



Joan and Ted Benard Cutler in their Boston home.

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## Time and money

Fund-raising titans Ted and Joan Benard Cutler not only give money. They also work extensively soliciting others and organizing and hosting galas that have brought in tens of millions. Here's a partial list of their many charitable endeavors.

### Combined Jewish Philanthropies

■ Ted is immediate past chairman. The Cutlers have led or been instrumental in raising at least \$125 million since 1997, and are major donors themselves.

### Commonwealth Avenue mall

■ Ted originated the idea of illuminating its trees for the holiday season, in tandem with Mayor Menino about five years ago. The Cutlers have contributed “tens of thousands” not only for several months of lighting, but for sprinklers and other permanent improvements.

### Education and arts Emerson College

■ Rehabilitation of Emerson Majestic Theatre: \$2 million gift

■ Led fund-raising to build new studios for WERS-FM, contributed \$600,000

### Hebrew College

■ Cochaired effort to build Hebrew College building on Andover Exeter Academy campus in Newton. Fund-raising for the first phase was “\$30-odd million,” Ted Cutler said.

**Also:** Brandeis University, Wang Center for the Performing Arts, Boston Ballet

### Hospitals and health care Crohn's and Colitis Foundation

■ The Cutlers helped found the New England chapter 30 years ago, and have cochaired its annual fund-raising ball every year since. Ted is MC; Joan organizes it. The balls and other efforts have raised more than \$20 million over 30 years.

**Grow Clinic at Boston Medical Center,** which helps severely malnourished children and their families, providing intervention and clinical aid.

■ The Cutlers have cohosted a charity gala each of the past 10 years, raising about

\$5 million altogether. The clinic gets most of its philanthropic support each year from the event.

### Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital

■ Ted is a member of the governor's board. The Cutlers have been active both as contributors and as fund-raisers.

**Also:** Support for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and The Wellness Community, whose local chapter in Newton provides cancer patients and their families with support and information after diagnosis.

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