Tufts and the Medford Community

Connecting with Neighbors
It is impossible to imagine Medford today without Tufts University. Our children, our businesses, and our institutions all benefit because Tufts calls our city home. We continually find new ways to work together and meet the evolving needs of our residents and the Tufts community. We are proud to have Tufts as our partner.

MAYOR MICHAEL J. MCGLYNN
To our Medford neighbors:

Tufts University is proud that it has shared a rich history with the City of Medford for nearly 160 years. The university has derived enormous benefits from its relationship with this vibrant city.

In the spirit of the active citizenship that marks Tufts, the university fosters numerous collaborative partnerships that enhance educational opportunities, support social and civic organizations, empower citizens, and strengthen the economic resources of the city. Our students and faculty value the opportunity to work with and learn from Medford’s residents and dedicated civic leaders.

Of course, strong personal connections are at the heart of our shared community—from the 380 Medford residents who work at Tufts and the more than 450 Tufts alums who call Medford their home, to the many Medford school children who participate in our Community Music Program. All of them help knit us together.

This report highlights some of our many activities in Medford. If you would like more information, please contact the Tufts University Office of Community Relations at 617.627.3780.

We look forward to many more years of partnering together.

Best regards,

Lawrence S. Bacow
President
Arts & Culture Come Alive

The visual and performing arts at Tufts are some of the gems of our campus. From visual arts at the Aidekman Arts Center to plays at the Balch Arena Theater and concerts of all types at the Granoff Music Center, there is always something exciting to hear and see. Most events are free and open to the public. Come and join us for award-winning a capella singing groups, dramatic and musical theatre productions, and concerts of nearly every kind of music imaginable.

Art

• Bridging Connections, Building Community: Children’s Art from Tufts-Medford Arts Outreach featured an exhibit of artwork by Medford Public School students, honoring children’s contributions to civil society and the arts. The artwork was created in a faculty-led art class through the Eliot-Pearson Early Childhood Development Department.

• Tufts University Art Gallery mounts an annual art exhibit each summer with artists from our host communities of Medford and Somerville.

Theater

• The Magic Circle Theater comprises performances by and for children. For more than 50 years, the theater has presented plays each summer which have included Medford children. The Phantom Tollbooth and Annie were among recent productions.

• The Department of Drama and Dance mounts plays produced by faculty that feature student actors, including two musicals each year by Torn Ticket II. Recently, The Mad Woman of Chaillot was presented. Tickets are available for a modest charge.

Music

• The Community Music Program, as part of the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center, offers courses for adults and children of all ages—from music and movement, lessons on violin or in African drumming, choral singing, and more. A Sunday Community Concert Series offers numerous free performances.

• The Tufts Wind Ensemble and the Tufts Chorale offers a concert each semester for young children and their families, with more than 300 families attending in 2008-2009.
A Tufts graduate student taught chorus to 50 students at the Columbus elementary school’s after-school program.

Music Mentors—Tufts student musicians—meet weekly with Andrews Middle School students to provide encouragement, advice, and role modeling to aspiring young musicians.

Student Performances
More than 25 Tufts’ student groups perform regularly and there is something for every taste, including singing, dance or instrumental performances.

For example, Tufts has seven a capella groups—from the all-male Beelzebubs and the all-female Jackson Jills singing pop and rock, to Essence with songs of the African Diaspora. And don’t forget to look out for BEATS, the student drumming group.

“What a wonderful concert. It means so much to me as a father that our community has access to such magnificent facilities. It is beyond anything that we had hoped for when we started our family in Medford.”

Frederick Park
Medford Parent

TO JOIN A MAILING LIST OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Art Gallery:
http://ase.tufts.edu/gallery, 617.627.3518

Community Music Program:
http://tufts.edu/musiccenter, 617.627.5616

Tufts Music Department:
http://tufts.edu/as/music, 617.627.3564

Theater Performances: http://ase.tufts.edu/drama-dance/performances, 617.627.3524
Enriching Educational Life

Tufts and the Medford community share a passion for learning. Our combined resources spark the curiosity of Medford children and adults while deepening the experiences of Tufts faculty and students.

