



## **UPCOMING OPERATION A.B.L.E. STARFISH THROWER AWARD TO HONOR JIM BRETT, CEO OF THE NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL**

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[Operation A.B.L.E.](#), a long established Boston based non-profit organization dedicated to assisting job seekers 45 and older, has announced that Jim Brett, President and Chief Executive Officer of The New England Council, will receive its 13th annual [Starfish Thrower Award](#). The award will take place on Monday, May 9, 2016, during the Operation A.B.L.E. annual Starfish Gala celebrating a Massachusetts leader who has provided significant service to the community. Brett has long been a leading voice in advocating for public policy issues such as health care, education, financial services and energy throughout New England, and beyond.

Joan Cirillo, President and CEO of Operation A.B.L.E. noted, "as with the past Operation A.B.L.E. Starfish Thrower honorees, Jim has made a real difference in the lives of many Massachusetts residents. We are very proud to be able to recognize his extraordinary contributions."

For 34 years, Operation A.B.L.E. (Ability Based on Long Experience), working closely with employers, has provided training and employment opportunities for more than 34,000 job seekers 45 and older. Cirillo points out, "Operation A.B.L.E. is the only organization in Massachusetts whose sole mission is to get mature workers back to work."

[This year's Starfish festivities](#) will take place at the Seaport Hotel in Boston, and in addition to the award to Brett, will feature two recent individuals that Operation A.B.L.E. helped to transition back into the workforce. There will also be a live auction conducted by WBZ radio host Jordan Rich, which will include seats at Red Sox and Celtics games, and tickets to Josh Grobin, James Taylor, and KISS concerts.

Funds raised will go to expand the programs and resources of Operation A.B.L.E.

Registration details for the Gala are available on the Operation A.B.L.E. website, [www.operationable.net](http://www.operationable.net).