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Economic Impact & Community Benefits

Introduction

Located in Boston and Newton, Boston College enjoys a special relationship with its host communities, enriching the vibrancy of these cities through its academic and financial resources, cultural and recreational offerings, community partnerships and volunteer service programs. Boston College's contributions to both cities reflect its mission as an institution of higher learning and its Jesuit tradition of "being men and women in service to others."

As a leading research university with an annual budget of more than \$700 million, 14,500 students and 3,500 faculty and staff, the University's estimated regional economic impact is more than \$ 1.4 billion annually. The University's students, employees and more than 40,000 annual visitors are primary sources of purchasing power and generator of sales revenue to local businesses in both municipalities. With the submission of this IMPNF, Boston College proposes to spend \$700 million in construction projects and \$100 million in renovation projects over the next decade, creating both permanent and temporary jobs, and additional revenue and benefits for the cities of Boston and Newton and their residents.

As a good neighbor, Boston College is committed to making University resources available to residents of Allston-Brighton and Newton whether through the formal programs and partnerships described in this chapter, through the many campus activities and events open to local residents, or through the time, talents and energies of Boston College students, faculty and staff volunteers. Recent survey results indicate that Boston College students volunteer more than 375,000 hours of community service throughout the year, and that our employees volunteer on average 4.8 hours a week, exceeding both the national and state averages of 2.5 and 1.9 hours per week. .

This chapter provides an overview of Boston College’s economic impact and describes a number of the University’s community benefits programs offered in the following areas:

- Economic Impact and Financial Contributions
- Educational Partnerships and Scholarships
- Community Development Assistance
- Volunteer Service Programs
- Cultural Resources
- Athletic and Recreational Programs

Economic Impact and Financial Contributions



Employment

Boston College contributes to the economic stability of the region by creating jobs for 3,524 full-time and part-time faculty and staff. Table 9-1 shows employees, including graduate student employees, from the host communities of Boston and Newton.

Table 9-1
Employees living in Boston and Newton, Fall 2007¹

City	Employees
Allston-Brighton	703
Remainder of Boston	1,034
Newton	<u>811</u>
TOTAL	2,548

¹ Employee count includes graduate student employees.



Payroll Taxes

In FY 2007, Boston College made annual payroll tax payments of \$10,560,000 to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and \$31,960,000 to the Federal government.



Sponsored Research

In 2007, Boston College generated \$52 million in sponsored research programs and enhanced its commitment to resolve urgent societal problems through its academic research efforts. Some of these efforts, recognized both nationally and internationally, include advancements in treatments for brain cancer and epilepsy, applications for solar power and optical computing, and educational methods that promote children's math, science and reading literacy. Specialized academic institutes are engaged in research that explores the relationship between religion and society, aging and work, the balance between work and family, methods to ensure retirement security for lower-income Americans and methods to improve the delivery of medical and social services for the poor, disable and elderly in society.



Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)

Boston College makes Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) payments, also referred to as municipal services payments, to its host cities of Boston and Newton.

The University has participated in the City of Boston's PILOT program since 1994, contributing approximately \$2.6 million in funding to date. In FY2007, Boston College's annual contribution to the City of Boston totaled \$261,396.

Since 1985, the University has made an annual \$100,000 payment to the City of Newton, in tandem with annual payments to seven community-based organizations to support their educational, cultural, historic, civic or recreational missions. The organizations include: The Foundation for Racial Ethnic and Religious Harmony, Jackson Homestead, Newton Boys and Girls Club, Newton Child Care Commission, Newton Schools Foundation, Newton Pride and the West Suburban YMCA. In FY2007, Boston College's annual contribution to the City of Newton and the organizations totaled \$118,508.



Development Impact Project (DIP) Contributions

Since 2001 Boston College has provided Development Impact Project (DIP) contributions to the City of Boston for two campus projects. The DIP contributions for those two campus projects, 21 Campanella Way and the Yawkey Athletic Center, consist of jobs exaction and housing exaction payments. As shown in Table 9-2, Boston College has completed the two installments of jobs exaction payments for both projects but continues to contribute towards housing exaction commitments.