Enhancing the Classroom Experience

From science enrichment to after-school programs, Tufts and Medford work together to enhance the classroom experience. Highlights include:

- **Inquiry**, an interactive global issues program, engages 40 Medford high school students each year in an intellectually challenging simulation.

- **The My HEAT after-school club**, offered in the Medford middle schools, introduces healthy eating through cooking, taste testing, and games.

- **Peace Games**, an after-school program in Medford’s elementary schools, uses non-competitive games to teach children how to safely work and learn together. Problems can be solved through collaboration!

- **STOMP**, the Student Teacher Outreach Mentorship Program of the Center for Engineering Education and Outreach (CEEO) provides weekly visits by Tufts engineering students to Medford schools, facilitating a math, science, or engineering hands-on activity.

- **The Tufts Literacy Corps (TLC)** has sent trained Tufts students to tutor Medford children in reading, writing, and math since 1973. TLC includes programs such as the Poetry Project, Middle School Book Clubs, the StoryCorps, and a drama club.

- In addition, hundreds of Medford pre-schoolers have gotten their start in school by attending the Eliot-Pearson Children’s School and the Tufts Educational Day Care Center with the help of state programs and private funds.

Teachers and Families

Tufts offers the following professional development programs to Medford teachers:

- Math lesson planning for middle schools through the Tufts University Institute on Problem Solving and Discrete Mathematics. Participants create lesson plans on topics such as linear programming, permutations, and probability.

- A new two-year grant from Beginnings Preschool will provide $130,000 in scholarships for low-income families in Medford. Teams from the Medford Public Schools and Tufts will work together to enhance the quality of preschool classrooms.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2008-2009, 24 Medford residents attended Tufts, sharing a total of $624,100 in financial aid. Since 2000, 145 Medford residents have been admitted to Tufts and 87 have matriculated.

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Paving Pathways to College

Tufts and Medford are committed to inspiring young people and encouraging them to pursue education beyond high school. Several programs introduce students to the college experience and career opportunities:

- **Kids to College** teaches Medford sixth graders about the importance of a post-secondary education and how they can start preparing now. The five-week program includes instruction led by Tufts students, career day with a variety of speakers, and a trip to the Tufts campus.

- **Tufts’ Early Awareness Initiative** brought 40 eighth graders from the McGlynn Middle School to the Tufts campus in 2008. Activities included: a general college admissions presentation; a panel of Medford students; a campus tour; lunch in the cafeteria; and all participants received a Tufts t-shirt. Tufts’ Admissions Office will offer this program periodically with professional development for guidance counselors, including school profile audits and recommendation writing workshops.

- **Tufts’ Emerging Black Leaders** provide mentoring, tutoring, and college prep workshops for Medford High School students throughout the year.

- Post-doctoral students in chemistry presented to Medford High School students and talked about their choice of field, career goals, and work with Tufts faculty.

- **High School Audit Program**, Medford seniors, in good standing, can audit entry-level undergraduate courses at Tufts in the spring semester at no cost.

“...a huge safety net to Medford families, giving parents access to scholarships for high-quality preschool and after-school programs.”

*Shelley Gross, Medford Public Schools*
Bringing the Community to Campus

Tufts Annual Community Day offers education, entertainment, and fun to Medford families. Since 2003, President Bacow has joined with the mayors of Medford and Somerville in opening the campus to our host communities each year. At Community Day each fall, they have welcomed community organizations, municipal departments, and hundreds of neighbors to campus.

“Community Day has become one of Tufts’ finest events! It has grown steadily each year with families, Medford organizations, staff, and students all mingling together to make it a great day.”

