Her past board service includes directorships of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless and the Greater Boston Food Bank. She has been named Public Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers, an Outstanding Advocate by the Massachusetts Human Services Committee, and an Unsung Heroine by Rosie’s Place. She was awarded the Common Good medal by Bowdoin College in 2004.