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Glenn Close hits Jamaica Plain to support the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Massachusetts - Names

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Judge Margot Botsford (left) and Glenn Close arriving in Jamaica Plain for a National Alliance on [Mental Illness](#) of Massachusetts fund-raiser.

Actress **Glenn Close**, who has campaigned to eliminate the stigma surrounding mental illness, was the special guest at a Sunday afternoon fund-raiser for the [National Alliance on Mental Illness of Massachusetts](#). The party took place at casual Canary Square in Jamaica Plain. Close walked over to the event with Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Justice **Margot Botsford**, whom the six-time Oscar-nominee introduced as her high school roommate. Close, who lives in Maine, said she enjoys using her celebrity to advocate for mental health organizations, including Bring Change 2 Mind, which she cofounded after dealing with mental illness in her own family. Close's sister has [bipolar disorder](#) and her nephew lives with schizoaffective disorder. "They, to me, are heroes, because they are willing to out themselves," she told us. Close said the advocacy work is just a part-time gig because she's still acting. According to the Internet Movie Database, she's set to star in "The Grace That Keeps This World" with **Brit Marling**. Asked about life in Scarborough, Close said she is hearing that **Roger Goodell**, the NFL commissioner, will soon be one of her neighbors. "I haven't met him but I heard he plans to come up to our neck of the woods," she said.