



## Resident becomes chief operating officer of FUEL

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WESTON — Gene A. Miller of Weston has become the chief operating officer of FUEL (Families United in Educational Leadership), a nonprofit organization that offers to match the savings made by low-income families for their children's education.

FUEL is the result of the vision of Robert Hildreth, a banker and social entrepreneur, who is the organization's founder and executive director.

FUEL is currently running successfully in Lynn, Mass., and is in the process of launching citywide in Chelsea through the Chelsea Education Foundation; in Chinatown through Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center; and in Boston through Trinity Education for Excellence Program and Hyde Square Task Force. The program is set to launch at other Boston sites later this year.

Miller comes to FUEL with an extensive senior level and board of director level management experience in finance, commercial real estate and the not-for-profit sector. She was an executive vice president of Sterling Bank and spent seven years as a managing director for regional investment banking firms.

Miller has served on a number of boards, including Grove Bank and the First Trade Union Bank. She has also been a decade-long trustee at Newton-Wellesley Hospital where she currently serves on the President's Council and is an Overseer for Life.

Miller has participated on the boards of the Greater Boston YMCA, The Charlesbank Homes Foundation, HEARTH, and The Center House.

"From the beginning of Gene's involvement with our organization, she brought forth excellent ideas and strategies to support our vision for FUEL," said Hildreth. "I had seen her before in this capacity as she founded a groundbreaking public-private partnership in Weston to renovate their athletic fields. Her passion to help kids was irresistible. I'm excited she has joined us full-time as our COO. I just hope we can keep up with her."

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