

Harvard Pilgrim donates to Boys & Girls Clubs garden

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Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare has brought its wellness mission to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston's Blue Hills Club, supporting a garden planted by children and teens from the surrounding neighborhood.

The Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare Foundation has committed about \$70,000 to its "wellness partnership" with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, starting with Blue Hills. A portion of the funding funds the salary of a wellness coordinator located at the Blue Hills club, along with physical activity programs in other clubs, according to Harvard Pilgrim.

The garden initiative in Blue Hills comes through Harvard Pilgrim's Growing up Healthy program. The club members, who range in age from 8-years-old to 14-years-old, have planted vegetables in the garden, including a garlic crop this fall. Earlier, they planted potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, eggplants, peppers, cucumbers, basil, and collard greens.