

Community Gems Event Surpasses \$ Goal

Six Boston non-profit organizations raised \$160,800 with a holiday fundraiser produced through collaboration and shared resources, outpacing its initial goal by more than \$10,000. The collaborative, *Celebrating Community Gems*, drew about 800 people to the UMass-Boston Student Center in support of YouthBuild Boston, Roxbury Multi-Service Center, Children's Services of Roxbury, Hispanic Office of Planning and Evaluation in Jamaica Plain, United Homes for Children of Dorchester and La Alianza Hispana of Roxbury, each of whom pulled away \$26,800 – surpassing event organizers' original objective of raising \$25,000 for each.

The event's major sponsors include: Citizens Financial Group, the City of Boston, Boston Private Bank & Trust Company, the New England Patriots Foundation, the Liberty Mutual Group, Reebok Human Rights Foundation, Goodwin Procter LLC, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Partners HealthCare, Stop & Shop Supermarket Companies, KeySpan, WCVB-TV 5, Mega Communications and Citizens Bank.