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BOSTON CARES RECEIVES NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Points of Light & Hands On Network Salutes Local Non-Profit

BOSTON, Mass. – June 13, 2008 – Boston Cares, New England's largest organization dedicated to team-oriented volunteering on a flexible basis, was presented the Points of Light & Hands On Network 2008 Leadership Award at the National Conference on Volunteering & Service in Atlanta, Georgia. The National Leadership Award was sponsored by UPS and included a \$2500 donation to Boston Cares.

The award is presented annually to an affiliate that has made outstanding contributions in advancing the Points of Light & Hands On Network, as well as the civic engagement movement at large. Boston Cares was selected for their vision and leadership in co-creating last November's Massachusetts Civic Engagement Summit, an event that raised awareness about the importance of volunteering and civic involvement among government, business, and community leaders. The Summit brought together more than 700 people from 92 communities and over 300 organizations.

Boston Cares also co-chaired the Volunteerism track at the Summit, to promote better understanding of Massachusetts volunteerism trends and to motivate different stakeholders to inspire a volunteer movement across the Commonwealth.

Since the Summit, Boston Cares has been working with other POL&HON volunteer centers in MA to develop a state-wide agenda for volunteerism.

About Boston Cares: Boston Cares serves more than 150 non-profit organizations with needs that can be filled by flexibly scheduled teams of volunteers. Boston Cares' signature Calendar Program features more than 150 projects each month through which members volunteer at a variety of projects. Youth and families volunteer through dedicated BOOYAH! (Boston Young Active Hands) projects. Citizen Academy offers volunteers and others the opportunity to explore issues encountered through community service and to identify action steps they can take. Boston Cares also produces and leads corporate volunteer projects for companies of all sizes. The Campus Initiative program mobilizes hundreds of college students from throughout Greater Boston. Boston Cares is a member of the Points of Light & Hands On Network, an alliance of volunteer organizations working to transform individuals and communities through service and civic engagement, with affiliates in 378 US and international locations.

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