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ALLEN PLATT APPOINTED DIRECTOR FOR NEW DORCHESTER BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BOSTON CLUBHOUSE

Boston, MA.....Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB) is pleased to announce Jamaica Plain resident Allen Platt as the Director for the new Blue Hill Avenue Clubhouse (**George Robert White Youth Center**) located in Dorchester.

In his new appointment, Platt will oversee Boston's most state-of-the art youth center and manage the core programming development. Platt 44, previously held positions with Action for Boston Community Development Inc. (ABCD) for over nine years and brings experience in social services, operations and counseling to this position. His career experience also includes the Dimock Community Health Center, the Cambridge Housing Authority, and director of an After-School Program at United South End Settlements. Allen is also a 15 year volunteer for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston-Roxbury Clubhouse's annual Boston Shootout Tournament.

The newest \$4 million Clubhouse will be jointly funded by Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston and the City of Boston. The City of Boston will contribute from the George Robert White Fund, a city trust fund which was set up 60 years ago for capital improvements and recreational facilities. In addition to BGCB's core and special programs the 30,000 square foot facility will have an outdoor swimming pool, indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball, computer center, youth lounge, recreation rooms, music center and community meeting rooms. The official Clubhouse opening is on schedule for the Spring of 1995.

"There is a lot of excitement and expectation over the Dorchester Clubhouse opening," began Robert Monahan, BGCB Vice President of Operations, "Allen Platt is a seasoned professional with a network of committed partners ready to assist him as director of one of Boston's extensive youth development resources and advance the Blue Hill Avenue Clubhouse as a community resource." stated Robert Monahan.

Platt, a graduate from Boston College's Class of '72 and Boston English High School, lives in Jamaica Plain with his wife Nadeen and four children: Tonya (19), Wesley (11), Ashley (8) and Alexis (6). In his spare time, Allen works at WILD AM 1090 as a part-time sports news director.

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MICHAEL MITCHELL APPOINTED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR NEW DORCHESTER BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BOSTON CLUBHOUSE

Boston, MA ... Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB) welcomes Michael Mitchell to their soon-to-open Blue Hill Avenue Clubhouse (**George Robert White Youth Development Center**). Michael will serve a dual function as Assistant Director and Program Director.

Mitchell will be assisting Allen Platt, Clubhouse Director, in overseeing Boston's most state-of-the-art youth center. For the past 4 years, Mitchell 40, has been Director at Mattahunt Community Center in Mattapan. He brings to BGCB, 13 years of experience in counseling, education, staff supervision, building management and program design and implementation. A 1982 graduate of University of Massachusetts. Michael obtained a B.A. in English and Black Studies, with concentration in African American history.

Mitchell was an original member of the 1972 Boston Shootout Team sponsored by the Roxbury Clubhouse. He lives in Dorchester with his wife Valinda and three sons. In his spare time, Michael enjoys participating in a basketball oldtimers league (35 and older).

The new clubhouse represents a major public and private commitment to the Dorchester/Mattapan community. The George Robert White Fund, a city trust fund set up 60 years ago for capital improvements committed \$4 million to build the facility. The City has entered into a lease agreement with BGCB to manage the property and deliver BGCB's core and special programs. The 30,000 square foot facility will have an outdoor swimming pool, indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball, computer center, youth lounge, recreation rooms, music center and community meeting rooms.

"Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston is pleased to be part of the revitalization of Blue Hill Avenue in partnership with the city of Boston." states Robert Monahan, BGCB Vice President of Operations. "We are proud to offer the children of the community someplace to call their own and Allen and Michael are the key individuals in this special partnership."

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