**Table 9-2
Development Impact Project (DIP) Contributions**

<u>Campus Project</u>	<u>Date of Building Permit / Date of Certificate of Occupancy</u>	<u>Total Jobs Exaction Amount (Number of Annual Installments)</u>	<u>Total Housing Exaction Amount (Number of Annual Installments)</u>	<u>Total</u>
21 Campanella Way	March 2001 / November 2002	\$39,372 (2 installments)	\$196,860 (12 installments)	\$236,232
Yawkey Athletic Center	February 2004 / March 2005	\$63,517 (2 installments)	\$317,585 (12 installments)	\$381,102
TOTAL		\$102,889	\$514,445	\$617,334



Business Development Assistance

Boston College plays an active role in supporting the local business communities in Boston and Newton by offering University research and technical assistance through the academic centers listed below. In addition, staff members from Boston College's Office of Governmental and Community Affairs and the Neighborhood Center serve as active board members of the following business organizations: The Allston and Brighton Main Streets Programs, the Allston and Brighton Boards of Trade and the Newton-Needham Chamber of Commerce.

- **Boston College's Small Business Development Center (SBDC).** Boston College SBDC is part of the Massachusetts Small Business Development Center Network providing counseling, training and other assistance to small businesses and start-up ventures in the Greater Boston area. Specific types of assistance provided over the years include: Business Plan Preparation, Loan Packaging, Strategic Planning, Financial Planning, and Marketing Development. The Center has successfully obtained over \$6.5 million in funding for clients, retained/created 152 jobs and counseled more than 1300 clients.
- **The Office of Corporate and Government Affairs.** As part of the Carroll School of Management, the Office promotes the concept of bridging the world of theory with the real world of practice through interaction with the corporate and political communities. It works in partnership with the Chief Executives' Club of Boston and coordinates the Boston College Citizen's Seminar, which was established in 1954 to bring together leaders from academia, business, government, labor and private non-profits for the purpose of discussing and debating some of the pressing issues facing the City of Boston and the region in which it is located.

- ▶ **The Center for Work and Family.** Since its founding in 1990, the Boston College Center for Work & Family (CWF) has been a national leader in helping organizations create effective workplaces that support and develop healthy and productive employees. The Center provides a bridge linking the academic community to leaders in employment settings who are committed to promoting workforce effectiveness.

Educational Partnerships and Scholarship Aid

Through the dedicated efforts of the Lynch School of Education, Boston College is invested in a number of ongoing partnerships with the Boston Public schools and Catholic schools. These partnership programs address educational research, teacher induction and training, student teacher placements, curriculum development, professional development consultation and community and parental engagement. Over the years, hundreds of Boston College students have volunteered in public, private and parochial schools in Boston, Newton and throughout the greater Boston area.

This section provides an overview of a number of innovative programs offered by the Lynch School of Education and other departments at the University. Additionally, the section describes the financial aid commitment of Boston College to students from Boston and specifically from Allston-Brighton to assist them in attending the University.



Scholarship Aid

Boston College is committed to providing funds to meet the full demonstrated institutional need of every student applying for financial aid. In support of this commitment, Boston College grants institutional scholarships that come from a variety of sources, including 500 named scholarships. Table 9-3 provides a breakdown of the institutional aid received by students from Allston-Brighton and Boston.

Table 9-3
Educational Aid to the Allston/Brighton Community and Boston

2006-2007	Allston-Brighton	Boston
Number of undergraduates	122	356
Number receiving any aid	94	273
Dollar amount all aid	\$2,361,567	\$8,352,469
Average aid amount	\$25,123	\$30,595
Number receiving any grant	78	239
Dollar amount all grants	\$1,858,163	\$6,343,758
Average grant amount	\$23,823	\$26,543
Number receiving BC grant	74	232
Dollar amount all BC grants	\$1,654,847	\$5,303,907
Average BC grant amount	\$22,363	\$22,862



Allston /Brighton Scholarship Program

The Allston/Brighton Boston College Scholarship Program provides 10 academically talented students from Allston/Brighton the financial support to attend Boston College. In order to be eligible for the award, the students must be a permanent residents of Allston/Brighton for a minimum of four years and be accepted for freshman admission. In the event that 10 Allston/Brighton students can not meet the requirements, the scholarships are awarded to students from other neighborhoods of Boston. Students must also complete the Boston College financial application process and have an institutionally determined need greater than \$10,000 to be considered.

