

"Community Gems is simply the best family-oriented event there is."

- David Wright, Black Ministerial Alliance

Help us Shine in 2008

Community Gems raises funds through private grants and events. The primary means of fundraising is "Celebrating Community Gems", a holiday gala held at the UMass Boston Campus Center, on the first Saturday in December.

This night of celebration brings together families from the communities we serve for an unforgettable evening of celebration.

Party goers are treated to live entertainment, children's activities, gifts and great food.

This year's "Celebrating Community Gems" will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2008 at UMass Boston Campus Center, 6pm to 10pm.

Event Co-Chairs:

Mayor Thomas M. Menino,
Senator Dianne Wilkerson,

Robert M. Mahoney,
Executive Vice Chairman, Citizens Financial Group

Please see the reverse side of this panel for event sponsorship opportunities.

Yes, I/we will support Community Gems

Sponsorship Level _____

Name _____

Company/Organization _____

Contact Person _____

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Please send to:
Community Gems
c/o Children's Services of Roxbury
520 Dudley Street
Roxbury, MA 02119

For additional information
please contact Michelle Harris,
Program Director at
617-872-2850 or visit
www.communitygems.org

Make all checks payable to: Community Gems

Community Gems is a non-profit (501C3) organization.

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Your Dollars at Work

- ☼ 100 Additional teens were enrolled in the "Baby It's Real" Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.
- ☼ 75 Additional teens were served through the "Youth Connect To The Future" Program.
- ☼ 50 Additional seniors benefited from case management services.
- ☼ 100 Additional teens were served through the "Teens Networking Teens" Youth Violence Prevention Model.
- ☼ 100 Additional after-school program placements were made.
- ☼ 50 Additional HIV/AIDS clients were served.
- ☼ 100 Additional daycare slots were filled.
- ☼ 100 Additional clients received job readiness services.
- ☼ 75 Additional domestic violence survivors and their families received critical assistance.

**2008 marks 5 years for Community Gems!
To date we've raised nearly \$1 million to help children and families in the Greater Boston Area.**

2007 Community Gems Sponsors

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Six Gems with a Single Purpose



What is Community Gems?

The Community Gems Collaborative was created in 2004 and joins together six highly respected non-profit agencies that work together along with community partners, to raise money, build awareness and meet the diverse needs of the youth and families in the Greater Boston Area.

Gems agencies serve more than 19,000 Boston residents at every stage of life – from planning for a family to senior services. Community Gems provides funders with an opportunity to maximize their charitable dollars by issuing one check in support of six great organizations – with **100 percent of sponsorship funds going directly to the member agencies and the people they serve.**



Pathways to Success Start with Collaboration

The mission of Community Gems is to continue to facilitate the formation of a committed and lasting collaboration between partner agencies in the community. The common goal of these partner agencies is to educate, support and provide job readiness tools that will help families and youth navigate pathways to success.

In 2008, the Gems formalized their collaboration efforts through the design of the Youth Development Model with goals that focus on middle and high school youth in the areas of character building, leadership skills and engagement with social justice efforts.

"The Community Gems program is one of the most important collaborative projects in Black Boston's History." – Hubie Jones

Roxbury Youthworks, Inc.

One of the oldest community-based non-profit organizations in the City of Boston, Roxbury Youthworks' mission is to create healthy families and strong communities; to inspire young men and women to recognize and develop their strengths; and to prepare them to lead independent and self-sufficient lives. Since 1981 RYI has been combating the roots of juvenile delinquency in Boston's inner-city neighborhoods by providing community-based support, positive alternatives, advocacy, and an array of social services to young people and their families. www.roxburyyouthworks.org

YouthBuild Boston, Inc.

YouthBuild Boston is a leader in the provision of service learning and workforce development services for inner city youth and young adults seeking to contribute to the growth of their families and communities. Through effective collaborations with both private and public sector partners, YBB develops strategies that create and expand pathways to careers in the building trades and related fields. Founded in 1990, its mission is to improve opportunities for young people in Boston by teaching skills that will equip them to support themselves and to develop personal and neighborhood responsibility. www.ybboston.org



One gift supports all six.

