



## The Lewis & Gordon Families *A Legacy of Giving*

**A**lan Lewis, Henry Lewis and James Gordon continue to lead the way with their extraordinary financial support of the West End House Boys & Girls Club. Their significant contribution of \$4 million launched the Club's capital and endowment campaign four years ago, and their generous support of Club activities continues today. This legacy of giving is rooted in their strong connections to the Club and a desire to help young people achieve their dreams.

When Alan and Henry Lewis or Jim Gordon speak of the West End House, they often share stories of lessons learned and memories they will never forget. All three men went to the West End House Camp in Maine as children

where they had fun while learning teamwork and life skills. Alan and Henry always mention their father, Edward, as being the inspiration for their commitment to the Club. They continue their father's philosophy of supporting the "underdog" by giving to an organization that helps kids who often fall through the cracks. Jim Gordon honors his late brother Michael, an Allston businessman, who generously supported the community. Jim's philanthropic commitment to the Club is a tribute to the memory of his brother.

Each year, Alan, Henry and Jim honor Edward Lewis and Michael Gordon at an annual dinner. Under the sparkling chandeliers of the Grand Ball Room at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel,

guests socialize with friends, enjoy fine dining, and dance to live music. Annual proceeds from the event support the Lewis and Gordon Center of the West End House Boys & Girls Club, the recently renovated facility for children and teens in Allston-Brighton.

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## New Balance Foundation Sponsors *Kids in Motion*

***\$240,000 grant will support fitness and nutrition at the West End House Boys & Girls Club***

**T**he New Balance Foundation has recently awarded a \$240,000 grant to the West End House Boys & Girls Club to support an exciting initiative for neighborhood youth. The program is called Kids in Motion and is a Club-wide fitness and nutrition strategy designed to help youth and their families achieve a healthy lifestyle. Nutrition classes, daily fitness challenges, family activities, and life skills programs will begin this fall after a community celebration here at the Club. Read more about it in the next edition of Club News!



Lunchtime! Children enjoy a healthy meal at the Club's summer program.

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# Summer at the West End House Boys & Girls Club *Around the World in 44 Days*

**M**ore than two hundred young people participated in the Club's Summer Program this year. Titled "Around the World in 44 Days", it offered nine weeks of new experiences, new ideas, learning, and fun. The "Around the World" theme was chosen so participating youth could learn about a variety of cultures, traditions, and value systems from across the globe.

The summer program began bright and early each day at 8:30 AM when children and teens arrived at the Club for



Young people in the technology lab learn new skills.

breakfast. The days unfolded with art and dance classes, swimming lessons, technology programs, gym activities, and other recreational games. Club staff agreed that the field trips were a key part of the summer program and this year's destinations included Mt. Monadnock, Nahant Beach, and Georges Island.

Education was a priority, even in the summertime. Every child spent at least one hour each day in the Education Center working on different themed projects. While learning about Africa, children made Egyptian pyramids out of sugar cubes and studied engineering. Projects on the rainforest and the Bill of Rights also engaged young people.

Kids Café Coordinator Mary Bot served lunch daily and featured meals from different cultures each Wednesday. These international menus included plantains with chicken and rice from the Dominican Republic, Ethiopian Flat



Club members keep cool with a swim.

bread, and Portuguese beef and tomatoes.

The program ended each day at 5:30 PM when parents picked up their children and teens from the Club. Three evenings per week, the Club stayed open until 9:00 PM for teenagers to experience cooking class, digital music, college preparation, field trips and more. Many of these teens also worked as Junior Staff in the day program and therefore experienced the satisfaction of their first paycheck. For all youth involved, the Club offered an engaging and fun way to spend the summer months.

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A silent and live auction will highlight the evening and guests can bid on unique trips, such as bike tours through France and vacations to Tuscany and Scandinavia. Many of these items are donated by Alan Lewis, Chairman of Grand Circle Travel and Henry Lewis, CEO of Vantage Deluxe World Travel.

Thanks to the support of the Lewis and Gordon families, the West End House Boys & Girls Club is one of the most



[L-R] Henry Lewis, Henry Barr, George Kane, Jim Gordon, Mayor Menino, Harvard University President Lawrence Summers, and Alan Lewis at the Club's Grand Opening

respected after-school and youth development programs in Boston. Please join us in showing our appreciation to these two families by attending this year's dinner on November 12, 2004 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston.

For more information call Andrea Howard at 617-787-4044 or by email at: [ahoward@wehbgc.org](mailto:ahoward@wehbgc.org).

## Making Miracles Happen

**E**ach year on the first Wednesday in December, CIBC World Markets' employees and clients participate in Miracle Day, a major fundraising effort held on behalf of children's charities throughout the world. This year on Wednesday, December 1, 2004, CIBC will again donate all of the fees and commissions raised from this event to support children in need. Since 2001, CIBC has donated more than \$156,000 to the West End House Boys & Girls Club as one of their official charities.

If you have connections in the financial world with investment advisors, insurance companies, pension funds, hedge funds, mutual funds, and other investment entities, you can help! For more information on the Miracle Day, contact Maura Walsh, Director of Development, at 617-787-4044 x27 or by email at [mwalsh@wehbgc.org](mailto:mwalsh@wehbgc.org).

Join us on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 and help us make miracles happen for the youth we serve!

# A Memorable Night To Honor

**O**n June 16, 2004, the West End House Boys & Girls Club held its annual Night to Honor event at Harvard Business School's Spangler Center. With nearly three hundred guests in attendance, the Club honored past presidents George Kane, Joel Goober and Henry Barr for the outstanding leadership and generosity they have bestowed on the Club over the years.