For the academic year 2007-2008, seven scholarships were awarded to Allston/Brighton students and three to students in other Boston neighborhoods. Using 2006 tuition rates, the ten full tuition scholarships represent an annual commitment of approximately \$314,380 per year or a four year commitment of over \$1.2 million in scholarship assistance.



Educational Partnerships

Step Up Initiative

In conjunction with Boston University, Harvard University, Northeastern University and Tufts University, Boston College is collaborating on an exciting new partnership to bring a comprehensive set of learning support services to 10 Superintendent Schools in Boston. The Lynch School of Education is paired and working closely with the Winthrop Elementary School and the Russell Elementary School located in Dorchester. Major areas that have been identified by the Superintendent of Schools and where Boston College will be offering its resources include professional development and instructional support in English language learning, cultural competency, executive leadership coaching, training principals and teacher leaders on the use of data and its implications for evaluation and assessment.

Boston Connects

Boston Connects is a unique school-community-university partnership linking fourteen Boston Public School Elementary schools in Cluster 5 and Cluster 2, the YMCA of Greater Boston and Boston College with other community partners to coordinate school and community support programs, serving more than 4500 students and their families. This partnership is committed to the principle that academic success in urban schools requires integrated and comprehensive student and family support to address the non-academic barriers to learning and promote healthy development. To this end, Boston Connects is working toward building systemic change within these elementary schools and surrounding neighborhoods by connecting individual students and families with effective in-school student support and well developed community agency resources. Through Boston Connects, students and their families are able to gain access to better health care and nutritional information programs, educational resources, after school care and other prevention programs.

College Bound

Established by Boston College in 1987, College bound is a program for culturally and racially diverse students from the Boston Public Schools that focuses on increasing access to and retention in four year institutions of higher education. College Bound is currently affiliated with Brighton High School and the West Roxbury High School Complex. Students from both the Lynch School of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences work with high school youth to refine their academic skills and supplement their high school programs with Saturday enrichment classes both on the BC campus and in their communities. The program also fosters leadership skills

and parent engagement as well as provides career advisement, college application assistance and financial aid guidance.

Options Through Education

The Options Through Education Transitional Summer Program (OTE) is a six-week pre-college enrichment program designed for educationally and financially disadvantaged students who are highly motivated, potential achievers. OTE gives these students a leg up on the sometimes daunting transition to college life. It familiarizes participants with Boston College's academic and administrative resources, strengthens their scholastic skills and acquaints them with the campus and surrounding community. The program has been recognized by the Education Testing Service as a national model and boasts a 91% retention rate for its students during their collegiate careers and a 94.5% graduation rate for its AHANA (African, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American) participants over the past four years.

YMCA Black Achievers College Fair

For the past twelve years, Boston College has hosted the YMCA Black Achievers College Fair at the Flynn Recreation Complex. This event introduces 3,000 African-American high school seniors to the educational opportunities at area universities, including Boston College, historically black colleges and universities, and military academies. College admissions representatives, as well as representatives from organizations that assist students with college planning, test preparation and scholarship assistance are on hand to provide guidance and answer questions.

Private Industry Council (PIC) Summer Jobs Program

This program provides students from 14 Boston Public High Schools with summer employment opportunities at various businesses, colleges and universities, and non-profit agencies in Boston with a goal of integrating education with future employment objectives. Boston College has participated in the PIC Summer Program since 1985, employing 25-30 students in various offices and departments across campus such as Athletics, Governmental and Community Affairs, Human Resources, the Lynch School of Education and the Bookstore. In addition to providing the students with valuable work experience, the program offers MCAS tutorial classes and college admission information.

