



Theo and Paul Epstein Team Up To Make a Difference

West End House Boys & Girls Club named beneficiary of *The Foundation To Be Named Later*

Theo Epstein, General Manager of the Boston Red Sox, and Paul Epstein, a social worker at Brookline High School, established *The Foundation To Be Named Later* (FTBNL) in 2005 to help disadvantaged children and their families. The West End House Boys & Girls Club is thrilled to



Paul and Theo Epstein at the 2004 World Series

be one of the eight charities that will benefit from this new foundation, started by two brothers who share a strong commitment to their community. The FTBNL will focus specifically on building relationships with selected agencies in a combined effort to provide hope, opportunity, and support to children and families who need it most.

Growing up in Brookline, both Epstein brothers attended the WEH Camp and Club in their youth and felt it important to give back to a youth serving organization in their community. Co-founder Paul Epstein, a social worker at Brookline High School, will continue his commitment to children in need through the charitable works of the FTBNL. "The vitality and strength of the West End House Boys & Girls

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Plans for the 2006 Centennial Celebration

**Save the Date: West End House Reunion Gala
April 29, 2006**

Exciting plans are underway to celebrate the Centennial of the West End House in 2006. A series of events, beginning in the Spring, will highlight the West End House's contributions to the city of Boston, empowering immigrant youth and their families. In 1906, the children at the WEH came to this country from Poland, Russia, Ireland and Italy. Today, club members have emigrated from Guatemala, Brazil, China, Nigeria, and the Dominican Republic. The sense of belonging found at the West End House has enabled thousands of young men and women to grow into successful members of this community and beyond.



Girls learn at a summer baseball clinic sponsored by Bank of America

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New Programs, New Kids, and New Opportunities!



Staying fit!

Steps to Better Health

Club members are taking steps to better health in the new walking club! Each week, young people walk routes of various mileage as part of the Kids in Motion program sponsored by the New Balance Foundation. Welcome to our new Sports and Fitness Coordinator, Stern Chamberlain, a graduate of Lasalle College's Sports Management Program. Stern's focus on fitness, and the nutritious meals prepared by new Kids Café Chef Lisa Smith, help keep all of our youth active and strong.

A Year of Service by Brian J. Honan Fellows

The Brian J. Honan Fellowship teaches motivated teens through a year long program of community service and civic engagement. Teens in the 2005 Class of Brian J. Honan Fellows wrapped up their exciting year by completing their summer internships at organizations including the MSPCA

and the offices of city and state leaders including Felix Arroyo, Jerry McDermott, Kevin Honan, and Jarrett Barrios.

We are delighted to welcome the following young people who have been selected as the new 2006 Class of Brian J. Honan Fellows:
Brooke Rose, New Mission H.S.
Rachel Buckley, Ursuline Academy
Jamaal Davis, City on a Hill
Ayana Jones, Brighton High
Rachael Lewis, Brighton High
Annalee Mendez, Brighton High
Anim Aweh, Charlestown High
Gerard Gray, New Mission H.S.
Bundiht Pankam, New Mission H.S.
Sirae Richardson, Boston Arts Academy

Drumming Makes an Impact at the Cub



Anthony and Veronica learn Tiko drumming

from the Young Audiences Program this fall and winter. Funding for this

Tiko drumming, a physical Japanese drumming style that features large cowhide drums, will be taught to youth weekly by musicians

exciting cultural opportunity was provided by Harvard University's After School Initiative.

Reel Time

Kicking off the second season of Reel time was the film "Amuse Bouche: A Chef's Tale," a documentary by award-winning director Maryanne Galvin about the life of Barbara Lynch, Executive Chef of No. 9 Park. Barbara Lynch visited the Club following the screening to discuss the inspirational documentary about her life growing up in South Boston and her struggle to succeed in a male dominated industry. Reel time is a club program that exposes our teens to films that encourage discussion and debate.

WEH Launches New Partnership

Thanks to funding from LOYD (Leading Opportunities for Youth with Disabilities), club members are preparing to welcome students from the Horrace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Allston. Club members are learning American Sign Language and club staff are working with parents and school administrators to create a club experience that is both inclusive, supportive and most importantly – FUN!



Ready for a fast ball!

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Club is truly a reflection of those who came before – and those like Theo and Paul Epstein who give back to help children reach their true potential," says Club Executive Director Andrea Howard.

The FTBNL received more than \$250,000 from an exciting kick off concert event held this summer at Fenway Park entitled "Hot Stove, Cool Music – The Fenway Sessions." On July 16th, a limited audience was treated to musical performances by Boston all-stars such as Theo Epstein, Paul

Gammons, and Juliana Hatfield. Pitchers Tim Wakefield and Mike Timlin raised funds by auctioning off their cleats and jerseys. Theo Epstein remarked, "We know that when we combine two of Boston's greatest passions, music and baseball, the rewards for the community can be great."

From all of us here at the Club, THANK YOU Theo, Paul, and The Foundation To Be Named Later for your tremendous generosity and support!

