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From Vision to Power: BNN's Curtis Henderson creates positive waves in the community with upcoming media center



Curtis Henderson, general manager of the Boston Neighborhood Network Television (BNN), is excited about the new state of the art media center now being created in Egleston Square section of Boston.

According to Henderson, BNN is taking the historic MBTA Egleston Square Power Station and turning it into the new home of BNN, a community media center that operates Boston's two public access cable television channels: BNN's News and Information Channel 9, and BNN's Community Access Channel 23. BNN also provides training and access to state-of-the-art digital media tools for media arts training and distribution of community programming.

Henderson says, "In the Fall of 2007, BNN will consolidate out two existing facilities at our

new home, thereby expanding BNN's outreach and services. Our goal in our new home is to empower Boston residents as well as arts, cultural and educational organizations to share information and resources with the community. BNN is working with Urban Edge—in continuation of its 15-year effort to revitalize Egleston Square—and with a team of experienced professionals to preserve the building's historical character; to bring it back to life with 21st-century technology."

As Henderson walks through the shell of a building, he envisions how the community, and most importantly, young people interested in the industry as well as community organizations that need a voice, will use the building.

He is also very proud that the new site will be named the "Charles J. Beard Media Center"

in memory of the founding BNN board member and lifelong advocate for public television, education and diversity in Boston who passed away in 2004. Charles Beard was the first African American to be name partner at a major Boston Law firm.

Congrats to all who have contributed to this effort!