Let's Get Ready Program

Starting in fall of 2006, Boston College partnered with the Let's Get Ready program to offer both SAT and college preparatory services to 45 high school juniors and seniors from Allston-Brighton to enhance their abilities to successfully apply to

college and increase the number of qualified applicants for the Allston-Brighton Scholarship Program.. Due to the popularity of the program among students and parents and an average SAT score increase of 140 points, enrollment has increased to 58 students for the fall 2007 session. Participants meet two evenings a week at Another Course to College (ACC) in Brighton, where 18 to 20 Boston College students serve as verbal, math and writing coaches. With over 40 hours of free SAT tutoring and more than 15 hours of preparation for the college search process, success on the SAT's and college admittance became attainable goals. The Boston College program is viewed as a model for other Let's Get Ready sites in Massachusetts.

MACC- Massachusetts Campus Compact Tutoring Program

The Boston College-Massachusetts Campus Compact Tutoring Program is a corps of 75 undergraduate students who volunteer at a Boston Public School, the West End House Boys & Girls Club, or a Catholic school in the Allston-Brighton area. Tutors assist the schools at least one day a week and participate in weekly training sessions on the BC campus.

Read Aloud Program

The Read Aloud Program is a partnership among the faculty and staff of Boston College, the Boston Public Schools and Boston Partners in Education. The program's nearly 70 volunteers are assigned to read to students once a month at three local Brighton elementary schools: the Mary Lyon, the James Garfield and St. Columbkille School. The volunteers read from specially chosen books that are appropriate for the age level, interest and curriculum of the young students. Volunteers also lead book discussions, questions and answer sessions or general conversations with the students.

Donovan Urban Teaching Scholars Program

The Donovan Urban Teaching Scholars program is an intensive one-year master's degree program in teacher preparation. Each year, the program recruits and supports a diverse cohort of up to 30 graduate students, and provides them with an academically challenging education specifically responsive to the concerns and needs of urban students, families, schools, and communities. Both pre-practicum and practicum placements for the Donovan Urban Teaching Scholars occur in the following Boston Public Schools: Jackson Mann, Boston International High School, Mary Lyon, Brighton High School and West Roxbury High School. A number of Donovan alumni are current teaching in BPS.

Teachers for a New Era

Boston College’s university-wide commitment to teacher education is strengthened by participation in the Carnegie Corporation’s Teachers for a New Era (TNE) initiative. As one of eleven TNE institutions preparing, assessing, and supporting the teachers of tomorrow, Boston College is working to improve teacher preparation and P-12 pupil learning through continued collaboration among Education and Arts & Sciences faculty and Boston-area school-based professionals. Boston College’s extensive liberal arts core curriculum and social justice vision enhance opportunities available to teacher candidates and practicing teachers ensuring that the future generation of teachers will be both broadly educated and professionally competent.

Demonstrating its commitment to the Boston Public Schools, a significant number of Lynch School of Education students are placed in Boston Public Schools (BPS) for both pre-practicum and practicum placements as reflected in Table 9-4. Based on the quality of this experience and job performance, many graduates are hired by BPS as indicated in Table 9-5.

Table 9-4
Boston College Lynch School of Education
Students Placed in Boston Public Schools for Pre-Practicum and Practicum

<u>Field</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Boston Public Schools</u>	<u>Non Boston Public Schools</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percent in Boston Public Schools</u>
Teacher Education	2006-2007	93	210	303	31%
Education Administration	2006-2007	4	5	9	44%
School Counseling	2006-2007	1		1	100%

Table 9-5
Boston College Boston Public School Hire Report

<u>Year</u>	<u>BC BPS New Hires</u>	<u>Total BPS New Hires</u>	<u>Percent BC BPS New Hires</u>
2006-2007	58	544	10.7%

Center for Catholic Education

As the top-ranked school of education at a Catholic university, the Lynch School has a long tradition of concern for Catholic education at all levels. Uniquely poised to lead the charge of building new models of sustainability for Catholic schools across the country, Boston College's Center for Catholic Education brings under one banner various initiatives related to Catholic education. One such successful local initiative is the St. Columbkille School Partnership described below.

