

# 2000s

## Family Supports

People with Cognitive Disabilities Speak for Themselves

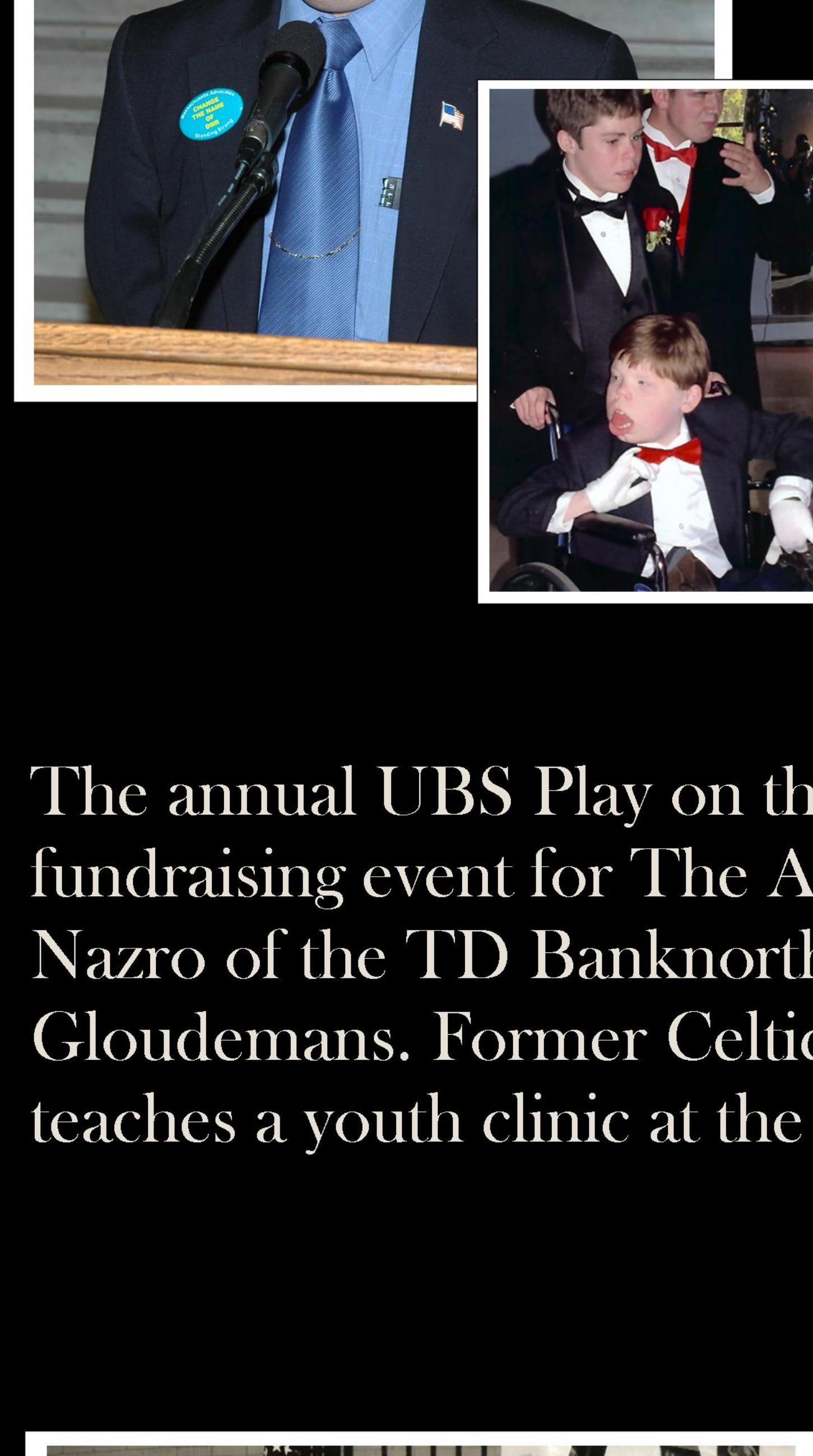
*James was three when he was admitted to a pediatric facility. We could no longer take care of him. When he was six, we were asked if we could take him home if we were given adequate supports. We jumped at the chance.*

—Mary Ellen Mayo



The decade opens with a huge victory for families with the settlement of the Arc-sponsored Boulet lawsuit which provides for services for 2444 people on the DMR Waiting List.