Boston Higher Education Resource Center

Boston Higher Education Resource Center provides disadvantaged youth, adults, and their families with the tools necessary to overcome the barriers to higher or other education and employment. Programs include one-on-one college and financial aid counseling; SAT, MCAS, and college counseling/preparation programs for high school students; a mentoring program pairing college/graduate students with at-risk middle and high school youth; and a comprehensive two-year college preparatory initiative supporting at-risk/low-income high school juniors and seniors. It also offers Adult English-as-a-Second Language, Computer Literacy classes and has a computer lab available to the community. www.bostonherc.org

"Community Gems signals the future of cooperative fundraising by community-based organizations." – State Representative Marie St. Fleur

Roxbury Multi-Service Center

Established in 1964, RMSC uses an extensive, wrap around, solutions focused service delivery system to strengthen, stabilize, sustain, shelter and unify youth, families and our community. RMSC blends innovative outreach efforts and the internal expertise of program staff with a wide-ranging external network of community, government and business partners to provide needed short-term direct services to 7,500 individuals who are members of more than 5,000 families many of whom live below the federal poverty level. RMSC customers are multicultural, range in age from 0 to 80+, include a disproportionate number of single parent households as well as a growing percentage of the working poor. RMSC provides access to a wide array of integrated service and program options including Adolescent and Family Services, Community Programs Against Sexual Assault/Teens Networking Teens, Emergency Services, Family House Shelter Services, Home Based Family Stabilization/Crisis Services and Youth Programs. www.roxmulti.org

Children's Services of Roxbury

In its 35-year history, Children's Services of Roxbury has been committed to building healthy communities and families by providing high quality services to economically disadvantaged infants, children, adolescents and their families, thereby promoting and strengthening family life and individual growth. CSR is known for its capacity to coordinate a wide range of formal and informal community support, demonstrated by its service as lead agency in the statewide effort to coordinate housing and services for more than 398 displaced families after Hurricane Katrina. www.csrox.org

La Alianza Hispana, Inc.

Since 1971, La Alianza Hispana has been an icon of Latino leadership and has served as a portal to hope for well over 30,000 Bostonians. La Alianza is a results-oriented organization strategically focused on family support services, elder care programming, and workforce development and education. People and families are at the heart of its work, and its impact is measured in the number of individuals and families who have: stabilized their lives, developed healthy parenting styles, are living independent, healthy lives, and have obtained sustainable employment. www.laalianza.org



Sponsorship Opportunities

Please consider supporting Community Gems via sponsorship of its 5th Annual Holiday Gala "Celebrating Community Gems".

Emerald \$25,000

- Title billing on all event collateral including Community Gems website, program book, event signage, marketing materials and video presentation
- Full-page, prime placement advertisement in program book
- Option to participate in shared media opportunities
- Special recognition in press releases and other media outreach efforts
- Organization name and sponsorship level recognized in presentation at event
- VIP seating for four at Co-Chair tables/section
- 20 tickets to the event

Ruby \$10,000

- Company name listed on all event collateral including Community Gems website, program book, event signage, marketing materials and video presentation
- Half-page advertisement in program book
- Organization name and sponsorship level recognized in presentation at event
- Reserved seating for four
- 10 tickets to the event

Sapphire \$5,000

- Company name listed on all event collateral including Community Gems website, program book, event signage, marketing materials and video presentation
- Quarter-page advertisement in program book
- Organization name and sponsorship level recognized in presentation at event
- 5 tickets to the event

Diamond \$15,000

- Company logo on all event collateral including Community Gems website, program books, event signage, marketing materials and video presentation
- Full-page advertisement in program book
- Special recognition in press releases and other media outreach efforts
- Organization name and sponsorship level recognized in presentation at event
- VIP seating for two at Co-Chair tables/section
- 15 tickets to the event

Pearl \$100 - \$4,999

- Name listed in program book

Individual Tickets at \$50 (# of tickets) _____

Other donation amount \$ _____

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