St. Columbkille School

In 2006, Boston College, the Archdiocese of Boston and St. Columbkille Parish established a ground-breaking partnership to preserve and strengthen Catholic, parish-based education for the children and parents of Allston-Brighton. This unique collaboration, the first between a Catholic university and a parochial school in the United States, draws on the rich resources of the Lynch School of Education at Boston College, best practices in American elementary education and the guidance of Catholic educational, social, and religious principles. In its first year, the partnership implemented new early childhood curriculum, offered teacher training and professional development programs, completed much-needed renovations to the physical plant, and examined both the financial and management structure of the school. In total, Boston College has invested more than \$800,000 in St. Columbkille School.

St. Columbkille Summer Camp

Since 2003, Boston College and St. Columbkille School have joined forces to offer a summer day camp for local children. Open to 120 campers from ages 3 to 14 residing in Allston-Brighton and beyond, the camp operates for nine, one-week sessions on the BC campus. In addition to classroom learning, activities include specialized on-campus informational tours of the BC bookstore, admissions, police department, museum and library, field trips to the science museum, the zoo and the aquarium, use of computer labs, the pool and other athletic facilities, a karate clinic, events with student athletes, and reading enrichment provided by the Storymobile.

Urban Catholic Teacher Corps

The Urban Catholic Teachers Corps (UCTC) is a two-year service program for teachers who wish to gain experience teaching in urban Catholic schools in the Boston area and who want to live in a community with other teachers. Now in its tenth year, UCTC offers professional experience and spiritual development to young teachers interested in Catholic education, while providing the Archdiocese of Boston with a source of trained educators committed to urban Catholic schools.

Brighton elementary schools: the Mary Lyon, the James Garfield and St. Columbkille School. The volunteers read from specially chosen books that are appropriate for the age level, interest and curriculum of the young students. Volunteers also lead book discussions, questions and answer sessions or general conversations with the students.

Community Development Assistance

Boston College participates in numerous community development activities and programs designed to strengthen the physical, social and economic conditions of its neighboring communities. The following community development initiatives illustrate the University's commitment to improving the quality of life beyond its campus borders.



Allston-Brighton/Boston College Community Fund

Created in 1995 by Boston College and Mayor Thomas Menino, the mission of the Fund is to provide grant support to Allston-Brighton community groups or non-profit organizations for projects that enhance the community through civic engagement, beautification initiatives, youth enrichment or educational programs. The Fund Committee is composed of community residents, representatives from the City of Boston and Boston College. The Fund awards \$3,000 grants (recently increased from \$2500) in two cycles during the Fall and Spring of each year and one \$25,000 biennial beautification grant (see Tables 9-6 and 9-7).

This past year the Fund conducted a special grant cycle, awarding a total of \$175,000 in three categories: Civic Engagement, Community Beautification, and Youth Enrichment (see Table 9-8). With the addition of the three special grants, the Fund awarded more than \$225, 00 to Allston-Brighton initiatives this past year and will surpass the \$1 million mark in total grants since it inception.

**Table 9-6
Spring 2007 \$3,000 Community Fund Awards**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Addiction Treatment Center of New England	\$3,000
Boston Connects	\$3,000
Brighton High School	\$3,000
Caritas Good Samaritan Hospice	\$3,000
Children's Organic Garden Science Project with the Conservatory Lab Charter School,	\$900
The Fishing Academy, Inc.,	\$3,000
Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Open Door Ministry	\$3,000
Mt. Saint Joseph Academy	\$2,600
St. Columbkille School	\$3,000
The Winship Elementary School Parent Council	<u>\$1,860</u>
TOTAL	\$26,360

**Table 9-7
Spring 2007 \$25,000 Biennial Award**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
West End House Boys and Girls Club of Allston-Brighton	\$25,000