STEVEN J. ELIPOULOS
LONGTIME MEDFORD RESIDENT, TUFTS ALUM
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Tufts Dining Services welcomes Medford Police and Firefighters to the annual Chilifest, where homemade chili is served.

Everyone enjoys music and dance performances, educational demonstrations from various Tufts departments, interactive displays from the Dental School and the School of Medicine, kids’ activities, a complimentary lunch and more.

Dozens of community-based agencies participate, including Medford Police and Fire Departments as well as university departments and student groups. The smokehouse is always a big hit. Community Day grows in popularity each year—in 2007, neighbors stayed despite constant heavy rain and, in 2008, over 1400 neighbors attended.

TO FIND OUT MORE
http://cday.tufts.edu
Office of Community Relations, 617.627.3780
Engaging in Active Citizenship

The Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service is a national leader in civic education, preparing young people to be lifelong active citizens. Medford has a strong relationship with Tisch College through the Lincoln Filene Center for Community Partnerships (LFC), Tufts Community Research Center (TCRC) and the Citizenship and Public Service (CPS) Scholars Program.

LFC connects students and faculty with partner communities, including Medford, to address community needs and advance university-community partnerships.

TCRC provides seed funding for community-based research projects between Tufts faculty and community partners. Based on community-identified needs, this research includes child and youth development, economic issues, housing, the environment, and nutrition. In Medford, TCRC is funding an environmentalist interested in climate change.

CPS, Tisch College’s student leadership program, sends Tufts students into Medford to work on a wide range of service-based projects such as:

**Faces of Medford**

In 2008, a CPS scholar worked with Medford’s Office of Human Diversity and Compliance to celebrate Medford’s diverse population with an exhibit of local families. The exhibit, showcased at Springstep, increased awareness about differences and shared experiences.

**Wellness Policy Initiative, Medford Public Schools**

Over the past two years, CPS scholars have conducted wellness programs at the Brooks Elementary School, featuring after-school activities, learning about healthful eating, walking programs, relay races, and educational forums.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Tufts refurbished Colby Street, Edison, and University Avenues for a total of $100,000. To create Capen Street Park, it donated $200,000.
Immigrant Engagement Project Resource Guide

In 2008, the Medford Human Rights Commission worked with a CPS scholar to develop a city-wide resource guide for new immigrant families. The guide has been translated into several languages.

Mystic Riverbend Community Garden

One of the first CPS Scholars, a Medford resident attending Tufts, worked with Medford partners to develop a beautiful community garden behind the McGlynn School. The Community Garden is open to all Medford citizens.

Senior Service Days

In 2005, CPS scholars and graduating Tufts students painted a mural on the Condon Shell and planted around its structure. In 2007, they refurbished the Medford Square mural. The students gave a concert as part of each project.

“...The Mystic Riverbend Community Garden is more than just a garden. It has become a symbol for what can be accomplished by working together.”

MATTHEW GASBARRO
MEDFORD RESIDENT AND TISCH SCHOLAR

TO FIND OUT MORE
Tisch College: http://activecitizen.tufts.edu
617.627.3453.
Volunteering in the Tufts-Medford Community

Volunteering in the community has long been an important part of a Tufts education. While Tufts students learn the importance of giving back, surrounding communities like Medford benefit from diverse activities.

**The Leonard Carmichael Society**
A student-run, community service and advocacy organization, the Leonard Carmichael Society (LCS) has served Tufts and the surrounding communities for 50 years. LCS has more than 1000 volunteers working in 36 programs in the following areas: hunger and homelessness; youth; literacy and education; and health. Students volunteer at one-day events as well as in regular programs. LCS highlights include:

- **Kids to College, Tutoring, Peace Games, and Tufts Community Day.**

- **The LCS annual semi-formal** raises funds for important community programs, including West Medford Community Center and the Medford Family Network.

- **Traveling Treasure Trunk,** the LCS entertainment troupe writes, directs, and performs skits for kids, performing with the Medford Family Network and at local Medford schools and Tufts Community Day.

