

## **Boys and Girls Club of Greater Boston surpasses fundraising goal**

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The Boys and Girls Club of Boston raised \$101.5 million, the board announced Thursday at the nonprofit's annual dinner.

The amount exceeds the group's capital campaign goal of \$100 million to be raised by June 30, 2008. The campaign will still continue until June 30, officials said.

The dinner itself raised more than \$1 million toward the Boys and Girl's Club of Greater Boston, which serves 14,000 inner city children and teens through its nearly 10 locations. Children who attend the clubs -- from teens to a college student from Dorchester -- gave personal testimonials to how the clubs have impacted their lives.

In addition, nearly \$4 million has been raised toward The Whitlock Fund for Inspirational Leadership and Excellence. The fund, established by some of the lead donors, is named after Linda Whitlock, the current CEO and president, who, after 10 years of service, is leaving her post this summer. The fund will support two hallmark's of Whitlock's legacy: program innovation and professional development.

"I was stunned with the announcement," said Whitlock, who spoke to the crowd of more than 600 corporate supporters. The board and staff kept the progress regarding the capital campaign a secret, in order to surprise Whitlock during the dinner, which honored her and her legacy.

Under her tenure, Whitlock has more than doubled BGCB's operating revenue from \$6.2 million in 1998, right before she joined the organization, to \$14.9 million at the end of fiscal year 2006.

**Fidelity Investments, Bain Capital, Bank of America** and **Aureus Asset Management** were the major sponsors for the dinner.

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