**Table 9-8
Special Grant Awards**

Organization	Grant Amount
Beautification Project Grant: Allston Village Main Streets, "Allston Village Beautification"	\$50,000
Youth Enrichment Project Grant: YMCA of Greater Boston (Oak Square), "Oak Square Community Teen Center"	\$50,000
Civic Engagement Project Grant: Brighton-Allston 200, Inc. "The Brighton-Allston Bicentennial"	\$75,000
TOTAL	\$175,000



Boston College Neighborhood Center

The Boston College Neighborhood Center, located on Washington Street in the heart of Brighton Center, is now in its twelfth year of linking University resources and providing services to the Allston-Brighton community. A number of the Center's programs that benefit the community are listed below:

Tutoring and Mentoring Programs

Boston College students volunteer to tutor more than 100 local children in a variety of programs and settings: one-on-one at the Neighborhood Center, on the Boston College campus, and in after-school programs. The one-one tutoring program matches BC students with Allston-Brighton students ranging from elementary school through high school. BC students participate in after-school tutoring programs at the Jackson Mann School, St. Columbkille School, and the Commonwealth Tenants Association After-School Program and the Read Boston Program, a children's literacy campaign, operating at the Hamilton and the Baldwin Elementary Schools. In addition, BC students are mentoring young girls in the third, fourth and fifth grades at the Hamilton and Winship Elementary Schools via the BC chapter of the Strong Women Strong Girls Program. The program's mission is to empower young girls, build positive self-esteem and skills for life-long success.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Boston College students volunteer to teach English to local residents at the Neighborhood Center and five other sites in Allston/Brighton: the Allston/Brighton Community Development Corporation, Insight, the Joseph Smith Community Health Center, Covenant House, and the Commonwealth Tenants Association.

Food for Families

The Boston College Office of Governmental and Community Affairs, the Alumni Association, and the Neighborhood Center collaborate with the Commonwealth Tenants Association and the Boston Food Bank to feed needy families at the housing development. On the second Wednesday of each month, BC student athletes and other volunteers work in conjunction with the Commonwealth Tenants Association to bag and distribute groceries from the Food Bank. Through this effort, 225 bags per month are distributed to families and the elderly.

HEAR-Helping Educate for Academic/ Athletic Responsibility

Boston College student athletes and their coaches visit every Allston-Brighton public and parochial elementary and middle school at least once throughout the year. During their interactions, student athletes speak to the class about the value of academics and the importance of teamwork in everyday life. In addition to visiting schools, the HEAR program also makes regular visits to patients at the Franciscan Children's Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital. The Assistant Director of the Neighborhood Center works with the schools to match their needs with BC resources and provides youth tickets to BC athletic events.

Service Days

Service Days offer opportunities for students to give back to the surrounding communities of Allston and Brighton by volunteering their time to assist neighborhood organizations with various projects. Teams of students help with park beautification, painting projects at churches, schools and public housing developments, City-wide clean up efforts such as Boston Shines,, assisting elderly and disabled neighbors, flower planting, graffiti removal, nursing home visits and youth mentoring. In recent years, service projects were performed at the Oak Square YMCA, Irish Immigration Center, Brighton Main Streets, St. Columbkille School, all three local libraries, and at the Commonwealth and Faneuil Gardens Housing Developments.

Veronica Smith Senior Center

Boston College partners with the Veronica Smith Senior Center to provide health screening for seniors and offers programming such as hosting the Center's Men's Club at BC events and lectures and organizing a dance for the seniors featuring the vocal and musical talent of BC students. A tour of the Boston College campus and lunch are offered to thirty seniors in the spring of each year.

Volunteer Service Programs

Boston College emphasizes volunteerism as a vital part of a student's education and personal formation. The number of student volunteers in the Allston/Brighton community alone is estimated at over 1,000 per week and their impacts are significant. For example, a former Executive Director at the West End House Boys and Girls Club estimated that the community service work the organization received saved the Club between \$100,000 and \$125,000 each year. Two of Boston College's most notable volunteer service programs, PULSE and 4Boston, are mentioned below in addition to a sampling of other programs involving both students and employees.

