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Fall is approaching quickly...

And the Boston College Neighborhood Center is gearing up for its fall programs. We offer free tutoring for children living or attending school in the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods as well as free English classes for adult immigrants living and/or working in the neighborhood. To register for a tutor or a class or for more information, please contact us at 617-552-0445.

Volunteers hitting the streets

On Monday, September 12 the first of the volunteers of the 2005 academic year will hit the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods. Incoming graduate students from the School of Social Work at Boston College are joining together to start off their grad school experience through service. Keep your eyes out for those volunteers.

If you are an agency or organization in need of some extra hands to get that special project completed this fall...let us know, we can send enthusiastic volunteers over to help you get it done in no time. Feel free to check out our website for more details about our programs at www.bc.edu/neighborhood or give us a call at 617-552-0445.

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, or e-mail us at: bcnc@bc.edu

Upcoming Fall 2005 Community Events

Saturday, September 10 12:30pm	Boston College Football @ Alumni Stadium (Army)
Monday, September 12 5:30pm	LINCS Cultural Conference @ Honan Allston Library
Saturday, September 17 3:30 or 7:45pm	Boston College Football @ Alumni Stadium (Florida State)
Tuesday, September 20 10am-12noon	Free Health Screenings – Health Van @ the Neighborhood Center
Saturday, September 24 9:00am	Allston-Brighton Walk for Recovery @ Herter Park (Along the Charles River in Brighton, Soldier's Field Rd.)
Monday, September 26	Good Neighbor Day at Sawin Florist

Free Health Screenings!

Starting this past May, free health screenings sponsored by the Joseph M. Smith Community Health Center and the Boston Public Health Commission are being offered in front of the Neighborhood Center in Brighton Center. The Health Van which is staffed by outreach workers and physicians, offer free glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure and body mass index screenings to the public. The van will be at 425 Washington Street on the following Tuesdays this fall:

Tuesday, September 20 10:00am-12:00noon

Tuesday, November 15 10:00am-12:00noon

In October and December the van will be located at the Oak Square YMCA, please call the Y for details.

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.

Summer Update

Usually when summertime arrives, our volunteers leave Boston and we are always sad to see them go. This summer a dozen BC students staying in the area showed up to volunteer with the Neighborhood Center! As a result the Center was able to host two English classes onsite and arrange tutoring for local children. Thanks to all of you for sharing your time this summer! We hope to see you again this fall!

Are these the next Red Sox?

On Tuesday, August 23 at Rogers Park in Brighton, 143 local kids showed up for a baseball clinic sponsored by Bank of America. Moe Maloney, Assistant Director of the Neighborhood Center, was responsible for bringing the clinic to Brighton. As a bonus, Jim Rice, former teammate of the Boston Red Sox, showed up to talk to the kids.



Jim Rice speaking with kids at BOA baseball clinic

Allston-Brighton Walk for Recovery

On **Saturday, September 24, 2005**, the Addiction Treatment Center and the Allston/Brighton Drug Abuse Task Force is organizing the first annual **Allston-Brighton Walk for Recovery**. This event is made possible in part through a \$2,500 grant from the Allston-Brighton/Boston College Community Fund received in July.

The 5K Walk will start at Herter Park on Soldier's Field Rd in Brighton and will proceed along the Charles River. 9am is registration/ 10am the Walk begins. Events will include: DJ, free t-shirt giveaway, raffle drawing, face painting, and other surprises! This will be an opportunity to raise awareness about substance abuse, treatment and recovery programs in our neighborhood. All proceeds raised will go to local Allston /Brighton organizations working to help children say no to

drugs. Pets are welcome! Volunteers and walkers are needed! Please call 617-254-1271 x 104 for more information and/or to sign up!

Allston/Brighton-Boston College Community Fund

This past summer, another **\$50,000** was awarded to **13 neighborhood organizations** by Boston College in the spring 2005 cycle of the community fund. The winner of the \$25,000 grant awarded every other year was received by the Aberdeen & Reservoir Civic Association, Inc (ARCA) for their project entitled "Cleveland Circle Early Action Item (EAI) Gateway Element." The award ceremony was held on Wednesday, June 22 at 4:00pm at the Greenhouse Café at 425 Washington Street in Brighton Center. The Mayor of Boston, the Honorable Thomas M. Menino and the President of Boston College, William P. Leahy, SJ presented the awards to the recipients.

The next cycle of the community fund will be in October. Grants up to \$2,500 are distributed each fall and spring to community organizations involved in educational or beautification projects. The next cycle for the \$25,000 grant will be spring 2007. For more information and/or to be put on our mailing list, please contact our office.

Franciscan Children's Hospital

Each month over 25 BC student athletes spend an afternoon visiting children at the Franciscan Children's Hospital in Brighton. These BC students have been so moved by their experiences with the children that this past year they raised money to purchase a big screen TV and several DVD's for the hospital. This summer several members from the Boston College Basketball Eagles visited the children and posed for a photo.

