

News and information about the nonprofit sector in Massachusetts. *Check back frequently to keep informed.*

Harvard Pilgrim Foundation Gives \$235K to Nine Mass. Nonprofits

December 30, 2010 — The Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation announced that it awarded nearly \$235,000 in grants to nine Boston area nonprofits as part of its ongoing effort to combat childhood obesity; address health disparities affecting diverse populations; and, support healthy, strong communities.

“As we begin celebrating our thirtieth anniversary as a foundation in 2011, we are pleased to be supporting organizations that make a difference in the communities in which our employees and customers live and work,” said Karen Voci, executive director of the **Harvard Pilgrim Foundation**.

Grants totaling \$234,650 were awarded to the following nonprofits:

- **Big Sister Association of Greater Boston**, Boston – \$13,000 to provide healthy food at Big Sister events, as well as support for the 2010 “Big in Boston” fundraising event.
- **Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston**, Boston – \$65,000 to support the creation of a “Wellness Hub” model at the Blue Hills Club to optimize physical activity and nutrition education.
- **City Year**, Boston and Manchester, NH – \$40,000 to support Harvard Pilgrim’s state-wide employee service days in MA and NH, and to support City Year’s fundraising efforts.
- **Cradles to Crayons**, Quincy – \$10,000 for the Ready for School backpack campaign to provide children in need with school supplies as the school year begins.
- **Edward Kennedy Institute for the US Senate**, Boston – \$20,000 to help fund the organization’s youth education programs.
- **Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University**, Boston – \$16,650 to fund the “Dishing Out Healthy School Meals” study to identify and profile school food service best practices in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.
- **Massachusetts Farm to School Program**, Amherst – \$25,000 to fund school and farmer education to create sustainable local foods purchasing relationships.
- **Massachusetts Public Health Association**, Jamaica Plain – \$25,000 for the Act FRESH policy change initiative to reduce obesity and chronic disease in MA.
- **Walk Boston**, Boston – \$20,000 for the Safe Routes to School/ Walking School Bus programs in Brockton, Newton, Stoneham and Watertown.

The Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation, created in 1980, supports the mission of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, a not-for-profit health plan that serves more than one million members in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.