



Institute for Sports Coaching

Friends of the Institute Newsletter

2009 is shaping up to be a great year for the Institute. Our efforts in the greater Boston area are expanding with a new grant. We are also working on several new initiatives including training teens to be sport coaches and officials. Read on below for all the good news!

Christopher Hickey
Executive Director

Amelia Peabody Foundation Awards Grant to ISC

In December 2008, the Amelia Peabody Foundation awarded a grant to the Institute to provide 16 Successful Youth Coaching workshops in the greater Boston area. With this grant, the Institute, doing business as the Metro Boston Coaches Academy, will be providing workshops to sport-based youth development and youth sports organizations.

Any organization interested in hosting a Metro Boston Coaches Academy workshop should contact Chris Hickey.

Of note, the Boston Centers for Youth & Family have already taken advantage of this opportunity. One workshop was held on Jan 14 where 27 staff members were trained and another workshop is scheduled for Jan 22nd at the Shelburne Community Center in Boston.

Support the Institute

Our thanks to those Institute supporters who pitched in on our 2008 Annual Fund Drive.

- Dr. Jim Gronemeyer D.O.
- CDR Mike Bee US Coast Guard
- Mr. Jeff Durand
- Ms. Caroline Hickey

We are also indebted to those who volunteered time in 2008 to assist us including:

- Ms. Emily Hatcher
- Mr. Slava Heretz

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Also, always available to you is the opportunity to donate online via [our page](#) on the Network for Good.

From the Director's Chair

Since January 2007, it has been gratifying to see the upswing in several measurable areas of Institute performance. Our gross revenue has increased from \$8.7k in 2007, to \$17.4k in 2008, and to an already anticipated \$27k in 2009. Moreover, we trained 114 coaches in 2007 and 2008 with another 35 already in 2009!

We have made great strides in securing financial support from the Peabody Foundation and the Boston Youth Sports Initiative (BYSI) to expand our efforts. The relationship we enjoy with the BYSI is special. Chris Lynch, the BYSI coordinator, is the biggest champion of our efforts and we are heavily in debt to him for his support.

Growing capacity to do more is one of our goals for 2009. We have a good group of trainers who are progressing well with their trainer certification process.

Please remember you can also support the Institute via our [Affiliate Shopping Partners](#), especially Amazon.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hickey
Executive Director
Institute for Sport Coaching

Ongoing Initiatives

- Hickey has been hired by Up2Us, the national organization of sport-based youth development organizations to assist them in developing training plans including one for the new Coach for America program.

- Bill McCallum has joined the Institute as part of our team developing a program to train teens as baseball umpires in the City of Boston. The program is expected to launch a pilot project in Charlestown this spring
- Cambridge Parks & Recreation has become the latest Institute client. The first of many workshops for youth coaches in Cambridge was held on Jan 10, 2009.