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You all received our recent program update describing the amazing start to the school year and our wonderful new boat building shop at the Charelstown Navy Yard.



Haley School students  
with their boat



View of the  
USS Constitution  
from a shop window



Jasmine and Gregory hard at  
work installing frames

Check out our web site for more program details.

<http://www.bostonfamilyboatbuilding.com>

I am writing again to ask for your help.

### **BOATS FOR SALE**

to support our work with kids  
in the Boston Public Schools

Some of the boats built by students in past years are pictured here. They are for sale for \$1,200 each. We have 15. They are 10ft, carvel planked in Maine cedar, framed in white oak from Orange, MA and have a fir plywood bottom. All materials are sourced from sustainably managed forests by certified loggers and milled in certified facilities.



### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

We haven't yet met our fundraising goals for the year but are way ahead of last year. Our funders, listed below, have been more than generous given the economic conditions and the fact that we are a new, small organization working outside the box. Your tax deductible donation can be made on our web site or mailed to our fiscal sponsor, Third Sector New England. Checks should be made out to BFB/TSNE and mailed to TSNE, 89 South Street, Boston, MA 02111.

You can also purchase one of the student built boats to help support our program. It will surely attract attention on your dock while giving you a great story to tell about your support for the kids that built it. See details above.

## OUR PROGRAM IN BRIEF

Boston Family Boat Building brings critical academic subjects and skills -- math, science, social studies, spatial thinking, reading and writing -- to life with experiential learning opportunities for school children. It is a unique program serving Boston Public Schools elementary school children that draws on the outstanding natural features of Boston and its rich history. Now in its third year, the program works with 4th and 5th graders to learn navigation skills in the Harbor, construct a seaworthy 10-foot wooden rowing vessel and learn about earlier Bostonians, particularly African Americans, who worked in the maritime trades. Check out all our programs to bring exciting experiential learning opportunities to students of the Boston Public Schools at

<http://www.bostonfamilyboatbuilding.com>

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