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**MCCA COORDINATES EVENT DONATIONS TO COMMUNITY**  
*Medical, pharmaceutical supplies, books and toys given to Dorchester charity*

Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA) Executive Director James E. Rooney today announced that unused products from last month's McKesson Pharmacy Strategies Conference at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC) will be donated to the Federated Dorchester Neighborhood Houses, Inc. (FDNH).

After McKesson's pharmacy tradeshow was held at the BCEC in July, members of the MCCA and FDNH staff unloaded a truck filled with personal care products, toys, medical supplies and books to be distributed to all of FDNH's programs and to Kit Clark Senior Services.

"We are delighted to be able to provide these materials to our non-profit neighbors so that they can give essential aid to families in need," said Rooney. "Coordinated donations such as this one, is evidence of our commitment to helping our Boston neighborhoods benefit from the success of the wide array of events we host."

FDNH serves more than 1,300 children, youth and adults a year in twenty programs focusing on childcare, school-age programming, youth programming, and educational programming including ESOL, Adult Basic Education and GED classes. The organization also coordinates two food pantries within the community. FDNH delivers these services from Little House, Log School, Dorchester Place Preschool, Dorchester Place School Age Child Care, Ruth Darling Child Care Center and Bartholomew Family Child Care.

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority owns and oversees the operations of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA and the Boston Common Parking Garage. In 2006, the MCCA hosted 275 events at the BCEC and the Hynes, which drew in 696,522 attendees and generated 648,862 hotel roomnights, as well as \$528 million in economic impact for Greater Boston.

Large upcoming events at the BCEC include the American Chemical Society, August 20 – 24, drawing in 15,000 attendees; AARP Life @ 50+, September 6 – 8, attracting more than 20,000 attendees; and the Boston Gift Show, September 15 – 18, with 10,000 attendees.

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