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Dear Bolts Families,

The FC Greater Boston Bolts is celebrating its 25th anniversary by holding a 24 Hour Charity Soccer Match to raise funds for the Bolts and its charitable partner, the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in Boston. The Match will be held January 7-8, 2012 at Mount Ida College in Newton, Massachusetts and will feature all of the Bolts youth teams, ages 8 to 18, playing in two hour blocks over a full 24 hour period. By raising funds from individual contributions, each player will support the Bolts, while rallying against a terrible disease that has touched the lives of friends and family members.

Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women and the second leading cause of death in women after lung cancer. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in Boston is the oldest and largest one-day walk to fight breast cancer in the nation. Since its inception in 1993, Making Strides in Boston has raised more than \$49 million to support the American Cancer Society's mission to save lives and create a world with less cancer and more birthdays by helping people stay well and get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back.

Funds raised through Making Strides are critical in meeting the needs of breast cancer in the community through:

- **Stay Well** – The Society is available to help 24 hours a day, seven days a week with comprehensive cancer information and services through the Society's toll-free number, 1-800-ACS(227)-2345 and our Web site, cancer.org. Breast cancer is the number one reason people call us.
- **Get Well** – The Society offers people facing breast cancer free services to overcome daily challenges, like transportation, lodging, guidance through every step of the cancer experience, and information to help them make decisions about their care.
- **Finding Cures** – The Society has invested more on breast cancer research than on any other cancer, and has played a part in many of the major breast cancer research breakthroughs in the past century, including the discoveries that led to the development of Tamoxifen and Herceptin.
- **Fighting Back** – The Society and its affiliate advocacy organization, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action NetworkSM (ACS CAN), fight back against breast cancer by engaging in activities to increase funding for the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP), which helps low-income, uninsured, and underinsured women get access to critical screenings and follow-up treatment. ACS CAN is currently working to increase funding for the program so it can serve more eligible women.

With your support of FCGB and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, we hope to continue to raise both awareness and funds in the fight against breast cancer.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make strides toward a world with less breast cancer and more birthdays.

Sincerely,

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