West End House Boys & Girls Club Scholarship at UMass Amherst

A special thanks to Henry and Andrea Barr for creating the UMass Amherst West End House Boys & Girls Club Endowed Scholarship. Their hard work and generosity will help make the dream of college a reality for a two teens from the Club, Camp, or both each year. Both Henry – former WEH Boys & Girls Club Board President and current Board member at both UMass and the Club- and his wife Andrea graduated from UMass Amherst in 1968 and have created this scholarship to enhance opportunities in higher education for urban youth.



A. Varadachari and V. Ammani Family Fund



While board member Pramila Vivek was in India this summer, her cousin Srin

Kaundinya expressed an interest in giving back to a charitable organization in the United States in return for the opportunities he had received in this country. Upon Pramila's recommenda-

tion, Srin selected the West End House Boys & Girls Club and created the A.Varadachari and V. Ammani Family Fund in honor of his parents. Srin established the fund with an initial contribution of \$20,000 and intends for it to grow over time through personal contributions and the contributions of various family members. This special fund in the endowment will provide sustainability to important Club programs that assist in college preparation and academic development for children and teens.

Allan Romanow Board Leadership Award

The Allan Romanow Board Leadership Award is bestowed on a WEH Boys & Girls Club Board member each year for outstanding contributions to the Club and its mission. This year, the Board presented the award to long- time board member and Allston-Brighton Club Alumni Joe Mulligan. The Board would like to extend its gratitude and appreciation to Joe for his activism and support!



New Board Members

The WEH Boys & Girls Club continues to thrive due to the generosity and commitment of its dedicated Board of

Centennial Gala, April 29th

The West End House Centennial Gala will be held on Saturday, April 29th at the Marriott Hotel in Newton, MA. This much anticipated reunion will connect original West Enders, House and Camp Alumni, and the Club's current constituents of Allston-Brighton. For more information, please visit www.wehbgc.org or contact Maura Walsh at 617-787-4044 x27.

Calling All Alumni, Friends, and Family

We hope to reconnect alumni, friends, and family with each other and the Club in our centennial year. If you or someone you know is an alumnus of the West End House or the West End House Camp, please call Bill Margolin at 617 787 4044 x 29 to get more involved.

Directors. The Club is pleased to welcome the following new board members with strong backgrounds in community organizing, management, and program development:
Chris Avery, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
Juan Martinez, Executive Director of MassVOTE.

Comcast and the Club: A Perfect Match

Comcast is partnering with the West End House Boys & Girls Club on many levels to provide educational enrichment and technology access for young people. The Comcast Foundation recently awarded the Club a \$15,000 grant to support Project Learn, an educational enhancement program for urban at-risk youth in Allston-Brighton. This initiative serves 150 children each day with learning activities that enhance literacy and math skills.

Comcast also provides free high speed internet service to the Club, enabling

both youth and staff to access the web. This contribution is a tremendous benefit to the Club's technology programs and is helping to bridge the digital divide. In an effort to increase internet safety, Comcast partnered with Boys & Girls Clubs to educate both children and adults on how to recognize dangerous situations online and what to do when they occur. The WEH Boys & Girls Club was the site for a public service announcement featuring Lt. Governor Kerry Healy launching NetSmartz, the National Boys & Girls Club internet safety program.

"Comcast is an exemplary corporate partner helping us meet the variety of needs we face as a non-profit. Their donation of professional services and meaningful financial support enable us to deliver high quality after school programming," stated Andrea Howard, WEH Boys & Girls Club's Executive Director. The WEH views its relationship with Comcast as a model it would like to replicate with other corporations. If your company would like to partner with the West End House please contact: Maura Walsh at 617-787-4044 x27.

Laurie Kaplan – Blazing a New Trail for Young Women

In this and future newsletters, we are pleased to highlight individuals who have a history of involvement with the West End House and the new Club. In this edition, we present a profile of Laurie Kaplan, whose family's legacy of support is helping the Club look to the future.

Laurie Kaplan is continuing a family tradition of giving back. Her parents, Linda and Joe Kaplan, were long-time members and supporters of the House and the Camp having grown up in Boston's West End. Joe Kaplan served for many years on the Board of the Club, the Camp Corporation, and the Alumni Association. The lifelong friend-

ships and wonderful experiences from this community inspired a new mission in Laurie Kaplan's life – the creation of the West End House Camp for girls.

Laurie, a generous donor for many years, is focused on the goal of creating a camp experience for at-risk young women similar to the experience shared by many alumni of the WEH Boys Camp. To that end, she has funded a full time position to work with young girls and their families here at the Club in Allston. Ana Ledneva, the new girls program specialist, was hired this summer and is teaching environmental education, girls fitness, life skills, and

outdoor adventure programs.

Laurie has also formed a committee to organize the camp effort which includes Steve Curley, Bob Goober, Robert Gordon, Laura Fisher, Susan Miller, and Bill Margolin and is assisted by Marty Jacobs and Andrea Howard. "So few of our young people, particularly our girls, have the opportunity to leave the city and discover nature," states Executive Director Andrea Howard. "Because of Laurie's committee's generosity, our girls will truly experience the outdoors while learning lessons that will help them develop self confidence and a sense of adventure."

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