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**Mayor Menino Announces Harvard Allston Partnership Fund Recipients**  
*Six Non-Profit Organizations Split \$100,000 in First-Round Funding*  
*Funds to Support Vibrant Programs & Community Improvement Initiatives in Allston-Brighton*

Mayor Thomas M. Menino today joined Harvard University President Drew Gilpin Faust to announce the recipients of the Harvard Allston Partnership Fund (HAPF.) This first round of \$100,000 grant funding is part of a five-year \$500,000 fund available for neighborhood improvement projects, cultural enrichment, educational programming. Six non-profit organizations and community groups serving the North Allston-North Brighton community were selected to receive the grants. The HAPF, developed in collaboration with the Allston community, is dedicated to supporting community-based organizations that are improving the quality of life in the neighborhood.

“The Partnership Fund is an example of the great things we can do when we work together,” Mayor Menino said. “These grants will help support vibrant programs and community improvements in the North Allston-Brighton neighborhood, further strengthening the partnership between the neighborhood, the City and Harvard. I applaud the work of the dedicated committee of local residents who worked hard to select these worthy recipients.”

The six HAPF grant recipients were selected from a pool of applications by a seven-person advisory board made up of Allston-Brighton community members. The grant recipients were awarded \$5,000 to \$20,000 grants to fund a range of programming. They include:

- **The Fishing Academy** will increase scholarships to help local children attend camp this summer.
- HAPF funding will help launch the **Allston Brighton Arts Bridge**, a new arts project for local teens that will result in a project to be screened by the community.

- The **Massachusetts Poetry Outreach Project** will host a new yearlong poet residency program that puts two local poets into Gardner Pilot Academy 4th and 5th grade writing classes and brings poetry programs to the Honan Branch Library.
- **St. Luke's St. Margaret Church** will be able to offset the costs of diapers for 90 families that use their free diaper service at the Allston-Brighton Baby Diaper Pantry every month.
- The **Charles River Watershed Association** will convert a barren, paved lot alongside the German School in Allston into a lush, green streetscape.
- The **Joseph M. Smith Community Health Center** will offer health workshops and one-on-one patient education to assist at-risk populations in making healthy choices.

The next round of grant making will begin in fall 2009. The HAPF was established with the Boston Redevelopment Authority through the community benefits package associated with the Harvard Allston Science Complex, in accordance with the recommendations of the Harvard Allston Task Force.

After the celebration, the Mayor, President Faust and attendees at the HAPF celebration toured the Harvard Allston Farmers' Market and Sustainability Fair celebrating green living. The kick-off event launched a new season of fresh, local produce and offered fun for the family. In addition to sustainable produce shopping, visitors enjoyed food tastings, games for kids, and interactive displays of some of the sustainability measures under way at Harvard — including energy- and money-saving how-to-tips, as well as organic composting and fertilizing techniques.

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