

A TRIUMPHANT GALA

Leaders from Boston's corporate, civic and philanthropic communities celebrated BMC's 10th anniversary at the hospital's recent annual gala that raised more than \$1.7 million to support its mission of exceptional care without exception.

Held at the Seaport World Trade Center on June 10, BMC's 2006 Gala drew more than 1,100 people who came to support the many patient, research and educational programs and services at the medical center.

A highlight of the event was a 7-minute video, "In Their Own Words," featuring four patients describing their treatment and positive experiences at BMC.



James Tobin, CEO of Boston Scientific Inc., and his wife, Janet, enjoy the event, which included an auction that raised more than \$160,000 for BMC's new Cancer Patient Support Services Fund.



Gala emcee, Heather Unruh, anchor of WCVB-TV's EyeOpener newscast, chats with Steve Williams, MD (right), chief ad interim, Rehabilitation Medicine at BUMC, and her husband Nick Little.

People's champion



Elaine Ullian, left, BMC president and CEO, joins Sen. Therese Murray, D-Plymouth, and Murray's sister, Rita Whelan, MSM, director of Support Services at BMC, at a recent gathering in the Dowling Amphitheatre. Calling her a champion of Massachusetts health care reform legislation, Ullian told Murray, "You have our deepest thanks for all that you do, day in and day out, for the people of the Commonwealth."

Moakley Campaign extends its goal

Thanks to the strong support and generous donations from BMC friends, the Moakley Campaign recently extended its goal by an additional \$7.5 million for support services for the hospital's cancer patients.

At BMC's 10th Anniversary Gala, Elaine Ullian, BMC president and CEO said, "It is our intention to exceed the \$51.1 million goal, using the additional resources to establish a fund for the services and outreach that our patients, families and their neighbors deserve."

The new Cancer Patient Support Services Fund will include crucial but not reimbursable services, such as patient navigators, who act as liaisons between the patient, the treatment team and the people and services with whom the patient interacts; Interpreter Services, which provides interpreters to patients, family members and visitors; free health-screening events in the community and at the hospital; and cancer support groups.

During the past few months, numerous gifts and pledges have helped the Moakley Campaign meet its

original \$51.1 million goal, according to Norman Stein, vice president of Development at BMC.

Recent pledges include \$250,000 from Theresa and Steven D. Levy, \$150,000 from Irwin and Roberta Chafetz, \$100,000 from Gil Minor, and \$100,000 from Steve and Amy Samuels. BMC Trustee Susan Donahue and her husband, Digger, also pledged an additional \$100,000, bringing their overall commitment to \$200,000. Paul and Joanne Egerman, as well as Pam and Bob Adams each pledged an additional \$50,000.

Set to open this fall, the Moakley Building will offer cancer care and other multispecialty medical services, including the Department of Otolaryngology, the Center for Digestive Disorders and ambulatory surgery.

"The continued support of our loyal contributors, as well as the BMC community, allows us to keep the promises we've made to our patients," said Stein. "We are very grateful for the many generous contributions from our donors."

To make a donation to the Moakley Campaign, visit <http://www.bmc.org/development>.

CITYLAB ACADEMY'S GRADUATES CELEBRATE SUCCESS

Instructors, students, families and friends celebrated the accomplishments of CityLab Academy's class of 2006 at a recent graduation ceremony.

BUSM's CityLab Academy is a nine-month academic and job-skills training program providing qualified high school graduates with the knowledge and hands-on experience necessary for college and career placement in biotechnology. Many CityLab Academy graduates continue to pursue a bachelor's degree in Biomedical Laboratory and Clinical Sciences at BU.

At the ceremony, 12 students from Greater Boston received a Certificate in Biomedical Laboratory Science, which

will help them obtain entry-level jobs in a biomedical laboratory and pursue an academic degree in the sciences.

Graduate Paul Queenan, 47, who worked as a laborer most of his life, recently started a job at Massachusetts General Hospital as a laboratory technician.

Esther West, who was a stay-at-home mother of three before she decided to enroll in CityLab Academy, was recently hired by Kraft Foods as a quality control technician.

Commencement speaker Bilal McCloud, MEd, was a counselor at a homeless shelter before participating in CityLab Academy's pilot program in

1991. He now works at BUMC as a senior research assistant in the Department of Infectious Diseases and, with his new master's degree, will be teaching at the academy this fall.

In his speech, McCloud encouraged the graduates to strive hard, be confident, and use their certificate as a platform for higher goals in the future.

"CityLab Academy provided each student the opportunity, as well as the laboratory skills, to thrive in entry-level research jobs, as well as the life skills needed to pursue a better future," said Connie Phillips, MPH, director of CityLab Academy. "We are very proud of our graduates."



Patrice Nelson, a single mother who maintained an A-average at CityLab Academy while juggling a full-time job, her child and her studies, was recently hired as a lab technician in the Department of Microbiology at BUSM.