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NOTRE DAME EDUCATION CENTER MAKING A MOVE

Having completed all the necessary due diligence, Notre Dame Education Center (NDEC) has finally signed a lease for their new home.

Their new address is 200 Old Colony Avenue in South Boston. The building is located very near the corner of Old Colony Avenue and Dorchester Street. For those of you familiar with the area, they are directly across from the Ironworkers' Hall.

Trying to stay in South Boston, finding a workable space that's convenient for students and staying within a strict budget was a gigantic challenge. The eighteen members of the Board of Directors, including seven Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, have spent an unbelievable amount of time preparing for the move. Special mention must also be made of former Board members because this transition did not begin under the guidance of the present Board.

NDEC's faculty, staff and students will be leaving their present building at the end of March. Administrative staff will take up residence in the 200 Old Colony Avenue location while faculty and students will be dispersed throughout three temporary sites that will be rented around South Boston so programs can continue through June. The designated sites will be at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club, Laboure Center and the West Broadway Housing Development.

NDEC has been operating in its 50 West Broadway location, the previous site of the Cardinal Cushing High School, since 1992. The Sisters of Notre Dame have been continuously providing educational services to the South Boston community since they first rang a school bell to summon the local school-age children back in 1860.

Notre Dame Education Center is a private, nonprofit entity governed by an independent board. Many of the students are immigrants, hailing from 58 nations, and nearly all are low-income. Some 61 percent are women and many are single mothers. The South Boston neighborhood is well represented, and 75 percent of the students live in the city of Boston. NDEC's aim is to strengthen families, build communities and be "a place of hope" for its students.

The Notre Dame Education Center is a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt organization.

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In its 15 years of existence, the Notre Dame Education Center in South Boston has helped thousands of adult students to learn English, earn a high school diploma, or prepare for a citizenship exam through the administration of one or more of their various program offerings such as GED, APP Diploma or Online Learning, to name a few. They currently have about 450 students in morning, afternoon and evening classes and some also study online. Each year about 40 students are awarded high school diplomas, either traditional diplomas, General Education Diplomas or Adult Diplomas. The Literacy Department also offers Adult Basic Education, and students can get computer training and job counseling.

The Notre Dame Education Center's mission is to provide a community-based, comprehensive adult learning and literacy program through the provision of a variety of education programs underscored by the values of respect, understanding and quality services.

If you would like more information about NDEC, please contact Anne Metrick, Executive Director, at 617-268-1912 or email her at ametrick@ndecboston.org.

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