Henry Barr, George Kane, and Joel Goober

All three men spoke about their memories of the West End House and how it continues to play a major role in their lives. George Kane, who will celebrate his 100th birthday next year, reminisced about the old West End neighborhood.



[L-R] Richard Concannon, Smoki Bacon, and Ann Collier arrive at the reception.

He appealed to the audience to continue supporting the Club so that new generations might experience the same special friendships. Joel Goober described what compelled him to serve on the board and his desire to instill those West End House values of friendship, community, and service in his own daughter and son. In discussing the Club's one hundred year history of youth development, Henry Barr noted that all young people need role models and reflected on his own mentors in the WEH Boys & Girls Club community.

The West End House Boys & Girls Club is grateful to everyone who supported the event, which raised more than

\$115,000 for the Club. Major individual and corporate donors included Boston University, Harold & Maura Brown, Myron (Mike) Burnes, Steven & Gillian Foster, Gadsby & Hannah LLP, Albert H. Gordon, George E. Kane, Laurie Kaplan, Panera Bread Foundation, Charles & Fran Rodgers, Daniel L. Romanow & B. Andrew Zelermyer, and Susan & Neal Yanofsky.

Night to Honor was truly a special evening as friendships that spanned the Club's one hundred year history were rediscovered. Plans are currently underway for the West End House Boys & Girls Club's Centennial Celebration in 2006.



Joel Goober [second from right] and his son, 1st Lt. Gregory Goober USMC, greet friends.

## Board News

### Annual Recognition

Each year, the WEH Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors gives two awards recognizing significant achievement in the areas of Leadership and Volunteerism. The Allan Romanow Board Leadership award, presented this year to Chris Richmond, is bestowed on a board member who has made a significant impact on the Club during the year. The Outstanding Volunteer award, presented this year to Cathy Moritz, is reserved for a community or committee member who has given selflessly of their time and energy.

### New Board Members

The WEH Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors is delighted to welcome five



Executive Director Andrea Howard pictured with Chris Richmond, recipient of the Allan Romanow Board Leadership Award.

new board members who all share a commitment to helping children reach their full potential. Their backgrounds, described below, are in various fields including marketing, law, journalism, research, and business.

**James Dilday**, a partner in the law firm Grayer & Dilday.

**Carolyn Eggert**, public relations professional and freelance journalist for People Magazine.

**Charla Jones**, integrated marketing communications executive for Loomis Group's Boston office.

**John Parker**, president of Crocker Winsor Seafoods.

**Ronnie Mae Weiss**, Director of the After School Bridging Project at Harvard University.



Cathy Moritz, recipient of the Outstanding Volunteer Award.



Artwork by Betty Yu, age 10

# 2004 Holiday Card

## Send West End House Boys & Girls Club's holiday cards and show that you care!

For the first time, the Club is offering holiday cards to send to your family, friends, clients, customers, and employees. The card conveys the spirit of the holidays and features artwork by one of our Club members. By purchasing these cards, you will be supporting the West End House Boys & Girls Club and the 1200 young people we serve each year.

To order, please fill out this form and mail it to: Holiday Card Program, WEHBGC, 105 Allston Street, Allston, MA 02134 or fax to 617-787-4386.

CONTACT NAME:

CORPORATION NAME (IF APPLICABLE):

ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

We would like to pick up the cards from the WEHBGC, 105 Allston Street, Allston.

We would like the cards to be shipped to the above address. (See table below to determine shipping cost.)

### Cost according to the quantity ordered\* (envelopes included)

Quantity	25	50	100	150	250	500
Blank cards	\$30.00	\$55.00	\$100.00	\$140.00	\$220.00	\$400.00
Personalized	not available	not available	\$200.00	\$280.00	\$400.00	\$600.00
Shipping	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$25.00

\*For quantities more than 500, please call the WEHBGC at 617-787-4044 x 27.

Personalization:  yes or  no

If yes, please write your holiday message as you would like to appear (logos will be an additional cost):

QUANTITY:

COST: \$

= SUBTOTAL: \$

SHIPPING: \$

ADDITIONAL DONATION: \$

TOTAL: \$

Please make checks payable to the **West End House Inc.** or use your credit card:

MasterCard  Visa

CARD NUMBER:

EXP. DATE:

SIGNATURE:

Any Questions? Contact Maura Walsh at 617-787-4044 x 27, [mwalsh@wehbgc.org](mailto:mwalsh@wehbgc.org)

# Help Make a Difference this Holiday Season

**A**t the WEH Boys & Girls Club, we never cease to be amazed by the generosity of our donors.

To ensure that all of the Club's youth experience a meaningful holiday season, we have listed below a variety of opportunities for you to show your support.

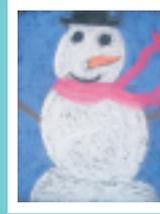
## Toy and Gift Donations

Each holiday season, the WEH Boys & Girls Club hosts a celebration and provides at least one gift to every child and teen member at the Club. This year, the Club is seeking donations of toys and gift certificates. To view a list

of gift items needed, please refer to our website at [www.wehbgc.org](http://www.wehbgc.org).

## Holiday Cards

The WEH Boys & Girls Club is offering holiday cards for individuals and corporations to send to their families and friends, business associates, customers and employees. Proceeds from the cards will help support Club programs. The artwork featured on the cards is an original design by Club members and cards can be



personalized with a holiday message. See insert for more details.

## Donate in Honor of your Friends and Family

Avoid the holiday shopping crowd by donating to the club in honor of friends and family. Acknowledgments featuring youth artwork will be mailed to your family and friends informing them of your generosity.

To learn more about these opportunities, please contact Maura Walsh, Director of Development, 617-787-4044x27, [mwalsh@wehbgc.org](mailto:mwalsh@wehbgc.org)

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