

Thanks for support for ESAC

ESAC (Ecumenical Social Action Committee, Inc.) board of directors and staff would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our 2009 funders and supporters. We recognize that these are challenging economic times, and yet they have been steadfast in helping us provide ongoing high quality services to the neediest citizens in our neighborhoods.

We applaud and thank our local restaurants for ESAC's very successful "14th Annual Taste of JP" last November. The event was attended by nearly 400 people at Cedars Hall. We thank the participating 26 restaurants and vendors: Alchemist, Ban Chiang House, Bella Luna, Blue Frog Bakery, Blue Hills Brewery, Bon Savor, Boston Beer Company, Bukhara Indian Bistro, Canto 6, City Feed and Supply, Dogwood Cafe, Fiore's Bakery, Forklift Catering, Haley House, Himalayan Bistro, JP Licks, James's Gate, Laria Foods, Masona Grill, The Real Deal, Sweet Bea Cakes, Sweet Earth, Ten Tables, Ula Café, Vee Vee and West on Centre. Each restaurant brought delectable dishes, and the attendees raved about the food.

We also thank our sponsors for the event: Pepper Hamilton LLP, Attorneys at Law, Hyde Park Savings Bank, Eastern Bank, Vargas & Vargas Insurance, Brookline Bank, Robert Chow, Esq., Boston Private Bank

& Trust Company, Alan Sharaf & Carolyn Levy, SKM Title & Closing, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Neighborhood Health Plan, Overture Partners, Brigham and Women's Hospital, The Boston Beer Company, Mt. Washington Bank, Jamaica Plain Gazette and Carol Levy. We raised over \$45,000 through the event's proceeds.

Save the date: ESAC's "15th Annual Taste of JP" is scheduled for Thurs., Nov. 18, 2010. This is a very special year for ESAC as we celebrate our 45th anniversary of serving Boston's neighborhoods as well as the special 15th anniversary of the Taste.

The success of "ESAC's Annual Taste of JP" would not be possible without the financial support of the over 100 local businesses, community groups and elected officials who contribute to the event and donate to our silent auction and raffle.

We also thank our major funders and contributors: City Of Boston: Department of Neighborhood Development, Boston Public Health Commission, EDIC Alternative Education Initiative, Neighborhood Jobs Trust, Boston Connects, Job Corp Service, Boston Police Department (Shannon), Title III (Elder Services), and Lead Safe Boston; Suffolk County DA's Office Safe Neighborhood Initiative; Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education; Mas-

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ESAC greatly appreciates all of our supporters who make it possible to meet our mission to improve the quality of life for our most vulnerable citizens in Boston's neighborhoods. The services we offer include Foreclosure Prevention Counseling; Senior Home Repair and Emergency services; youth programs; GED programs; counseling and advocacy; asthma health and environmental education; community organizing; and the Egleston Square Peace Garden.

We also thank the community for its ongoing support!

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