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New Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine becomes honorary life-time member of Allston youth club

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Children at the West End House Boys and Girls Club in Allston received holiday gifts courtesy of New Balance Thursday. Boston Red Sox Manager Bobby Valentine gave a brief talk and was presented a card signed by the children along with a life-time membership to the club from 11-year-old Ulysses Lebron, of Boston.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

New Red Sox skipper Bobby Valentine became an honorary life-time member of the West End House Boys and Girls Club in Allston after speaking there last week.

The veteran baseball manager, known for his [support of charitable causes](#), also [helped distribute holiday gifts](#) to 80 children during the event Thursday afternoon at the youth club on Allston Street. The boys and girls received backpacks filled with New Balance apparel courtesy of the Brighton-based shoe company.

Boston Globe Red Sox reporter Peter Abraham attended the event, and in an account on [boston.com's "Extra Bases" blog](#), said: "I tagged along wanting to ask him a few questions about the Red Sox. But I left much more impressed with the impact he had on the kids."

To read more about Valentine's visit with children in Allston, [click here](#) and [here](#).

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