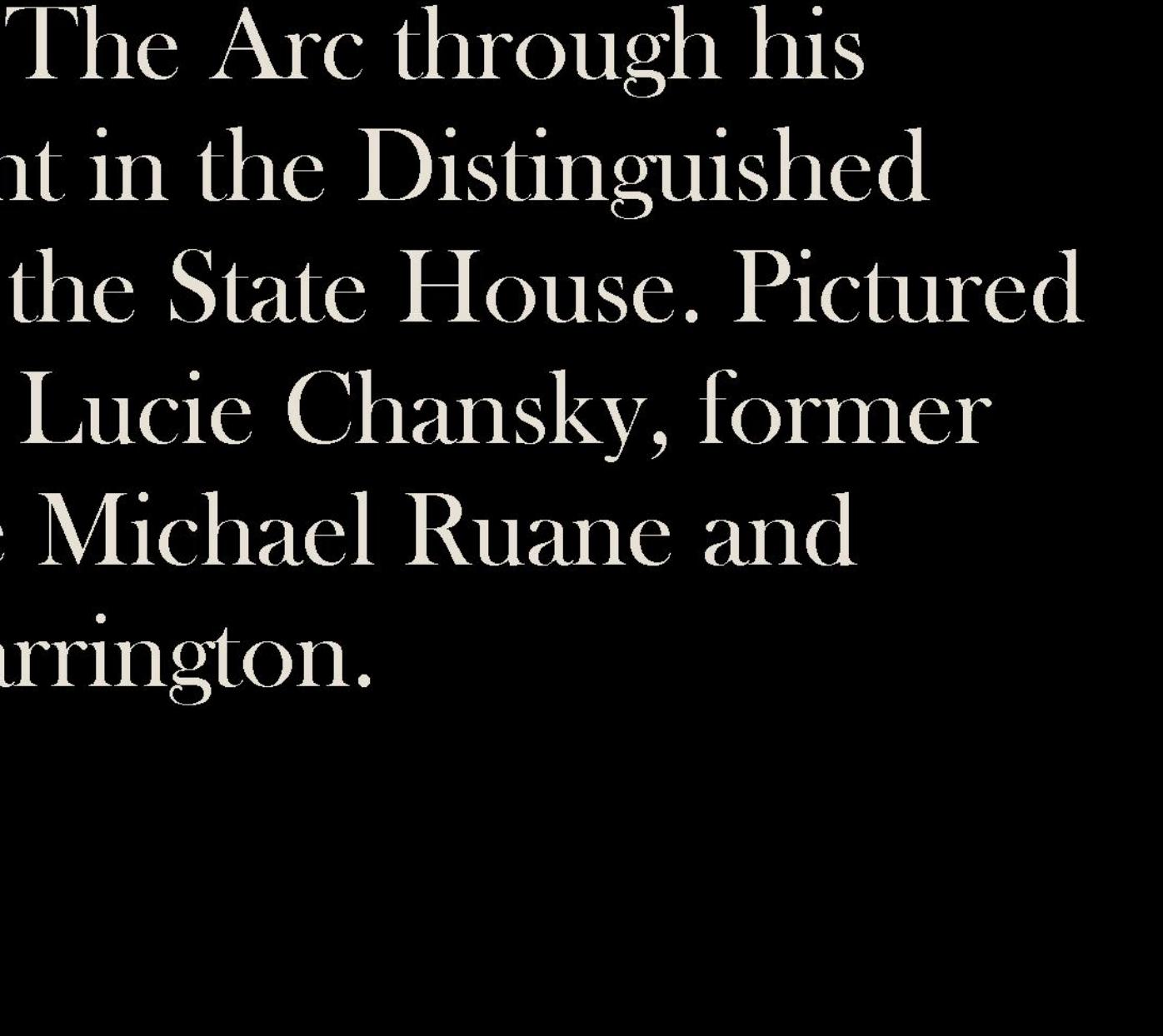
A rally at the State House to address cuts in the 2001 budget is so well-attended that Beacon Street is blocked and traffic stopped.



John Anton reflects the growing leadership role

of self advocates, shown here speaking at the State House. James Mayo heads to his high school prom, reflecting the increased integration of students with disabilities.

The annual UBS Play on the Parquet is a major fundraising event for The Arc, thanks to Steve Nazro of the TD Banknorth Garden and Phil Gloudemans. Former Celtics Great, Jo Jo White teaches a youth clinic at the 2004 event.



Joe Shortsleeve of CBS4, contributes to the public awareness of The Arc through his personal involvement in the Distinguished Citizens program at the State House. Pictured with him are activist Lucie Chansky, former State Representative Michael Ruane and honoree George Harrington.

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