- Through **Kid’s Day,** hundreds of Medford children come to campus and have a great time each year. For more than 40 years, children from kindergarten through third grade have enjoyed games, attended magic shows, and participated in science experiments and art activities.

- **Halloween on the Hill** brings Medford and Somerville children to Tufts for a carnival that includes a haunted house, games, crafts, and treats.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
In 1988, Tufts donated $150,000 for public improvement projects, including off-street parking in Medford Hillside.
Hillel
Tufts Hillel’s Read by the River festival has engaged thousands of Medford children in literacy activities over the last ten years. Tufts students promote the value of reading by visiting local schools. Medford students who complete a book report and attend Read by the River receive a free book. This event has also been promoted by the New England Patriots.

Greek Life
Tufts’ Greek life is also actively engaged in volunteering. During the spring of 2009, LCS joined with the brothers of Zeta Psi fraternity and made weekly visits to fourth graders in the Columbus, McGlynn, and Roberts Elementary Schools, teaching students about cooperation and conflict resolution through interactive activities. The program was initiated by the Peace and Justice Studies Program.

TO FIND OUT MORE
Leonard Carmichael Society:
http://ase.tufts.edu/lcs, 617.627.3643
Tufts Hillel: http://tuftshillel.org, 617.627.3242
Inter-Greek Council: http://uss.tufts.edu/greek/about/IGC.asp, 617.627.2743

““The after-school program is a terrific thing for our school. It’s wonderful to see Tufts teachers and students who want to share their experience and learning with our kids.””
ALISON ANDREWS
MEDFORD PARENT, COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Contributing to the Local Economy

In 2004, President Bacow and Mayor McGlynn launched a partnership agreement in which Tufts committed $1.25 million to Medford over 10 years. In 2008, honoring its commitment to support the city even in tough economic times, Tufts offered Medford an additional $500,000 over a two-year period, bringing the total partnership agreement amount to $1.75 million.

Fiscal Highlights

• Tufts purchased in excess of $3 million in goods and services from Medford businesses in fiscal year 2008.

• In 2007, Tufts purchased the former Dame School from Medford for the amount of $2,901,852, stripping and rebuilding it for office use.

• During the last five years, Tufts has purchased property in the Medford Hillside business district, upgraded store fronts, and recruited popular businesses such as the Danish Pastry House, attracting customers and increasing property values and tax revenues.

• Tufts paid the City of Medford $1,184,083 in taxes and municipal fees in fiscal year 2008. This represents commercial tax on the former Hillside and Dame Elementary Schools—new Medford revenue sources, since the properties were formerly tax exempt.

• Hundreds of Tufts students rent apartments from Medford landlords each year, purchasing services from all kinds of local businesses.

• More than 460 Tufts alumni live in Medford, who now contribute to the local economy.

• The Tufts Boathouse, built in 2006, has helped to open up commercial opportunities for the area as the anchor building for the Rivers’ Edge development in Malden.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2008, Tufts employed about 350 Medford residents, totaling $20 million in annual payroll.
Supporting Medford Agencies

The Tufts Neighborhood Service Fund (TNSF) is a giving option within Tufts’ annual Community Appeal. The university encourages employees to contribute to the charitable organizations of their choice. Tufts covers all the related operating costs of this drive so that every dollar donated goes directly to charity. TNSF awards grants to community-based charitable organizations that serve Tufts communities and engage Tufts volunteers in their work. Since 1996, nearly $74,000 in TNSF grants have gone to the following Medford organizations:

