

**TURN IT
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YOUTH GROUP
MARCH NEWSLETTER



This Month in Turn It Around

This month, we will be welcoming Ginaya Greene Murray back from maternity leave in her new role as Communication & Events Coordinator!

The Charlestown Coalition team will now consist of Sarah, Phenice, Shannon, Ginaya and Mswati! We will also have some interns helping out throughout the year as well. We are hoping to take Turn It Around to a whole new level this year with our new team!

To learn more about the staff members of the Charlestown Coalition, please visit our official website www.CharlestownCoalition.org.

Upcoming Events



The Charlestown Coalition and some of the Turn It Around youth plan on attending the Annual Wellness Fair at Harvard-Kent School on March 21st., from 5:30-7pm. If any Turn It Around youth are interested in participating at this event, please be sure to reach out to a Coalition member. Last year, Phenice and some of the TIA youth attended and made slime, glitter jars, and handed out important resources to everyone who stopped by their table. It was a great success and a lot of information around health and safety was discussed.

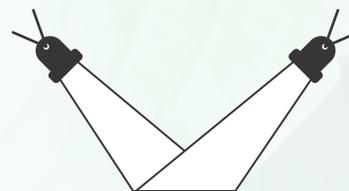
Another awesome event that is in the works is the 5th Annual Turn It Around Basketball Tournament. We plan on holding this event during the first weekend in May. Please subscribe to our newsletter, check out our social media pages, or ask one of the TIA youth about the details. More information will be available as May approaches! We hope you'll join us in cheering on our Charlestown youth!



Keepin' the Peace!

As many of you may remember, last year the Charlestown Coalition applied for the City of Boston's Love Your Block Grant and received \$2,700.00 to revitalize a park in Charlestown. We worked hard alongside many volunteers planning, designing, and creating a colorful, interactive space at the Mt. Vernon St. Plaza and dedicated it as Charlestown's very own "Peace Park".

This year, we plan on applying for the same grant in hopes to maintain the artistic aesthetics that make Mt. Vernon St. Plaza stand out from all the other parks around. We will keep you all informed on the progress of this grant! To learn more about the Love Your Block Grant, please visit <https://www.boston.gov/civic-engagement/love-your-block/love-your-block-mini-grants>.



Turn It Around Spotlight

Thank you to all of our followers and fans of the Turn It Around youth group for liking our social media pages and keeping up with us!

As a way to show our appreciation for your support, the Turn It Around members will be highlighted each week on our social media platforms so you know exactly who your support and encouragement are positively affecting.

To see more of our TIA youth members and read their bio's, go to <http://charlestowncoalition.org/turn-it-around-members/>

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Last Month in Turn It Around

Last month in February, Turn It Around got more acquainted with the new Youth Prevention Coordinator, Mswati by doing all kinds of fun icebreakers and activities. During one of the TIA meetings, the group made "love" jars and received anonymous notes from their peers about why they love them. It was so awesome to see all the love that was shared and incredibly heartwarming to know how compassionate, sensitive, and loving our youth members are.



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

February's Youth of the Month:

Fatima is our February Turn It Around Youth of the Month! Fatima exemplifies EVERYTHING that we would want our youth at Turn It Around to aspire to be. She is well respected by all of her peers, and for that reason has recently been named Senior Peer Leader, the highest position a youth can achieve at Turn It Around."



-Mswati Hanks
(Youth Prevention 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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