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**Robert Fleming
Executive Director
City of Boston Trust Office
Boston City Hall
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Dear Bob:

Please give me official written approval for the use of the Cummings Trust property this year as a site for a day camp program from June 24 through September 1, 2000. Children from East Boston, Burlington, and Winchester will be involved in this program. We anticipate that the total number of children will grow from 300 to 450 this year.

We need written approval for liability insurance purposes.

We continue to prefer a longer term commitment from the City of Boston to enable the YMCA to make a significant capital investment in the development of this site. As you know the current facilities are minimal. However, we are prepared to continue on a year-to-year basis if necessary.

Enclosed is a brief summary of the camp program.

Sincerely,

**John M. Ferrell
President**

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Enc: Summer 2000 Plan

cc: Sandy Walker
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YMCA Mission:
To build health of spirit, mind, and body based on the highest ideals of the Judeo-Christian heritage, and improve the quality of life for children, individuals, families, and communities in the cities and towns of Greater Boston.

Summer 2000 Plan for Boston's Cummings Trust Land

The YMCA of Greater Boston would like to operate an integrated summer camp program for kids ages 5-16, June 24 through September 1, 2000. Families from both the North Suburban Family YMCA (serving Woburn, Burlington and Winchester) and the new East Boston Program Center (serving East Boston) would come together to enjoy a true Day Camp experience.

Last year these two centers serviced 300 child based out of Camp Cummings. These numbers could grow to 450.

A typical day would consist of:

1. Transportation to the site from East Boston, Woburn and Burlington locations.
2. Opening ceremony for Day Camp
3. Grouping by age and activity kids would experience:
 - Arts and crafts
 - Science and nature
 - Recreation and sports (swimming if pool is available)
 - Lunch and social free time
 - Group service learning project
 - Music and drama
 - Group team building activities

Camp would run in two-week sessions and be available to all families regardless of their ability to pay.

Due to the intergraded groups sharing the space, extra activities and themes would be developed around diversity and multi-cultural experiences. All these would be wrapped in the character development theme present in all current YMCA program offerings.

Teaching *CARING, HONESTY, RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY* are our four basic characters.