- Alewife/Mystic River Associates
- Boys and Girls Club of Middlesex County
- Brooks Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization
- City of Medford Human Rights Commission
- Columbus Elementary School
- Community Cupboard Food Pantry at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford
- The Community Family
- Friends of the Chevalier Theater
- Friends of Medford Saving Lives, Inc.
- Kennedy Elementary School
- Medford Arts Collaborative
- Medford Community Reads
- Medford Family Life Education Center
- Medford Family Resources Coalition
- Medford Health Matters
- Medford High School, Media and Technology Department
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- Medford Public Library
- Medford Vocational High School
- Medford War Memorials Fundraising Committee
- Mystic River Duck Race
- Mystic Valley Area Branch of the NAACP
- Royall House Association
- Springstep
- West Medford Community Center
- West Medford Open Studios
- Zonta Club of Medford

Student organizations often raise money for Medford programs. In addition, students in the Experimental College’s philanthropy course learn to write proposals and have written grants for several Medford organizations.

Through financial contributions and memberships, Tufts helps to support a range of vibrant Medford organizations, including:

- Brooks Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization
- City of Medford, Mayor’s Annual Golf Tournament
- Friends of the Chevalier Theater
- Gene Mack Clubhouse, Boys and Girls Club of Middlesex County
- Greater Medford Visiting Nursing Association
- Hallmark Health, Stride for Health Walk
- Jingle Bell Festival
- Medford Arts Center
- Medford Brooks Estate Land Trust
- Medford Chamber of Commerce
- Medford Girls Hockey
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TO FIND OUT MORE
TNSF: http://ur.tufts.edu/tca/tnsf
Office of Community Relations, 617.627.3780
Many Medford organizations take advantage of **Tufts’ facilities** for athletic events and meetings. While there aren’t any rental fees, some other charges may apply. Recent guests include:

- Curtis-Tufts School Basketball
- Doc Kountze Film Festival
- Medford Babe Ruth Baseball Program
- Medford Health Matters annual meeting
- Medford High School AP language exams
- Medford High School Basketball
- Medford High School Junior Prom (all night after-prom)
- Medford High School teams: Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, and Track
- Medford Invitational Baseball Tournament
- Medford Police Basketball
- Medford Public Library’s Community Reads program
- Medford Youth Baseball
- Medford Youth Basketball Tournament
- Medford Youth Soccer
- Medford Youth Softball
- North Medford Little League
- St. Clement’s Softball
- St. Raphael’s Basketball
- South Medford Little League
- Wellington-Glenwood Little League
- West Medford Little League
- Zonta Club of Medford annual meeting

**Contact Information and Web Resources:**

- **Tufts Directory**
  - 617.628.5000
- **Office of Community Relations**
  - 617.627.3780
- **Tufts Police (non-emergency line)**
  - 617.627.3030
- **Tufts Website**
  - [http://tufts.edu](http://tufts.edu)
- **Tufts Neighbors Page**
  - [http://go.tufts.edu/neighbors](http://go.tufts.edu/neighbors)
More Offerings for Medford Neighbors

- Come take a class at Tufts! Medford residents can audit most university classes for a discounted rate with instructor consent.
- Throughout the year, Tufts hosts numerous lectures and discussions presented by Tufts faculty and guests. Many are sponsored by the Chaplain’s Office and the Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies.
- The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Tufts provides any “seasoned citizen” the opportunity to return to the classroom with on-campus study groups and online courses. Residents can take a course or teach one!
- Medford residents can use outdoor athletic facilities, including the track at Ellis Oval and tennis courts, as long as there are no team practices or classes taking place.
- Most of Tufts’ NCAA Division III varsity team games are free and open to the public.
- Tisch Library is open to the community for reference purposes and it also houses a Federal Depository Library collection.
- Many families find tutors for their children among Tufts students in a range of study areas as well as for SAT preparation.
- Tufts Gantcher Center, located on College Avenue, is a ward four polling location for local, state, and national elections.

TO FIND OUT MORE
Office of Community Relations:
617.627.3780
Tisch Library:
www.library.tufts.edu/tisch
617.627.3345
Federal Depository:
www.library.tufts.edu/tisch/subject/govdocs/aboutpubs.htm
617.627.2073