



Dorchester House

Multi-Service Center

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Dorchester House Multi-Service Center Chosen by Staples Associate to Receive \$1,000 Grant

Dorchester, MA – Dorchester House Multi-Service Center has been awarded \$1,000 by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., under a program that lets Staples associates direct donations.

President and CEO of Dorchester House Walter Ramos explains; “This generous grant enables us to continue our goal of incorporating career focused youth services at our center. Staples has proven itself as a reliable and trustworthy company with an emphasis on social responsibility.”

The grants are part of a philanthropic initiative created by Staples Foundation which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations that are focused on education or job skills. The program encourages local community engagement by awarding larger grants to organizations where associates are highly engaged in volunteering or fundraising.

“After we selected Staples as our office supply provider, they have proven to be a great partner from the get-go. This grant is just one example how Staples proves to be a great partner for Dorchester House,” said Peter Van Kalkerren, Director of Business Development at Dorchester House.

The Dorchester House Multi-Service Center is the home of the Generation Next Academy (GNA) Teen Center, the health center’s program to ensure that high-risk youth in Dorchester graduate from high school and go to college. As of this writing, GNA has over 800 members who benefit from a consistent schedule that blends instruction and programming opportunities critical to healthy development of youth.

“GNA’s workforce programming focuses on engaging youth in job readiness trainings and workshops to build their knowledge and skills in preparing a resume, job seeking and interviewing, workplace behavior, time management, and basic work skills relating to communications, problem solving, goal setting, and teamwork,” Explained Michelle Nadow, Chief Administrative Officer at Dorchester House.

In addition, Dorchester House also employs youth during the summer in a variety of departments in the health center with support from the Boston Youth Fund (BYF), a city run initiative whose priority is to work with local companies to offer positive job experiences to youth. During this past summer Dorchester House had 12 youth employees placed through BYF. During the school year, Dorchester House also employs youth peer leaders in the Teen Center and certified lifeguards at its swimming pool.

“Staples Foundation is committed to making a positive impact in the communities where our associates live and work,” said Katy Dobbs, director of global community and giving for Staples,



Inc. “Through our program, we are pleased to support our associates and the local non-profit organizations that matter to them most.”

About Dorchester House Multi-Service Center

The Dorchester House Multi-Service Center is a federally qualified health center located in the Fields Corner neighborhood of Dorchester. The Dorchester House has provided essential healthcare, social services and wellness opportunities to the community for over 40 years. At Dorchester House we know that the health disparities in our community cannot be addressed through the treatment of individual, medically based issues alone. As such, we offer our over 22,000 patients extensive case management, financial and legal services as well as a number of community programs. By connecting our patients with comprehensive primary care, social services and in-house programs – all under one roof – we support the overall good health of our patients and build a stronger and healthier community.

About Staples Community and Giving

Staples is dedicated to providing education and job skills opportunities in communities where our customers and associates live and work with a primary focus on support disadvantaged youth, from literacy and mentoring to career skills development initiatives. Staples supports these causes through corporate contributions, in-kind donations and grants from Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc. Through its global community and giving efforts, Staples has helped more than 6,500 organizations in local communities across 26 countries. Community and Giving is also an integral component of Staples Soul, which recognizes the connection between long-term business success and the impact Staples has on associates, communities and the planet. For more information, visit www.staples.com/community.



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