



# Chapter 13

## Community Benefits and Service Programs

### 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 forming students to be men and women in service to others.

As an active neighbor, Boston College is committed to making University resources available to residents of Allston-Brighton and Newton through the formal programs and partnerships described in this chapter, through the many campus activities and events open to local residents, and through the time, talents and energies of Boston College student, faculty and staff volunteers. Thanks to a culture of volunteerism where community service is encouraged, supported and valued, recent survey results indicate that Boston College students volunteer more than 444,000 hours of community service throughout the year, and that University employees volunteer an average of 4.8 hours a week, exceeding both the national and state averages of 2.5 and 1.9 hours per week. The University estimates that Boston College undergraduates provide \$3.5 million in service to the community and that faculty provide an additional \$1.5 million in annual volunteer service.

This chapter provides an overview of Boston College's community benefits programs offered in the following areas:

- Educational Partnerships and Scholarships
- Community Development Assistance

- Volunteer Service Programs
- Cultural Resources
- Athletic and Recreational Programs

## 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 (BPS) 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 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 13-1 provides a breakdown of the institutional aid received by students from Allston-Brighton and Boston.

#### Allston/Brighton Scholarship Program

The Allston/Brighton Boston College Scholarship Program provides 10 academically talented students from Allston/Brighton with scholarships to attend Boston College. To be eligible for the award, the students must be permanent residents of Allston/Brighton for a minimum of four years and be accepted for freshman admission. In the event that ten Allston/Brighton students do not meet the requirements, the scholarships are awarded to students from other Boston neighborhoods. 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. The ten full tuition scholarships represent an annual commitment of approximately \$351,500 per year, or a four-year commitment of more than \$1.4 million in scholarship assistance.

**Table 13-1 Educational Aid to the Allston/Brighton Community and Boston**

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

### Educational Partnerships

#### Step Up Initiative

In conjunction with Boston, Harvard, Northeastern and Tufts universities, Boston College is collaborating in a new partnership to bring a comprehensive set of learning support services to 10 Boston Public Schools. Through the Step Up Initiative, BC's 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, and training principals and teacher leaders on the use of data and their implications for evaluation and assessment.

#### Boston Connects

Boston Connects is a unique school-community-university partnership linking fourteen Boston Public 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 4,500 students and their families. In January, the Lynch School of Education announced a \$9.2 million extension of funding through grants from the New Balance Foundation, Strategic Grants Partners and the Charles Hayden Foundation. The Boston Connects partnership is committed to the principle that academic success in urban schools requires integrated and comprehensive student and family support both to address the non-academic barriers to learning and to 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 their access to and retention in four-year institutions of higher education. College Bound is currently affiliated with Brighton High School and the West Roxbury Education Complex. Students from both the Lynch School of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences work with high school youths 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 parental engagement, and 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-collegiate 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 percent retention rate for its students during their collegiate careers and a 94.5 percent graduation rate for its AHANA (African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American) participants during the past four years.

### **YMCA Black Achievers College Fair**

For the past 12 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 to 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, 2006, Boston College partnered with the *Let's Get Ready* program to offer 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 to increase the number of qualified applicants for the Allston-Brighton Scholarship Program. To date, participants have achieved an average SAT score increase of 140 points, and enrollment has increased to 58 students. Program participants meet two evenings a week at Another Course to College (ACC) in Brighton, where 18 to 20 Boston College students serve as coaches for the writing, verbal and math sections of the SAT. The program's more than 40 hours of free SAT tutoring and 15 hours of preparation for the college search process have made success on the SAT and college admittance attainable goals. This successful 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 group of 75 undergraduate students who volunteer at a Boston public school or the West End House Boys & Girls Club. Tutors assist at 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 pupils. Volunteers also lead book discussions, question and answer sessions, or general conversations in the classroom.



### 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 Education Complex. A number of Donovan alumni are currently 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 11 TNE institutions preparing, assessing and supporting future teachers, Boston College improves 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.

Demonstrating its commitment to the Boston Public Schools, a significant number of Lynch School of Education students are placed in Boston Public Schools for both pre-practicum and practicum placements as reflected in Table 13-2. Based on the quality of this experience and job performance, many graduates are hired by BPS as indicated in Table 13-3.

**Table 13-2 Boston College Lynch School of Education  
Students Placed in Boston Public Schools for Pre-Practicum and Practicum**

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

**Table 13-3 Boston College Boston Public School Hire Report**

Year	BC BPS New Hires	Total BPS New Hires	Percent BC BPS New Hires
2006-2007	58	544	10.7%

### **Center for Catholic Education**

As the top-ranked Catholic school of education, BC's 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 Partnership**

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, best practices in American elementary education, and the guidance of Catholic educational, social and religious principles. In its first year, the partnership implemented a new early childhood curriculum, offered teacher training and professional development programs (including 100 percent scholarship for teachers or faculty seeking a master's degree from the Lynch School of Education), 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 \$1 million in St. Columbkille School since 2006.

### **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 mainly in Allston-Brighton, the camp operates 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, use of computer labs, the pool and other athletic facilities, a karate clinic, events with student athletes, reading enrichment provided by the Storymobile and field trips to area resources such as the science museum, zoo and the aquarium.

