

Boston College Neighborhood Center

BOSTON COLLEGE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER STAFF

- **Director:**
Maria DiChiappari
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Chris Montecillo, GLSOE '12
- **Read Boston Program Coordinator:**
Grace Little, A&S '10
- **Strong Women, Strong Girls, BC Chapter Co-Directors:**
Christa Campanella, A&S '10
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- **Tutoring Program Co-Coordinator & Office Assistant:**
Lauren Ziskie, WCAS '10

Allston Brighton/
Boston College
Community Fund

GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR:

- **\$3,000 PROJECT GRANT**
- **\$25,000 BEAUTIFICATION GRANT**

ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE:
WWW.BC.EDU/NEIGHBOHOOD

**BOTH ARE DUE:
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
BY 5:00PM AT THE BOSTON
COLLEGE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER**



BCNC PROGRAM UPDATES!

During the months of **September and October**, the Boston College Neighborhood Center has been a hub of activity! We've been busy at our storefront office in Brighton Center starting up our service programs for the fall semester. Here's a glimpse of what we've been up to: *(Please visit our website at www.bc.edu/neighborhood to read more in detail about the programs)*

Our **Tutor Coordinators, Catherine Sullivan and Lauren Ziskie** have already coordinated over **sixty children** with Boston College students for one on one tutoring once per week on the Boston College campus and its only November!

Our **ESOL Coordinator, Chris Montecillo** has organized **five English classes** at the **Center** for adults, and an **additional eight classes in the neighborhood** at the following locations: *Covenant House, Commonwealth Housing Development, Joseph Smith Community Health Center and for parents at the Winship School.*

Chris has also **expanded our ESOL program to include children**. We have Boston College students working with elementary age children who are English Language Learners at *St. Columbkille Partnership School* and with English Language Learner high school students at *Trinity Catholic*. Additionally, we have over **ten individual adult English Language Learners working one-on-one with a Boston College ESOL tutor**. Overall we have about **fifty Boston College students** volunteering through our ESOL program!

Our **Read Boston Coordinator, Grace Little**, recruits BC students who have Federal Work Study eligibility to work with children at **four local schools**, *Jackson Mann K-8 School, Edison K-8 School, Winship School and St. Columbkille Partnership School*. Through this program Boston College students are able to help children in the classroom setting. We currently have **fifty BC students** working through the Read Boston program.

This year we have **three co-directors** for the BC Chapter of the **Strong Women, Strong Girls Program, Christa Campanella, Simone Dennis and Alexis D'Angelo**. In partnership with the national program, Strong Women, Strong Girls, the BC SWSG chapter has **seven groups of the curriculum based after-school program** at the *Edison, Gardner, St. Columbkille Partnership & Winship Schools and the Jackson Mann Community Center and the West End Boys & Girls Club*. **Twenty Boston College undergraduate women mentor sixty third, fourth and fifth grade girls** on topics of communication, stress management, healthy competition, cultural sensitivity, goal setting and determination & perseverance. The only complaints we've heard are from many elementary aged boys wondering why there isn't a Strong Men, Strong Boys program for them!

We are very fortunate to have our wonderful volunteers! We couldn't do what we do without you!

Service Days

Each semester, **hundreds of BC students** volunteer in the Allston Brighton community. On Saturday, October 24th students could be seen at the *Oak Square YMCA, Covenant House and the Honan Allston Library*. On Friday, October

30th volunteers were tending to *trick or treaters in Brighton Center, at the West End Boys & Girls Club and the Oak Square YMCA*. On Saturday, November 7th volunteers will be at the following organizations: *St. Columbkille Partnership School,*

Brighton Main Streets, Commonwealth Housing Development, Faneuil Gardens Housing Development, Charlesview Apartments and the Oak Square YMCA.





BCNC CALENDAR

November

Saturday, 11/7: Service Day in Allston & Brighton

Wednesday, 11/11: BC Athletes visit Children's Hospital

Friday, 11/13: AB/BC Community Applications Due by 5pm

Monday, 11/16: BC Athletes visit Franciscan Children's Hospital

Tuesday, 11/17: Food for Families at Commonwealth Housing Development

Sunday, 11/22: The BC Strong Women, Strong Girls Chapter Fieldtrip will include 3rd, 4th & 5th grade girls coming to the BC campus to participate in "Strong Competitor Day"

December

Thursday, 12/3: BC Athletes visit Franciscan Hospital

Thursday, 12/10: 5th Annual Fair Trade Holiday Sale at Boston College

Thursday, 12/10: H.E.A.R Program at Edison K-8 School

Thursday, 12/15: Food for Families at Commonwealth Housing Development



**BOSTON COLLEGE ATHLETES
IN THE ALLSTON & BRIGHTON COMMUNITIES**

Each semester Boston College student athletes show their community spirit by participating in several programs through the BC Neighborhood Center. Through the **Help Educate through Athletic Responsibility (H.E.A.R.) Mentoring Program**, athletes visit a different elementary school each month. On September 23rd, the athletes met with students at *St. Columbkille's Partnership School*, and on October 8th, the students at the *Edison K-8 School* interacted with the athletes. *Mt. Alvernia Elementary School* wel-

comed the athletes on October 27th and the *Horace Mann School for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing* welcomed the athletes on November 2nd. The rest of the Allston Brighton public schools will participate during the spring semester.

This is the second year that the H.E.A.R Program has included the *Russell and Winthrop Schools* in Dorchester in the H.E.A.R program. The Russell and Winthrop Schools are Boston College's partnering schools through the **Step UP Urban Outreach Initiative**. On **October 29**, members of the **BC Women's Basketball**

Team visited the Russell School and were greeted by a very enthusiastic school community! The *Winthrop School* visit will occur during the spring semester. Get ready Winthrop School!

Also on a monthly basis student athletes help bag and deliver food for hundreds of residents at *Commonwealth Housing Development* through our **Food for Families Program**. Additionally, the athletes visit children at the *Franiscan Children's Hospital*.

One of the Boston College Neighborhood Center's Justice & Sustainability Initiatives is the Annual Fair Trade Holiday Sale. We are also bringing speakers to BC in November & December to discuss Fair Trade. Our website will be updated soon with more info!

*Fifth Annual Fair Trade Holiday Sale
at Boston College
Thursday, December 10th, 9:00 am—5:30 pm*

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BC Volunteer & Service Learning Center &
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The **Fair Trade Holiday Sale** is a collaborative effort among concerned administrators and faculty at *Boston College* who seek to spread awareness of and access to fairly traded goods and crafts on our campus. *Maria DiChiappari, Director of the Boston College Neighborhood Center and Kate Daly, Assistant Director of the Boston College Volunteer & Service Learning Center* created this event in 2005 with only one vendor. **Five years later**, the event hosts **18 vendors who sell fairly-traded coffee, chocolate, jewelry, textiles and many other goods from all around the world.** The Holiday Sale is promoted campus-wide as an alternative to commercial holiday shopping. All profits benefit two school scholarship funds for children in Nicaragua and El Salvador. We hope to see you at the Fair Trade Holiday Sale!

Other Justice & Sustainability Initiatives the Boston College Neighborhood Center is involved in include the CLEANSWEEP Initiative which will be held in May 2010! Stay tuned for further updates!