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**MCCA AND ARAMARK DONATE THANKSGIVING MEALS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY**  
*150 Dinners Provided to Dorchester Charity for Second Year-in-a-Row*

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA), along with convention center food provider ARAMARK, today announced that they will donate 150 Thanksgiving dinners to the Federated Dorchester Neighborhood Houses, Inc. (FDNH) for the second consecutive year. Included in the donation are whole turkeys for each family, and enough corn, green beans, cranberries, stuffing, potatoes, pies and two-liter beverages to feed 150 families of four.

“We are delighted to be able to provide these dinners to our non-profit neighbors of Dorchester so that no one is hungry on Thanksgiving,” said James E. Rooney, Executive Director of the MCCA. “Coordinated donations such as this one are evidence of our commitment to helping all of 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.

“FDNH, its board, staff and those we serve are truly grateful for the generosity and continued support of James Rooney, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority and Aramark during this time when many families in our community would go without,” said Mark Culliton, CEO of FDNH. “This donation allows our neighbors to celebrate the holidays with dignity and pride.”

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.

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