

**Grant for Chesterbrook Learning Center**

Chesterbrook Community Foundation, which operates the Chesterbrook Learning Center, received a grant of \$5,000 from the Foundation for MetroWest.

The grant, which includes \$2,500 for operating expenses and \$2,500 for capacity building, was awarded as part of the Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy program. The program allows high school students to learn about philanthropy and includes reviewing grant proposals from area non-profit organizations, visiting some of those non-profits, and making recommendations regarding the organizations that should receive grants. The Chesterbrook Community Foundation is proud to have been selected to receive this generous grant by students from the Middlesex School in Concord who participated in the Youth in Philanthropy program.

The Chesterbrook Learning Center is an after-school program that is located in and serves the low-income children who live in the Chesterbrook Gardens public housing development. With one paid staff member - Executive Director Jennifer Schwab - and about 40 Bentley University student volunteers, the program provides homework help, academic enrichment, healthy snacks, indoor and outdoor games, arts and crafts activities, and access to computers and the internet.

The Bentley students are much more than mere tutors - they are mentors and role models who inspire the children to succeed academically and to realize that they too can strive to attend college. In fact, this year two high

school seniors who attended the Learning Center have been accepted to college for fall 2010.

