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HARVARD'S 20/20/2000 HOUSING INITIATIVE

Over the past decade, Harvard University has helped to build and renovate 4,350 units of affordable housing in Cambridge and Boston by investing $20 million in low-interest loans through the Harvard 20/20/2000 initiative. Through it, Harvard has helped to fund approximately 17 percent of the affordable housing units built or renovated in Cambridge and Boston since 2000.

The Harvard 20/20/2000 initiative is a capital fund of $20 million, over 20 years, provided at a 2 percent interest rate. Launched in 2000, it has supported 120 local housing projects to date.

"Quality, affordable housing means so much to families across the city, and the 20/20/2000 program demonstrates the value of the creative and productive partnerships that enable such progress," said Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, who has been a champion of affordable housing throughout his 17 years as mayor.

"Supporting the supply of affordable housing in Cambridge and Boston is just one of the many ways that Harvard is working to improve our local communities," said Harvard President Drew Faust. "We are pleased to join with the leadership of both cities on the 20/20/2000 initiative, which has helped to finance nearly one out of every six units built in Cambridge and Boston and provided many local working families with homes."

On Oct. 30, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino joined the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation, New Atlantis Development, Harvard University officials, and community members to celebrate the new Doña Betsaida Gutiérrez Housing Cooperative, located at the corner of Centre and Creighton Streets. The mixed-use building, named in a longtime Jamaica Plain activist, is the latest phase of the Blessed Sacrament affordable housing development, one of the largest recipients of 20/20/2000 funding in Boston.

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Since 1993, Project Success has connected high school students in Boston and Cambridge with mentors to mentored summer research internships at Harvard Medical School and its affiliated institutions. The summer program, organized by Harvard Medical School’s Office for University and Community Partnership, includes career guidance counseling, and seminars and workshops given by faculty and administrators.

Harvard freshman Noel Haines spent the summer in Cambridge-Harvard Summer Academy (CSA), of 12 camps run by the Phillips Brooks House Association. The camp experience, “like starting all over again.”

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