Boys Town of Washington

4801 Sargent Road, NE
Washington, DC 20017

Capitol Hill Residence
COMMUNITY UPDATE

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Changing the way America cares for her children

Welcome to the first of a series of community updates from Boys Town of Washington, a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization serving District boys and girls from the ages of 2 to 18 years old. Boys Town of Washington (Boys Town) is interested in keeping the Capitol Hill community informed of our efforts to build a new Boys Town site planned for Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenues on Capitol Hill. This residence will provide services for children from families in need of support. The residence will be designed for approximately forty children ranging in ages from 10 to 18 years old. The residences will house sixteen children on a short-term basis and twenty-four on a longer-term basis. Currently, Boys Town of Washington serves children referred by the DC Child and Family Services Agency from the neglect and abuse system. During its seven years of operation in the District, Boys Town has provided services for more than 1,000 District children and their families.

Facts

- After an extensive two-year search, Boys Town purchased an 88,000 square foot parcel at the corner of Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenues in March. This is a preferred location because a.) It is easily accessible by public transportation to allow family visits and b.) It is close to the children's neighborhood.

- The long-term residence will consist of four quality Victorian town homes being designed by Weinstein Associates Architects. Each home will function as a true family, headed by a highly trained, married couple and an assistant caring for six children. The short-term residence will be for children in need of temporary care. In addition, an administration building, basketball court recreation areas, green space, and parking areas will be constructed.

- More than 54% of Boys Town's children are from Wards 6, 7 and 8 in the District.

- Boys Town purchased the Capital Hill location for $8.2 million with resources from its expansion fund.

- Boys Town is conducting extensive community outreach and will create a Community Advisory Committee, which will meet regularly to seek community input, recruit volunteers and to engage neighbors in ongoing dialogue.

Community Benefits

- Boys Town provides a service to District children and their families and offers family preservation training and parenting classes.

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Case No. 16791
Exhibit No. 50

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16791
EXHIBIT NO.50

• This $5 million construction project will help promote economic development on Capitol Hill by creating approximately 50 temporary construction jobs. Once the residence is built, there will be nearly 39 permanent jobs. Boys Town is committed to actively recruiting in the local community to fill these positions.

• Boys Town will seek to create opportunities for District-based local, small and disadvantaged businesses.

Safety

Boys Town's first priority is to protect the children placed in our care. To this end, our children are closely supervised around-the-clock. Children attend local neighborhood schools or return to schools in the neighborhoods from which they came. Outside of school activities and free time are carefully supervised and monitored.

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Our Pledge to the Community

- To serve children from the District.
- To design quality residences that will enhance the neighborhood.
- To serve non-delinquent children.
- To form a Community Liaison Committee to work with the community.
- To actively recruit for Boys Town's full time positions from the community.

Community Meetings

Boys Town welcomes the opportunity to meet with members of the community and encourages visits to our Northeast campus located at 4801 Sargent Road, NE. To schedule a meeting, call (202) 832-7343.

ANC Commissioner Kalimah Abdul-Sabur will hold a community meeting for Ward 6 residents, Thursday, June 28, 6:30-8:30 PM at Edison Friendship Public Charter School (Chamberlain), 1345 Potomac Ave., SE. Councilmember Ambrose will attend.

Alumni

Boys Town has produced physicians, lawyers, judges, state senators, professional football planers and owners of major businesses around the country.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Boys Town of Washington Plans Capital Hill Expansion

Washington, DC (May 16, 2000)---Boys Town of Washington will build a state of the art residential facility on Capital Hill at Potomac and Pennsylvania Ave., SE. The organization acquired the property in March and construction is slated to begin next year.

Constance Washington, Site Director for Boys Town of Washington, said, AOur new Southeast Boys Town residences will provide services for children who have been victims of neglect or abuse. The boys and girls who will reside here are referred to us by the District's Office of Child and Family Services and are victims of a deteriorating family system. The facility will include a Residential Services program consisting of four family homes and a short-term residence. The residence is designed to provide services to approximately forty children, sixteen on a short-term basis and twenty-four on a longer-term basis.

