

YOUTHBUILD BOSTON UPDATE

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DNC Event

On July 28 YBB, the MA YouthBuild Coalition and YouthBuild USA hosted a reception for the political figures that have supported YouthBuild programs in the past. Coinciding with the Democratic National Convention, invitations were sent to supporters around the country. At the event YouthBuild students, staff, Board members and homeowners joined Cedric Kam of HUD, Representatives Tim Toomey, Liz Malia and James Eldridge. Students past and present, including YBB's Manny Mclean, told their very moving stories. Approximately seventy-five individuals were in attendance.



Left to Right: Board Pres. Ellen Prenelus, Exec. Dir. Ken Smith, Rep. Elizabeth Malia, Dev. Dir. Patricia Barnwell.

Cable Installation Program – Our newest job-training program is finishing up. There are two women and three men enrolled in the 10-week program. Our partner, Hinkels & McCoy, has trained these students as fully qualified cable installation technicians. The next phase is job placement.

Caritas Communities Partnership – We're moving forward with development of 26 studio apartments in the South End. The Groundbreaking Ceremony will happen in late Spring 2005.

Recruitment – We are recruiting for the Construction Program. We have screened 75 applicants and will begin Mental Toughness in October.

The Suffolk Juvenile Justice Center – In August Deputy Director Greg Mumford participated with JJC in a training initiative to work with MBTA officers to improve interactions with youth.

Community Service Days – We have scheduled projects to take place during Mental Toughness and for November 19, December 17 and January 21. Our primary service partner is Road to Responsibility

Summer Sports and Reading Program

This summer 50 campers had an educational and enjoyable time. Each of the campers was given three new books, about which they wrote book reports. Daily activities included Arts & Crafts and classwork in Science, Math, Computers, Language Arts & Social Studies. A healthy lunch was supplied every day followed by athletic activities such as golf, kickball and swimming. Field trips included the Museum of Science and Mugar Omni Theatre, Boston Bowl, Water Country.



Summer campers with new books given to them by YBB



PA students building the new playhouse for CSR's daycare

Project Advantage

The PA students have completed their workshops with Operation Hope. The workshops covered the financial rights and responsibilities involved with checking and savings accounts and credit cards. They also completed a series of workshops on drug abuse through the Boston Public Health Commission. PA's entrepreneurial activity is their property maintenance project at Orchard Gardens.

As a community service project, YBB students built two sandboxes and a playhouse at Children' Service of Roxbury.

Funding Update – YouthBuild Boston has been awarded contracts from AmeriCorps and the MA Dept. of Education to support our Construction Training and AfterSchool Program, and a contract from the City of Boston to support our career exploration and workforce development programs.

Thank you to our generous supporters for our Workforce Development Initiative and general operating expenses: Clippership, Columbia Management Charitable Fund, Fleet Boston Financial Foundation, Polaroid, State Street Foundation, Timberland, our Board of Directors and numerous individuals.

Community Conference Center – Boston Private Bank & Trust, City of Boston Partners For Non-Profit, Citizens Bank, Mellon Bank and Sovereign Bank, helped fund our Community Conference Center at 504 Dudley Street. (Grand Opening, late fall to be scheduled) late fall.

Board of Directors – Welcome to Scott Bates, Vice President of Tishman Construction N. E. and to Paulo Pinto and Peter Necheles for their contribution as they step down from the Board.



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