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TURN IT AROUND YOUTH GROUP JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Happy 2019 Turn it Around!

The Charlestown Coalition is so excited to be celebrating another year with our youth group Turn It Around. To keep the adults in our youths' lives involved and informed, we decided to launch our Turn It Around Monthly Newsletter.

About Turn It Around:

Turn It Around was formed in 2012 by a group of dedicated Charlestown youth with a strong desire to better their community. The group's initial mission was to raise awareness about the dangers of prescription drug use and to educate others about how everyday pressures can lead to substance use and other high-risk behaviors.

While Turn it Around members continue to be focused on educating the Charlestown community regarding substance use prevention, the group also uses their platform to increase key protective factors through annual community events including:

- Youth Basketball Tournaments
- Prevention Assemblies
- Peace Walks
- Neighborhood revitalization projects
- Prescription Drug Take-Back Events
- BBQ and Resource Fairs
- Holiday Parade & Strolls
- Volunteering at the BHA Unity Day
- Lessons about MLK and Civil Rights and more!

Our Newsletter:

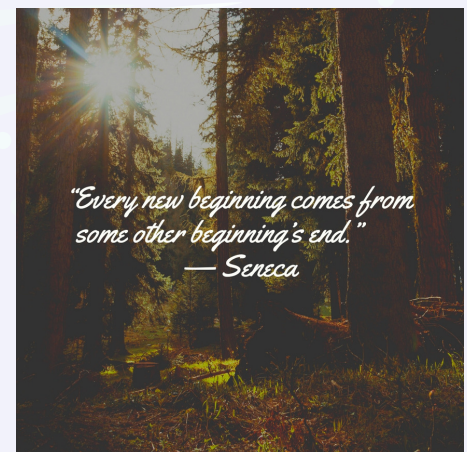
The purpose of our newsletter is to highlight the Turn It Around youth, inform family and friends of upcoming events, and engage the community on a personal level.

The Youth of the Month section is our way of recognizing outstanding TIA members who are doing their best to be examples and leaders in our community. We want to honor youth who attain high levels of job or scholastic achievement, community involvement, and leadership.

We will also use this newsletter to share our events and youth activities to keep friends and family connected and informed so that anyone who wants to get involved, can! As well as, share community resource information regarding community volunteer opportunities, job placement information, housing resources and more.

This Month in Turn It Around:

Each month, Turn It Around, has an overall theme for our weekly meetings. For the month of January and the start of a new year, our theme is "New Beginnings".



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Last Month in December:

For the month of December, we focused on keeping the momentum we've had throughout 2018 and helped prepare the youth for the new year ahead of them. We checked in with the youth to see how their year in Turn It Around went and what changes or improvements they thought the group would benefit from, including new monthly themes and weekly topics.



Ways to get Involved:

Want to join in on the fun during one of our meetings or events? We'd love to have you! There are many opportunities for parents and guardians to get involved in *Turn It Around*. Whether you help cook, serve, clean or participate in the activities, all are invited and welcome. Please reach out to Ginaya for more information.

Prefer Email?

To receive our Family & Friends Newsletter email instead of a paper copy, please contact Ginaya Greene Murray at Ggreene-Murray@Partners.org or call her directly at 617-726-6684

December's Youth of the Month:

Melissa is our December Turn It Around Youth of the Month. "Melissa has been a very positive and upbeat influence among her peers. She is very helpful and loves to make people laugh -she's also exceptional when it comes to fundraising on behalf of the group."



-Ginaya Greene Murray
(Prevention Program
Coordinator)

Have Questions?

If you need assistance with your youth regarding school, job placement, risky behaviors, or anything else, please contact the Charlestown Coalition. We will be happy to help with any questions regarding you and your child.

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