



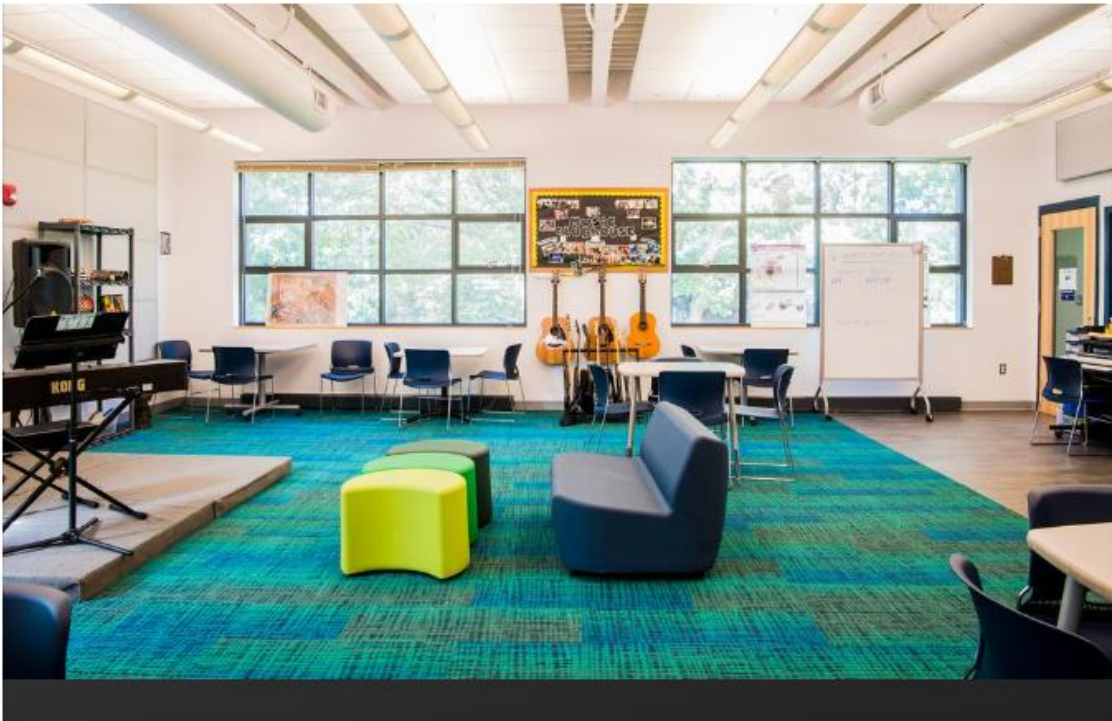
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West End House receives \$1.75M gift from Vantage



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Boston-based tour operator **Vantage Deluxe World Travel** recently presented the **West End House Boys & Girls Club** in Allston with a \$1.75 million donation to assist with the club's recent renovation and expansion. West End House is the largest youth development agency in the Allston-Brighton community providing youth programs academics and the arts along with developing career readiness skills and adopting healthy lifestyles.

The West End House serves more than 1,700 youth between the age of 7 and 24, with more than half of membership comprised of youth ages 13 and older. Members come from nearly every Boston neighborhood with approximately 60 percent residing in Allston-Brighton, and 40 percent living in other Boston neighborhoods, including Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan.

Vantage has been a supporter of the West End House since 2000, contributing more than \$7 million through corporate donations and fundraising events, according to Thursday's announcement. Vantage's past contributions included all-expense trips to France for 22 West End House teens and alumni and annual sight-seeing trips to Martha's Vineyard; paid internships for teens and alumni; and in-kind donations including annual holiday donations of 1,000 turkeys for local families and tickets to sporting events.



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COURTESY OF WEST END HOUSE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Vantage's recent donation of \$1.75 million on Feb. 6th, according to the release, will help fund the addition of 11,000 square feet in operational space at the West End House, including a new college & career center and high school lounge; expanding the teen space from 900 square feet to 4,300 square feet, supporting enhanced college coaching, employment, and academic success programs; assisting in a newly-renovated and expanded kitchen and café including a designated teaching kitchen for cooking classes; a newly renovated arts wing, a music clubhouse equipped with a full recording studio, isolation booth, control room, and practice spaces; and larger visual arts and media arts rooms.

"Vantage, under the leadership of Hank Lewis and Nick Lewis, has been making a profound impact on thousands of young people in Boston and their families for nearly two decades," said [Andrea Howard](#), CEO of West End House. "This new gift from Vantage is truly transformational and is providing life-changing opportunities."