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WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

This issue highlights some activities made by the program and provides general information about our services.

TARGET POPULATION

In school year 2009-2010, the BPS served approximately 1400 students who were temporarily without homes. The most frequently requested services were transportation, assistance with enrollment and referrals to other community resources. Due to the city's definition of student homeless status, it is believed that there are at least 3000 students in the BPS who are experiencing homelessness.

OUR SERVICES

- Assistance with enrollment, attendance, & assignment
- Customized transportation to & from school
- Crisis intervention & advocacy
- School supplies
- Coordination of Screening and Assessment Services
- Mentoring and summer programs
- Training & consultation services around issues of homelessness for school personnel
- Collaboration with other school districts, shelters, and community agencies
- HERN CCC provides assistance to service providers
- *BrownBagLunches*

POSTERS AT THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS, SATELLITE SITES AND SCHOOLS

As a means to educate families of students who are temporarily displaced about their rights to continue attending school, we have put up information posters at the North Zone, East Zone and West Zone Family Resource Centers and satellite sites. Through our collaborative efforts with school liaisons, we have also made this information available at 21 Boston Public Schools.

HOLIDAY COAT DISTRIBUTION

A joint effort between Citizens Bank Foundation and City Mission Society

HERN received 100 brand new coats & scarves through a joint effort between Citizen's Bank Foundation and City Mission Society. The students who benefited from the donation were identified as the neediest of the needy from 21 of our schools. This past year has been exceptionally difficult for families, especially those who are temporarily displaced; we are grateful to have been able to make this possible.

GIFT CARDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

This holiday season, Gift Cards from different stores were donated in abundance to families experiencing homelessness. Our Superintendent, Dr. Johnson, joined in with staff from Special Education & Student Services and Psychology Services to help during this event and add a bit of sunshine to the holidays. Gwendolyn Clark, a retired BPS administrator, works tirelessly from year-to-year to mobilize volunteers and engage community partners in securing resources for our students within the Boston Public Schools. Heart felt thanks to her.

MISSION

To provide a comprehensive program for students who are temporarily without homes so that they may continue to have stable educational experiences.

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