

March 17, 2009

Mr. Frank Keefe
President & CEO
The Boston Museum
55 Court Street
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Frank,

On behalf of the staff and board of Grub Street, I would like to express my support for the Boston Museum and its mission of bringing the history and culture of New England to life in the heart of Boston.

Grub Street is a non-profit creative writing center dedicated to nurturing writers and connecting readers with the wealth of writing talent in the Boston area. Our mission is to support creative writers at all stages of their development so that they can achieve their goals of publication, social and professional networking, gainful employment in the field, and/or personal enrichment.

In recent years, Grub Street has expanded its mission to include outreach programs to seniors and teens in Greater Boston. The Memoir Project, a joint venture between Grub Street and The City of Boston's Commission on Affairs of the Elderly, has set out to teach the craft of memoir writing in a workshop setting to seniors in diverse neighborhoods in Boston, and to anthologize stories emerging from the Project. The Boston Museum has been a valued partner since the Project's inception in 2006, in providing strategic guidance at the earliest stages, and in lending access to a network of public-sector stakeholders in Boston since then.

Within the last year, The Boston Museum has been instrumental in connecting The Memoir Project's growing body of senior writers to students in the Boston Public Schools. At the invitation of The Boston Museum, a Memoir Project team attended the Summer Teachers' Institute in August, 2008. That exposure led to adoption of the Project's first anthology, *Born Before Plastic*, in the Promising Pals program at Timilty Middle School in Roxbury, and to a day-long kick-off session last autumn at Timilty in which Memoir Project writers read their stories aloud in classrooms, and took Q&A from students.

The highly enthusiastic reception of Memoir Project materials and participants at Timilty was a direct result of The Boston Museum's thoughtful stewardship of its partnership with Grub Street. We are extremely grateful for the opportunities afforded us by exposure to The Boston Museum's network of stakeholders. More broadly, we consider The Boston Museum's mission and team a huge asset to Greater Boston. We are looking forward to many more years of successful collaborations with The Boston Museum.

Best wishes for continued growth and success,

Marc Foster
Member and former Co-President, Board of Directors
Grub Street Writers, Inc.