■ PULSE

Boston College's PULSE program is a national model for service learning that integrates academics in the classroom with a service internship at one of 51 community service placements in the Greater Boston area. The 400 students involved in the program volunteer between eight and twelve hours each week during the academic year at a variety of non-profit organizations. On any given day, PULSE students are coordinating volunteers for Project Bread's Walk for Hunger, serving breakfast to homeless men at the Pine Street Inn, or providing tutoring and mentoring services at three Brighton organizations: Crittendon Hastings House, Commonwealth Tenants' Association, and the Parent's Center at Saltonstall House.

■ 4Boston

Boston College's 4Boston program, comprised of over 300 undergraduate students, is a major volunteer program that services 18 community agencies in the City of Boston. Named for the four hours each student commits on a weekly basis, the 10 week program operates during the fall and spring semester. Each placement is made up of a team of twenty students and over the course of one year alone 4Boston volunteers average over 80,000 service hours. Placements in Brighton include the Commonwealth Tenant's Association After-School Program, the Jackson/Mann Adult Education Program and The Franciscan Children's Hospital Residential Assessment Program.



American Red Cross Club of Boston College

The American Red Cross of Boston College (ARCBC) is a student organization that works in conjunction with the American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay Chapter. The ARCBC sponsors five blood drives each year, offers CPR and first aid training, assists with food distribution for the needy in Boston, and provides immediate disaster relief to the surrounding community.



Campus School Volunteers

The Campus School Volunteers of Boston College (CSVBC) are a group of undergraduates established to work with and advocate for the students attending the Campus School. The group was established in 1996, and has become one of the largest student volunteer groups on campus. The Campus School Volunteers work both directly with the students in classroom settings, as well as outside the school organizing fund raisers and promoting awareness.



Circle K Club of Boston College

Circle K is a service organization dedicated to community and campus involvement in and around the Boston College area. A majority of the service projects are aimed at improving the general well being of the residents and community of the Allston-Brighton neighborhoods Boston College students participate in activities ranging from a literacy project at the Hamilton and Baldwin Schools, to working in the soup kitchens at Brighton Congregational Church, to initiating a bicycle and helmet safety program at local elementary schools.



Cleansweep

Now in its fifteenth year at BC, Cleansweep student and employee volunteers collect household items, clothing, food, and appliances donated by students at the close of each academic year. These items are then distributed for re-use to hundreds of non-profit organizations, community agencies, churches and schools in Boston and other local communities. Not only does this program embody BC's mission of service to others, but it helps the environment by reducing waste and promoting recycling.



Dance Marathon

For one night each year, 500 Boston College students and local residents gather to dance the night away. The Dance Marathon raises funds for Brighton's Franciscan

Children's Hospital through donations from friends and family along with the sponsorships from local businesses. Last year's event set a fundraising record of \$165,000 and since 2003, the Dance Marathon has contribute more than \$300, 000 to the hospital.



Grads Give Back Day

Each year the Law Student and Graduate Student Associations of Boston College plan a day of community service called Grads Give Back Day. This year, over 100 graduate students volunteered at placements on campus and throughout Boston. The service opportunities ranged from conducting on-campus food and clothing drives, hosting a social for children attending the Campus School, clean-up of the jogging and pedestrian pathways at the Chestnut Hill Reservoir, visiting residents at the Brighton House Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and assisting with a spring clean-up of the grounds and facilities at the Franklin Park Zoo.

Cultural Resources



Boston College's McMullen Museum of Art

Boston College's McMullen Museum of Art serves as a dynamic educational resource for all of New England, as well as the national and the international community. The Museum displays its notable permanent collection and mounts exhibitions of scholarly importance from all periods and cultures of the history of art. The Museum is free and open to the public. Private group tours are also available by request and the Museum's docents can tailor their presentations for the group's age level and interests. Museum personnel may also be able to provide additional texts or facilitate contact with a BC faculty member with expertise in a specific area of interest.



