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Dear Friends of WeCanRowBoston,

2010 has been a year of major growth for WCRB. It's been a busy and productive time. We thought the best way to tell you about it is in a month-to-month recounting. Here we go!

**January:** WCRB members attended the Boston University Women's Basketball Annual Pink Zone game to help raise breast cancer awareness. We also started our indoor training at the tanks at BU (as seen in "The Social Network" film) which allowed us to involve more members.

**February:** We held our first annual "Meet the Tanks" session for potential new members. WCRB also had an information table at the CRASH-B's, the annual world indoor rowing championship at BU.

**March:** Members attended the 2-day, Score for the Cure Indoor Soccer fundraiser in Plymouth. WCRB was designated as one of the recipients of this charitable event.

**April:** We started our "On the water" season for the first time at the DeWolfe Boathouse. Our new affiliation with Boston University has encouraged our growing presence in the boathouse along with developing relationships with the BU rowers

**May:** WCRB held it's first "New Member Learn to Row" event which was attended by 12 women. We also received a generous donation from the Score for a Cure fundraiser. Members spoke during the awards ceremony at the Annual Beanpot Race and Breast Cancer Awareness Event at Boston University. We inaugurated our newly repainted WCRB oars!

**June:** Our 1st annual Healer's Row for the healthcare provider community took place. This event allowed us to introduce 16 of our doctors, nurses and healthcare supporters to rowing and the WCRB program.

**July:** We said a fond farewell to Ed Slater, one of our coaches, who is now coaching at Trinity College in Hartford, CT.

**August:** Some WCRB members participated an exhibition race for cancer survivors at the Master's Nationals in New Jersey. Other members attended a weekend sculling camp at the Craftsbury Sculling Center.

**September:** We had a great time at the first annual Scarlet and Blue Row on the Charles with members of the Boston University Women's Rowing Team. Members also participated in the Women in Rowing event at Community Rowing, Inc., our former home. We also welcomed our new coach, Alice Taggart!

**October:** The BU Women Rowers and WCRB members joined forces at the Making Strides Walk in Boston. Charles River Apparel made a generous donation of rowing shirts, continuing their support for the program. Members also helped out during the Head of the Charles weekend and sold bracelets at the boathouse. We also welcomed Dr. Jennifer Bellon to our Advisory Board.

**November:** We say “good-by” to our physical therapist, Lisa Cloutier, and welcomed Nancy Roberge, DPT as our new physical therapist. In addition to starting indoor tanks, we initiated a new winter training component for strength and fitness with Boston University's Paula Thoms and Vic Brown. We held focus groups with Carolyn McDonald to address the health of the organization, held our annual team dinner and got free massages at Elizabeth Grady.

**December:** A relatively quiet month found us selling our bracelets at the Acton Craft Fair. Our move to Boston University has been a great success. Access to BU coaches and equipment has enriched the program and allowed us to provide the rowing experience to more breast cancer survivors. We also marked the passing of our dear member, Donna Mulholland. Donna was a quiet, welcoming presence and will be greatly missed.

Thank you for supporting WeCanRowBoston. Your donations have helped us “grow the program” so that we were able to triple the size of our membership in a few short years.

Please consider helping us again this year. We now accept PayPal donations online. The donate button is on our website. [www.wecanrowboston.org](http://www.wecanrowboston.org)

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