

# BOSTON COLLEGE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER NEWSLETTER



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## Allston-Brighton Community Fund Grant

The **Fall 2007** cycle for the **\$3,000** grant is available online at [www.bc.edu/neighborhood](http://www.bc.edu/neighborhood). You can also pick one up at the Neighborhood Center.

The due date will be **Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**. Ten copies of the grant must be dropped off no later than 5:00pm. Organizations are eligible to one award per year.



## Allston Brighton /Boston College Community Fund Workshops

Beginning during the spring 2007 cycle, the Boston College Neighborhood Center and the Allston Brighton Resource Center collaborated to sponsor workshops for applicants seeking assistance with the application process and/or had questions. They were such a success that in late October, the BC Neighborhood Center and the Allston Brighton Resource Center partnered again to provide two more workshops. Nancy Grilk and Bill Mills, both members of the Allston Brighton Boston College Community Fund Committee, graciously gave of their time to facilitate the workshops. A dozen organizations participated.

## Boston College Football Schedule

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| Saturday, November 3<br>8:00 pm  | Boston College v.<br>Florida State |
| Saturday, November 10<br>8:00 pm | Boston College at<br>Maryland      |
| Saturday, November 17<br>TBA     | Boston College at<br>Clemson       |
| Saturday, November 24<br>TBA     | Boston College v.<br>Miami         |

## Free English Classes at the Center

This fall the Neighborhood Center is sponsoring a **record number** of free conversational English classes in the Allston Brighton community. **Thirty Boston College students** are volunteering their time to work with English language learners teaching them English. The Center is hosting **nine** classes with additional classes being held at the **Covenant House, the Joseph M. Smith Community Health Center and St. Columbkille's School**.

## BC Neighborhood Center Tutoring Program

Another record breaker...our Tutoring Program! Currently, over **80 children in the Allston Brighton community are being tutored by Boston College volunteers**. Last fall, 47 children were being tutored and it wasn't until May that we totaled 100! The tutoring takes place on the Boston College campus and is free. If you are interested in having your child tutored by BC students, please fill out a service request form on our website or call Catherine at 617-552-0445.



## After-school Tutoring Program

This fall we have 15 Boston College students volunteering at the **Jackson Mann Elementary School, St. Columbkille's School, Garfield School and the Hamilton School** working with children in the After-school programs.



### **Service Days – Fall 2007**

**Have you seen them?** During October, **hundreds of Boston College students** including groups from BC's **Graduate School of Social Work** and the **Appalachia Volunteers**, have converged on the Allston and Brighton communities engaging in **SERVICE!!** Some of the sites where you will might have seen them or read about them in the Allston Brighton TAB include: **the Oak Square YMCA Annual Road Race, the Irish Festival at the Knights of Columbus, the Brighton Main Streets Halloween Trick or Treat Event as well as on Washington Street helping to clean up Brighton Center, at Ringer Park, at the Veronica Smith Multi-service Senior Center, at Covenant House, at all three local libraries, and the Commonweal and Faneuil Gardens Housing Developments.**

**Many thanks to all our fabulous volunteers!!**



### **Boston College Scholarship**

Boston College has an Allston Brighton Scholarship program that provides academically talented students from Allston or Brighton tuition support to attend BC. Permanent residents of Allston or Brighton who apply and are accepted for freshman admission are eligible. Admitted students with institutionally determined need greater than \$10,000 will be considered. Eligible applicants are automatically considered based upon completion date. No special application form is required. The scholarship is a full tuition award for four years and renews automatically. There are 10 scholarships per year.

### **EAGLE of the YEAR 2006 back in town!**

**Josh Beekman '06, a pro-football player for the Chicago Bears, while back in Boston for the BC v. Florida State game this past weekend, volunteered to speak with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at St. Columbkille's School and visit with the children Boston College's Campus School.** While at Boston College, Josh was an avid volunteer for several of our **Athletes in Service** Programs, such as the H.E.A.R. Program, the Food for Families Program, Franciscan Hospital for Children and Children's Hospital visitation program. When he knew he was coming back for the football game this past weekend, Josh contacted **Moe Maloney** and asked if he could volunteer the Friday before the game! Thanks, Josh! We appreciate your continued service to BC and the Allston Brighton community!



### **\*Strong Women, Strong Girls Program at BC\***



The Boston College Neighborhood Center has started a Boston College chapter of the national Strong Women, Strong Girls program

Strong Women, Strong Girls is a national organization that has as its mission "creating communities of strong and successful women today and supporting the strong and successful women of tomorrow."

Through an innovative after school model that uses the study of contemporary and historic female role models, **college undergraduate women create mentoring relationships with at-risk girls in grades 3-5 to build positive self-esteem and skills for life-long success.**

The Boston College chapter furthers the Neighborhood Center's mission in the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods by engaging Boston College undergraduate students in a new and creative way with its surrounding community. **Nine young women from Boston College serve as mentors for third, fourth and fifth graders at the Garfield, Hamilton and Winship Elementary Schools in Brighton.**



For information, please come visit our office at 425 Washington Street, Brighton Center. Our Hours are: Monday-Friday 12noon-5:00pm. Or contact us at 617-552-0445 or visit our Web site: [www.bc.edu/neighborhood](http://www.bc.edu/neighborhood), or e-mail us at [bcnc@bc.edu](mailto:bcnc@bc.edu)

We have created this newsletter as a means to keep our community updated on the Neighborhood Center's efforts in the Allston Brighton community. Please call us with any questions or comments.

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