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Boston College distributes \$36,151 in grants!

Congratulations to the Fall 2007 cycle winners of the **Allston Brighton/Boston College Community Fund**. For this cycle, the committee awarded **\$36,561 in \$3,000 grants** to the following organizations:

Allston Board of Trade, Inc, Allston-Brighton Family Network, Another Course to College (ACC) Parent Council, Boston Ministrel Company, Boston Police Department's Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Program DEAF, Inc, Brighton Allston Improvement Association (BAIA), The Horace Mann School for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Jackson Mann Community Center/Faneuil Teen Center Site, Pregnancy Help-Boston, Outreach Ministry of the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston, ReadBoston, The 57 Readers and Writers, The Literacy Connection, The Union Hill Project, Inc, The Vocational Advancement Center (VAC)

The festive awards ceremony was held at the **Greenhouse Café at Minihane's Florist** on Tuesday, December 10th. **William P. Leahy, S.J., President of Boston College and The Honorable Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of the City of Boston** presided. Tim McHale and members of the Boston Ministrel Company provided holiday music accompaniment! **For more information about the Allston Brighton/Boston College Community Fund, please visit our website at www.bc.edu/neighborhood.**

All of us at the Boston College Neighborhood Center wish you a wonderful and safe holiday season and a happy and healthy new year!



University President William P. Leahy, SJ, and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino congratulate (right) Vocational Advancement Center Executive Director Amy Bell and Mary Girard, coordinator of client counseling for Pregnancy Help-Boston — an outreach ministry of the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston — who were two of the recipients of this fall's Allston Brighton/Boston College Community Fund grants. (Photo by Joan Seidel)

ReadBoston Program Expansion!

The Boston College Neighborhood Center's **Read Boston Program** is expanding to a third site! In **January 2008, Boston College students who have federal work-study eligibility will work with children at the Jackson Mann Elementary School during the school day.** The **ReadBoston Program**, a local chapter of the national America Reads Program, is a children's literacy campaign whose mission is to promote literacy among Boston's elementary age students. The program has been a **fantastic success** at our two current sites, the **Hamilton and Winship Elementary Schools** and we look forward to a **vibrant partnership** with the **Jackson Mann Elementary School!**

Programs will resume in late January!

Our student volunteers are finishing their exams and will be heading home for the holidays. As such, **our programs have ended for the fall semester and will resume again in late January.** We look forward to working with you in 2008!

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