Boys Town of Washington offers a family-centered approach to helping children by creating an environment of love and respect. The four family homes will be under the guidance of highly trained married couples who are responsible for the care of about six children. The entire home environment is designed to help children feel wanted and to help them learn appropriate behavioral skills to make appropriate life choices.

Boys Town of Washington is an affiliate of Boys Town USA which has provided services for children since 1917. Its family-centered approach to caring for children has been recognized for its successful results.

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Girls and Boys Town of Washington

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THE STATE OF FOSTER CARE

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COMMUNITY BENEFITS

■ Boys Town serves District children and their families and offers family preservation training and parenting classes in the community. Since 1993, Boys Town has served more than 1,000 District families and children.

■ This $5 million construction project will help promote economic development on Capitol Hill by creating approximately 50 temporary construction jobs. Once the residence is built, there will be nearly 39 permanent jobs. Girls and Boys Town is committed to actively recruiting in the local community to fill these positions.

■ Girls and Boys Town is conducting extensive community outreach and will create a Community Advisory Committee, which will meet regularly to seek community input and to engage neighbors in ongoing dialogue.

■ Girls and Boys Town will seek to create opportunities for District-based local, small and disadvantaged businesses.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

• What population does Boys Town serve?

Boys Town of Washington serves children referred by the DC Child and Family Services Agency from the neglect and abuse system. None of the children are juvenile delinquents or have criminal records. They are all victims of family situations that placed them in the neglect and abuse system.

• How many children will be located at the Capitol Hill residences?

The Capitol Hill residences will be designed for approximately forty children ranging in ages from 10 to 18 years old. The short-term residences will house sixteen children and the four longer-term residences will house six children each.

• Why did Boys Town choose the Capitol Hill location?

Capitol Hill was not the first site selected by Boys Town. For two years, Boys Town conducted and extensive search for additional space in the District. We worked with the Administration and sent offers to purchase land at St. Elizabeth's, Sheridan Terrace on Suitland Parkway, a Safeway store on MLK Blvd. and a Marine Corp site. Unfortunately, after a considerable time, we could not get a sales agreement contract executed because of jurisdictional disputes between the District and Federal governments and other problems. Boys Town was approached by a realestate broker who represented the owners of the Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenue sites and purchased this 88,000 square feet of commercially zoned property in March.

• What makes Capitol Hill a good location for Girls and Boys Town?

This is a preferred location because more than 54% of Boys Town's children are from Wards 6, 7 and 8, it is easily accessible by public transportation to allow family visits and it is close to the children's neighborhood.

• How will the Girls and Boys Town residences be designed?

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!!! OPEN HOUSE !!!

Come see what Boys Town is all about. Join us for an Open House at our location at 4801 Sargent Road, NE on Sunday, July 30 from 2-4 P.M. Refreshments will be served.

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Boys Town

Open House

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2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

4801 Sargent Road, NE
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FREE BUSES TO BOYS TOWN
LEAVING FROM HOPKINS APARTMENTS
1000 12TH ST., SE
AT
1:30 P.M.
2:00 P.M.
2:30 P.M.

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RSVP at (202) 832-7343

[Letterhead]

Capitol Hill Site

March

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Volume 2, Edition 1 **2001**

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- Construction begins mid-April
- Construction will be completed on the four r esidential homes at the end of 2001
- Construction of administration building and short-term facility will be completed at the end of 2002

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Washington, DC

Capitol Hill Site
COMMUNITY UPDATE

Volume 3, Edition 1 2002

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Construction has begun on four residential homes at Girls and Boys Town of Washington's Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenues, SE site and we want to keep the community abreast of our progress. Scheduled for completion in the summer of 2002, each home will house six children, under the care of a married couple. With nearly 3000 District children in the foster care system, the need for a loving family environment is critical. The District has "made a commitment toward improving the quality of a range of supportive services" for young people, said Mayor Anthony Williams. We look forward to working with the community toward improving the lives of District children.

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