



Building a Better Dorchester for our Students, Families and Schools

Dear Friends:

The Dorchester FAMILY School Initiative (DFSI) Boston Marathon Fundraiser is looking for two runners to represent us for the 2012 Boston Marathon.

We are looking for dedicated runners who live and/or work in Dorchester. Each runner must:

- participate in special event activities for DFSI (1-3 hours)
- visit one of our school sites to meet students and talk about fitness (1-4 hours)
- raise at least \$3000 before the 2012 Boston Marathon
- complete agreement participation forms with DotWell by January 12
- run 26.2 miles in April!

If you would like to run for us, please email tom.powers@dotwell.org or call 617-474-1464. We will be selecting runners by January 12.

DFSI's mission is to provide better health, social support and enrichment services for children attending our partner schools: Oliver Wendell Holmes School, Joseph Lee School, and Lee Academy Pilot School. The goal is to connect students and their families to their schools and the local community.

All money raised will help DFSI to:

- support before-school and after-school programming at the three schools
- coordinate social and emotional services within schools
- expose the children to positive youth development activities that will help them improve their health and wellness
- provide enrichment activities that engage students in art, music, drama, and sports
- connect families with community programs and services
- support teachers and the schools to strengthen math and reading skills

The DFSI is a partnership of the three schools along with DotWell (a collaborative effort of the Codman Square Health Center and the Dorchester House Multi-Service Center), Wheelock College, FAMILY Inc., Dorchester Neighborhood Service Center and a number of other local social, civic and health services organizations.

Sincerely,
DFSI Fundraising Committee