

A Project Place First...

For the first time in its nine year history, **Project Place's Annual Charity Golf Tournament** was rained out! Originally scheduled for July 18th, the threatening skies unleashed an unrelenting downpour at tee time, leading to the decision to postpone the event. However, despite the weather we were able to hold a successful silent auction and raffle, thanks to the wonderful generosity of all of the golfers in attendance.

When we reconvened at the **Pinehills Golf Club** on August 29th, the weather could not have been more perfect, complete with clear blue skies and 75 degree temps. Three cheers for **Andy Spencer** and **Raj Balakrishna**, Golf Tournament Co-Chairs, for all that they did to make the event such a success, and a shout out to **John Peters** for leading our fabulous team of volunteers so energetically. In addition, our deepest appreciation to all of the golfers and volunteers who took the time to attend our event...twice!



Many thanks to all of our wonderful sponsors including: **Corning Life Sciences, The Pepsi Bottling Group, Courier Corporation, Iron Mountain, Mt. Washington Bank, NOW Delivery, Tedeschi Food Shops, TRANE, Wainwright Bank & Trust Co., John Moriarty & Associates, Inc., and Consigli Construction Co. Inc.** Through the support of all involved, we succeeded in raising almost \$60,000 for Project Place's programming, and we hope to exceed that amount at next year's tournament, to be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008. Golfers, mark your calendars!



Many Thanks to our Donors and Volunteers!

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Alex Peters
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Project Place in the News!

We are proud to report that in recent months Project Place has been highlighted by a number of media outlets. We are thrilled with the variety of recognition that we have received, and as our supporters, we wanted to keep you up to date on the latest news...

Affordable Housing Finance Magazine: *Gatehouse Mixes Supportive Housing with Small Business* (8/2007)

Project Place's new building has been chosen as a finalist for the magazine's annual readers' choice awards. An article discussing the building and the organization is featured.

South End News: *The Dogs Finally Have Their Day* (8/9/2007)

In discussing the construction of a dog run at Peter's Park, Project Place's new building is mentioned, as is Clean Corners...Bright Hopes' maintenance of the park.







Boston Herald: *Local Projects Tap Geothermal Energy* (8/9/2007)

In an article profiling local geothermal buildings, Project Place is cited as an example.

Boston Herald: *Suffolk Eyes Modern Theater Overhaul* (8/10/2007)

Clean Corners...Bright Hopes' new cleaning contract with Suffolk University is mentioned as part of the school's redevelopment plans.

And Other Project Place Happenings...

-  The Project Place staff would like to express our deepest appreciation to the fabulous **Dr. Chris Standring**, who has been generously donating his time and chiropractic talents keeping us healthy and happy. Dr. Standring will be opening **Boston Craniosacral Therapy** in Copley Square at the beginning of October. We wish him the best of luck. www.bostoncraniosacral.com
-  Thank you to our most recent corporate donors who provide critical support for our programs: **Bay State Federal Savings Charitable Foundation**, the **Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation Fund** at the **Hartford Foundation**, **The Boston Foundation**, and **The Gardiner Howland Shaw Foundation**. Also a tremendous thanks to the latest supporters who are helping us near completion of our capital campaign including: the **Agnes B. Lindsay Trust** and **State Street Foundation**.
-  We would like to welcome the newest members of the Project Place staff. **Tiffany Samuels** joined the CREW program in August and immediately became a friendly face around the office. **Sean Pierce** came on board in September as the new Education Specialist and worked most recently in Special Education at Medford High School.
-  Our Board of Directors has gained three new members: **Heather Wells**, an architect and interior designer who helped spearhead our Adopt-A-Room program; **Ed Belove**, who showed an early interest in our microlending program and, as an entrepreneur himself, a soft spot for our enterprises; and **Jan Cooper**, of Deloitte & Touche, who brings to the table a background in supporting employment opportunities for challenged populations.
-  Getting a craving for Chinese food? We sure are! In mid-September, the restaurant **Myers + Chang** opened on the first floor of our building. It is owned and operated by our Board Member, **Joanne Chang** of **Flour Bakery**, and **Chris Myers**, a veteran of various Boston establishments, including **Radius**. We are sure it will be a huge success in the neighborhood, and wish Joanne and Chris all the best!
-  Project Place has been chosen by the philanthropy group **Cities Unite** (www.citiesunite.org) to work together throughout 2007/2008 to reach out to a new audience of young professional supporters. Stay tuned for some exciting new events we are working on.

Inspiration from the Annual Meeting

The Gift

By Carol Hampton-Glass

I have made mistakes
I have survived abusiveness
I have been called a phony or a fake
But through it all I've maintained a
Precious gift

I was a baby who grew up
to be a child
Then I grew into a teenager
And that's when I got a little wild
But I still maintained the gift

When I became a woman
I had good times, bad times
Sorrowful times, but through it all
I still maintained the gift
Through rain or shine

I have children and grandchildren
I have a mother and three brothers
But most importantly I still maintain the gift
which you will soon discover
But

I could have none of the above if I
Didn't have the gift and
That's the gift of life

Isn't that nice?

Project Place's 40th Annual Meeting took place in June at our new digs on Washington Street. It was our pleasure to have Representative Salvatore DiMasi, Speaker of the House, in attendance as our honored guest speaker. Stephen K. Lucitt of Mercantile Bank received our "Corporate Partner/Volunteer" award. Steve has not only been teaching financial literacy classes to our clients for several years, but has also worked hard designing and implementing a micro-lending program for Project Place alumni. John Peters was the recipient the "Community Partner/Volunteer" award for his enthusiastic commanding of our golf tournament. And Project Place graduate, Carol Glass-Hampton, was honored with the "Graduate Partner" award for her role as an alumni advisor to our Board of Directors. Carol gave a moving speech and read a poem she wrote describing her journey (see side bar). Three cheers for all of our outstanding supporters whose dedication makes our work possible!



Suzanne Kenney, Project Place Executive Director, and Carol Glass-Hampton.



Speaker DiMasi enjoys a laugh at Project Place's Annual Meeting.

Congratulations to Our Most Recent Client of the Quarter!



We are pleased to announce our newest Client of the Quarter: Lorenzo Grubb, Site Supervisor for Clean Corners...Bright Hopes. Lorenzo was nominated by staff and clients for his cooperative attitude, personal motivation, respect for others, and the overall inspiration he provides to the Project Place family. Lorenzo is also a tenant in one of Project Place's new affordable studio apartments.

"Project Place is giving me a chance to move on. All the staff and everyone who works here are very friendly and helpful. I look up to Don" [Sterrett, Operations Manager]. "He is a mentor to me. I learn something everyday. Also, dealing with people in recovery and people coming out of jail helps me to stay stronger, to help others, and to feel good about myself."



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Mark your calendars...



Project Place's Fifth Annual Valentine Gospel Brunch

will take place on

Sunday, February 3rd

at the Copley Fairmont Plaza in Boston



*Planning & preparations for this year's
Gospel Brunch are already underway...*



*If you would like to get involved, donate an item for the
auction or become a sponsor, we would love to hear from you!*