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Boston Corporate Finance Community Hosts Inaugural Event to Benefit More Than Words *"BCFC Gathers to Give Back" event to benefit local non-profit and honor Bob Duffy*

BOSTON, MA (10/18/18) – On October 25th, the Boston Corporate Finance Community (BCFC), will host its inaugural fundraising event at City Winery to benefit More Than Words and honor Bob Duffy, Managing Director, Berkeley Research Group. To date, the event has raised close to a half million dollars in contributions to support More Than Words' programs.

BCFC was founded in 2018 by Ward K. Mooney, Kevin Murtagh of Riemer & Braunstein LLP, Keith Vercauteren of Wells Fargo Capital Finance, Cheryl Carner of Crystal Financial, and Kenneth Frieze of Gordon Brothers. BCFC involves corporate finance, commercial banking, investment banking, private equity, and specialty finance firms within Greater Boston, as well as supporting companies in the accounting, asset valuation & disposition, restructuring, legal, and auditing fields.

"More Than Words is a highly respected organization making a clear, definitive impact in the lives of disadvantaged youth by teaching them life-changing skills that provide a path to self-sufficiency and economic empowerment. We sought to partner with a non-profit that embodies the entrepreneurial spirit of our community and they were a perfect fit. We're so pleased to be able to support the youth that rely on this program to help them build a bright future for themselves," stated the founding partners. "The level of support the initiative has received has surpassed our expectations and is a testament to the commitment of giving back and spirit of cooperation within Boston's corporate finance community."

The More Than Words job training and youth development program serves 350 local youth each year. Young people who are in the foster care system, court involved, homeless, or out of school are employed in More Than Words' bookselling business, learning critical customer service, technology, inventory management, and leadership skills. They work approximately 20 hours per week, and also receive focused support to ensure they persist in school and map plans for their future.

"We are so grateful to the Boston Corporate Finance Community for their commitment to our mission and young people, and for this tremendous opportunity to partner on this event," stated Jodi Rosenbaum, Founder & Chief Executive Officer of More Than Words. "The impact of this support will be far-reaching and transformative for our organization and to our youth: it sends a clear message that there is an active community who believe in them and are committed to their success. This is how we change the world, by

bringing young people together with business and changing the perception of what social service should look like for youth.”

Bob Duffy, this year’s honoree, is a Managing Director at Berkeley Research Group. The Boston area native and long-standing business leader was selected by the BCFC partners for exemplifying the work ethic, innovation and creativity of the Boston community. He is involved with numerous charitable organizations domestically and abroad, including identifying and funding educational needs for at-risk Cambodian youths through his family’s charity, My Cambodian Sisters <https://mycambodiansisters.org>

For further event details and information on future sponsorship opportunities, please visit <https://www.bostoncorporatefinancecommunity.com/>

About Boston Corporate Finance Community

The Boston Corporate Finance Community (BCFC) (www.bostoncorporatefinancecommunity.com) has established a pre-eminent reputation for its collaboration and leadership in all aspects of the corporate debt capital markets. This community involves firms dedicated to Corporate Finance, Commercial Banking, Investment Banking, Private Equity, and Specialty Finance while working closely with trusted advisors in the Accounting, Asset Valuation & Disposition, Restructuring, Legal, and Auditing fields. To network within the community, give back to those in need, and celebrate a collective entrepreneurial spirit, BCFC has forged a long-term partnership with an outstanding Boston nonprofit, More Than Words. The proceeds from the inaugural Gathers to Give Back event will benefit youth at More Than Words.

About More Than Words

More Than Words empowers youth ages 16-24 who are in the foster care system, court involved, homeless, or out of school to take charge of their lives by taking charge of a business. MTW youth work approximately 20 hours per week running a \$4M bookselling business as a vehicle to develop critical skills. They source 4M books per year, manage an online inventory of 140,000 books, fulfill over 750 online orders per day and run two storefronts and hundreds of pop-up bookstores. They simultaneously have a second job, their “YOU” job, through which they receive intensive case management to work towards measurable positive outcomes for education, work and life. After youth graduate, MTW continues to support them for two years in a Career Services Program where they apply what they learned in other jobs and education. The model works: 78% of graduates are productively engaged in work and/or school over 30 hours/week.