### **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, while living in community with other aspiring teachers. Now in its 10th 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.

## 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 M. 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 individual grants of up to \$3,000 (recently increased from \$2,500) in two cycles during the fall and spring of each year and one \$25,000 biennial beautification grant (see Tables 13-4 and 13-5).

Table 13-4 Spring 2007 Community Fund Awards

Organization	Grant Amount
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>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,360</b>

**Table 13-5 Spring 2007 \$25,000 Biennial Award**

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

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 13-6). With the addition of the three special grants, the Fund awarded more than \$225,000 to Allston-Brighton initiatives during the past year and will soon surpass the \$1 million mark in total grants since its inception.

**Table 13-6 Special Grant Awards**

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

### Boston College Neighborhood Center

The Boston College Neighborhood Center, located on Washington Street in the heart of Brighton Center, is now in its 12th year of linking University resources to services to the Allston-Brighton community. The Center’s programs include:

#### 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-on-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, 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, Winship and Garfield Elementary Schools via the BC chapter of the Strong Women, Strong Girls Program. The

program's mission is to empower young girls and 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. This program has helped hundreds of immigrants to learn English and has helped hundreds more experience the joys of reading.

### **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 are distributed to families and the elderly each month.

### **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. It also provides programs such as the Men's Club at BC, which features events and lectures, and organizes 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 30 seniors each spring.

### 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 more than 1,000 per week and their effect is significant. For example, a former executive director at the West End House Boys and Girls Club stated that the community service work the organization received saved the Club between \$100,000 and \$125,000 each year. Three of Boston College's most notable volunteer service programs, PULSE, 4Boston and the Appalachia Volunteers, 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 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, comprising more than 300 undergraduate students, is a major volunteer initiative that services 18 community agencies in the City of Boston. Named for the four hours each student provides on a weekly basis, the 10-week program operates during the fall and spring semesters. Each placement is made up of a team of 20 students and over the course of one year alone 4Boston volunteers average more than 80,000 service hours. Placements in Brighton include the Commonwealth Tenants Association After-School Program, the Jackson/Mann Adult Education Program and the Franciscan Children's Hospital Residential Assessment Program.

## Appalachia Volunteers

Since its founding in 1978, the Boston College Appalachia Volunteers program has provided hope and assistance to marginalized and impoverished communities located in the Appalachian region of the United States. Starting with 12 students, the BC program has grown to more than 650 volunteers operating in 36 different locations within Appalachia, making it the largest Spring Break service organization in the United States. In order to gain valuable experience working with different facets of the community, volunteers participate in local service opportunities during the academic year leading up to their Spring Break service trip. This past fall a total of 175 students participated in community service activities at the Oak Square YMCA, the Brighton and Oak Square Libraries, Brighton Main Streets/Boston Shines Clean-Up, the Veronica Smith Senior Center and the Faneuil Gardens Housing complex.

## 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 with complex health needs, many of whom are from the Greater Boston area, who attend BC's Campus School for the multiply disabled. 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 of Allston-Brighton. 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 15th year at BC, Cleansweep student, employee and alumni 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

Each spring, Boston College students gather to dance the night away and raise funds for Brighton's Franciscan Hospital for Children. Through donations from friends and family along with sponsorships from local businesses, the event raised a record \$165,000 in 2007, and since its establishment in 2003, the Dance Marathon has contributed more than \$350,000 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, more than 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 communities. 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 to 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 ten 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 1,000 Boston College students, faculty and administrators. The festival features instrumental, vocal and dance performances, art exhibitions and demonstrations, film screenings, literary readings, an afternoon of art activities designed for children, and a Mass for the arts.

## Humanities Series

For fifty years, the Humanities Series has enriched the intellectual, cultural and spiritual lives of Boston College students, faculty and staff, as well as the general public, by offering a remarkable range of speakers, artists and performers. Over the years, the University has been host to an amazing range of talent, including twenty-two of the Library of Congress's Poet Laureate Consultants and four Nobel Prize winners in literature, nearly all of whom appeared in free events open to the neighboring community.

## 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 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. Last 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 Recreational Programs

### Boston College Athletic Tickets

In conjunction with the Athletic Department, the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs reserves 50 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-served basis by contacting the Office. Table 13-7 indicates the value of the tickets distributed last year.

**Table 13-7 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
<b>Annual Total</b>		<b>\$45,950</b>

### 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 with the opportunity to compete at the squirt, peewee and bantam hockey levels on the home ice of the 2008 NCAA Men’s Hockey National Champions.

## 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 Recreation Complex with games, activities and refreshments for families to enjoy.

## Kid's 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. More than 4,800 local children from Boston and Newton have benefited from the program which builds self-esteem, mental and physical confidence, and mutual respect among 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. Last 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.

## Community Rowing Boathouse

Boston College is participating in the development of the Community Rowing Boathouse now under construction at 100 Nonantum Road in Boston on land leased from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As a "Contributing Organization," the University has committed to a substantial payment towards construction costs and annual payments for on-going operating expenses in exchange for the use of boat storage racks in the facility by its crew team.