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THE DEWITT CENTER'S FIRST ANNUAL

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THE DEWITT CENTER
122 DEWITT DRIVE
ROXBURY, MA 02119

*You are
invited to
join*

**MADISON PARK
DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

*to celebrate
five years of
creating
community at*

**THE
DEWITT
CENTER**



Madison Park Development Corporation

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Madison Park Development Corporation is thrilled to invite you to join us in celebrating the Dewitt Center's fifth anniversary! This beautiful community space in the heart of Madison Park Village, where MPDC's earliest housing was built, has quickly become an irreplaceable part of the neighborhood. Its unique model has allowed dozens of program partners, many led by local leaders of color, to provide critically needed enrichment, mentoring, education, and recreation programming for hundreds of children and youth at the Dewitt Center at no cost to program partners.

In its first five years, the Dewitt Center has navigated the COVID-19 pandemic, difficult economic conditions, and a significant overall increase in community need in Roxbury and beyond. Through all of these challenges, the Dewitt Center has remained exceptionally nimble and responsive, stepping up to meet these community needs even as the center had to shut its doors to in-person programming in 2020.

The strong foundation the center laid during its first year and a half, during which it established robust community partnerships, provided programming to hundreds of children, youth, and older adults, and attracted more than 3,000 visitors through education, training, and community-building events, allowed the center to make a seamless transition back to fully in-person activities in 2022. In addition to health and wellness offerings and providing technology access, the center has grown into a civic haven, symbolically and literally, even becoming a polling location in 2020.

Now celebrating this important anniversary milestone, we are so pleased to invite our partners, stakeholders, and donors back to the Dewitt Center, and we look forward to highlighting the center's resources, programming, and assets, including the beautiful gallery showcasing talented local artists of color, for both longstanding and new supporters.

The original concept for the Dewitt Center emerged directly out of community planning processes during which our residents developed the vision for this community resource, a vision that MPDC was honored to be able to make a reality. In order to ensure a successful, sustainable future in which the Dewitt Center remains a destination for high-quality community programs and provides even greater, more targeted services, we need the help of our donors. Will you join us in helping to ensure another 5, 10, or 25 years of even greater opportunity, connection, learning, collaboration, organizing, and celebrating? Your support as a sponsor of this inaugural gala will play a critical role in the community impact and legacy building of the Dewitt Center while also allowing you to participate in the Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) program, which provides you with a 50% state tax rebate on your sponsorship of \$1,000 or more.

We invite all of you to join us as we reintroduce and celebrate this vibrant community space!



BRACKETS



Everyone is a winner at the Pick-up Basket Ball!

Most Valuable Players

\$25,000*

Over the last five years, the Dewitt Center has added tremendous value to the neighborhood. Your investment of \$25,000 will help us to deliver high-quality programming to the residents of Madison Park's properties and the adjacent neighborhoods.

In addition to invitations to the May 17th event, your company or organization can host an event or meeting at the Dewitt Center free of charge. Also, your logo will be prominently displayed on the event banner that will remain in the Dewitt Center gym for the next year. You will be recognized in the upcoming Dewitt catalog, the event program, and social media.

Madison Park Mentors

\$10,000*

Mentoring is an important part of what happens at the Dewitt Center. Young people make life-long relationships with caring adults. Help us to keep these important connections alive for our amazing youth!

In addition to invitations to the May 17th event, your logo will be displayed on event banner that will remain in the Dewitt Center gym for the next year. You will be recognized in the event program and social media.

Slam Dunk Supporters

\$5,000*

The gym at the Dewitt Center is always a bustling place. Basketball tournaments are a favorite, but that's not all that happens in this beautiful multipurpose space. It is a place to exercise, gather, shop, and learn. A sponsorship of \$5,000 will help keep the courts a safe place for youth and the entire community to gather.

In addition to invitations to the May 17th event, your logo will be displayed on event banner that will remain in the Dewitt Center gym for the next year. You will be recognized in the event program and social media.

Plaza Patrons

\$2,500*

The plaza at the Dewitt Center is a place for the community to come together. We are planning a renovation of the plaza, which will focus on climate resiliency and make this outdoor gathering space more inviting for all ages.

In addition to an invitation to the May 17th event, you will be recognized in the event program and social media.

Basket Booster

\$1,000*

Food brings people together. We love to feed people at the Dewitt Center. Every week, we host a food distribution for neighbors. We celebrate milestones and holidays with healthy meals. Your gift helps to feed folks in many ways.

In addition to an invitation to the May 17th event, you will be recognized in the event program and social media.

Good Sports

\$500

At the Dewitt Center, we value generosity of spirit, community, entrepreneurship, and fun! Your support helps us continue spreading these values in Roxbury and beyond.

You will receive an invitation to the May 17th event and will be recognized in the event program. This level does not qualify for the Community Investment Tax Credit.

Donations of \$1,000 or more qualify you for the Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) program, which provides a 50% state tax rebate. For example, a donation of \$25,000 qualifies you for a rebate of \$12,500.