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**Watch out for Champion Elevator as they soar above their competition and build their New England operation and culture!**

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Don Gelestino

Champion Elevator's New England expansion has been a roaring success for property owners and managers, providing them with an outstanding alternative to OEM companies. With the warehouses and operations centers in Shelton, Connecticut and Nyack, New York, Champion offers rapid services to clients at unbeatable prices.

With over 35 years of experience in the elevator industry, Champion Elevator president and CEO Donald Gelestino believes in real-time transparent communication with customers, providing the right maintenance to all elevators serviced under the Champion brand. Gelestino proudly said, "Our New England operation Process and Procedures is being implemented by the very best in the business. Robert Masterson is our team leader, currently committed to the branch kick-off and has placed client care at the top of its priorities. Furthermore, Joseph Gati, who runs the Hudson Valley and Westchester corridor, is fully invested and looking to lead the team in that region for years to come. We are truly blessed to have these amazing professionals as part of our team!"

Champion Elevator is no stranger to accolades, having won the 2020 Elevator World Ellies Award for "Best Family-Owned Company" in the United States and, in 2022, the Best Contractor East Coast. Moreover, Gelestino was awarded the "William C. Sturgeon" award in 2021, presented by The National Association of Elevator Contractors, which is the most prestigious award in the elevator industry nationally!

2020 Ellie Awards - (L to R) Joe Corrado, Don Gelestino, Robert Masterson

No elevator is too big or small for Champion, as they service private residential elevators and go as high as 50+ stories to class A buildings. According to Robert Monforte, president of maintenance operations at Champion, the company just completed a \$44 million/180-elevator modernization project at Co-Op City located in Bronx, NY, which was completed under budget and over four months early.

Champion has some of the industry's best troubleshooters and a safety plan that is spearheaded by safety industry leaders, such as Louis DeLoreto, Ed Bulakites, and Champion's in-house safety director, Gary Holtzman. Donna Scibetta runs the testing and violations department and has been working with Gelestino since 1990. Gelestino said, "Champion has a testing and inspection department second to none."

Founded by Gelestino in September 2015, Champion Elevator, Corp. is a privately-owned company that currently services 6,491 elevators monthly in CT, NY, NJ, and PA, with a team of 311 employees ready to service, modernize, repair, test, and install elevators.

Champion Elevator invites anyone who would like to tour any of their facilities to reach out to [info@champion-elevator.com](mailto:info@champion-elevator.com). If you are a property manager or owner and would like a lunch and

learn experience, which includes new elevator codes and products, Champion is happy to come to you!

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