Boston College Arts Festival

For the past nine years in April, Boston College has sponsored a celebration of the arts which is free and open to the public. More than 13,000 people attended the 2007 Festival that showcased the artistic achievements in the performing, visual and literary arts of 800 Boston College students. The festival features instrumental, vocal and dance performances, art exhibitions and demonstrations, film exhibitions, literary readings, an afternoon of art activities designed for children, and a Mass for the arts.



Neighborhood Night at the Theater

In conjunction with the Arts Festival, the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs invites 100 neighborhood residents to attend opening night of the student Spring theatrical production at Robsham Theater. Prior to the production, the University hosts a reception where residents and members of the BC community can converse and enjoy light refreshments



Irish Institute at Boston College

Since its founding in 1997, the Irish Institute at Boston College has hosted more than 100 programs and numerous special events open to the public. Working under the auspices of the Center for Irish Programs, the Irish Institute makes use of cross-campus and local resources to facilitate rewarding personal, corporate, and professional educational exchanges with the goal of promoting a lasting peace in Ireland. The Irish Institute often hosts officials and policymakers from Ireland and Northern Ireland and offers professional development programs in areas such as government, business, and education.



“Pops on the Heights”

For the past 15 years, the Boston Pops Orchestra has performed at Boston College in a scholarship fundraising gala known as “Pops on the Heights.” As part of this event, the University extends an invitation to 100 neighbors to enjoy dinner and the performance. This year’s event featured renowned conductor John Williams and the event raised a record \$2 million in funds. Since the inception of the program, 522 scholarships have been awarded to needy students.

Sports and Recreation Programs



Boston College Athletic Tickets

In conjunction with the Athletic Department, the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs, reserves a total of fifty tickets per game for residents of Allston-Brighton to attend on-campus football, basketball and hockey games. Tickets are obtained on a first-come, first serve basis by contacting the Office. Table 9-9 indicates the value of the tickets distributed last year:

**Table 9-9
Sports Tickets Provided to Allston/Brighton Residents**

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Number of tickets per home game</u>	<u>Cost to Boston College per home game</u>
Football	50 tickets at \$37 each for 7 games	\$12,950
Basketball	50 tickets at \$20 each for 14 games	\$14,000
Hockey	50 tickets at \$20 each for 19 games	\$19,000
Annual Total		\$45,950



Flynn Recreation Complex Summer Program

Boston College opens the Flynn Recreation Complex to 30 residents of Allston - Brighton per day, weekdays during the summer. Residents register with the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs and contact the office to use the swimming pool and fitness equipment in the facility. This extremely popular program runs from early June through late August.



Mayor's Cup Hockey Tournament

Each October, Boston College donates ice time to the City of Boston for the Mayor's Cup Hockey Tournament. This tournament provides youngsters of all ages from neighborhoods throughout Boston, the opportunity to compete at the squirt, peewee and bantam hockey levels.



Allston-Brighton Youth Hockey

Boston College supports the Allston-Brighton Youth Hockey program by donating ice time in Conte Forum on an annual basis.



Boston College Spring Football Game

Each spring, the University hosts an inter-squad football match at Alumni Stadium that is free and open to the community. In addition to the game, the university hosts a carnival in the Flynn Recreational Complex with games, activities, and refreshments for families to enjoy.



Kids Karate Exhibition

For the last 16 years, BC has partnered with Kid's Karate, a premier youth karate program, to host an annual exhibition in the Power Gym at Conte Forum. Over 4,800 local children from Boston and Newton have benefited from the program which builds self-esteem, mental and physical confidence, and mutual respect between the children.



Jimmy Fund Charity Events

Boston College opens the Flynn Recreation Complex to the Hoops for Hope, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, which raises money to support cancer research. This September, the Jimmy Fund utilized BC athletic and parking facilities to accommodate 400-600 walkers and served as the official start the Jimmy Fund 5-Mile Walk.