

TURN IT AROUND

TURN IT AROUND YOUTH GROUP JANUARY NEWSLETTER



This Month in Turn It Around

There hasn't been a recent year in which people were ready for the New Year to begin quite like this! And the same goes for Turn It Around. We're ready to ring in the New Year with a renewed hope for the future.

This month the Turn It Around youth group will be celebrating the New Year in-person during the first week of January at our annual holiday party. With gifts to go round, we'll be acknowledging some of the struggles of 2020 and discuss our goals for 2021.

**All in-person meetings will continue to observe and follow the City and CDC guidelines including wearing a mask and social distancing.*

Recent Accomplishments:

Congratulations, Elsie on your acceptance to MGH's Youth Scholars Program! They will be blessed to have you!



One Year in Turn It Around

Check out our recent YouTube video: An Unprecedented Year in Review of Turn It Around.

Despite a global pandemic, these young people continued to inspire their community in 2020!

Visit and subscribe to our YouTube Channel to watch more of our videos too:

<http://bit.ly/TIAYoutubeCC>



We also want to thank everyone who stood with us in these challenging times and continued supporting our youth. It is because of your encouragement and generosity that we are able to move forward.

Happy Birthday to January Babies



Happy Birthday to Aliyah and Serennity! We're celebrating you both as we ring in the New Year this month!



Last Month in Turn It Around

During the month of December, Turn It Around teamed-up with the Collier Family and local businesses for the 2nd Annual Winter Clothing Give-Back. It was another huge success! 175 care-kits that included socks, scarves, winter hats, masks, gloves, and toiletries were handed out to people experiencing homelessness at the intersection of Mass Ave. & Melnea Cass Blvd. Check out their photo published in the Charlestown Patriot-Bridge Newspaper!



Ways to get Involved:

Want to join in on the fun during one of our virtual meetings? We'd love to have you! There are many opportunities for parents and guardians to get involved in *Turn It Around*. All are invited and welcome. Please reach out to Mswati Hanks for more information at MHanks1@partners.org.

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:

This month's Turn It Around Youth of the Month is our one and only, Zaire! Not only is she a mature and insightful voice at our weekly meetings, but she's held her own at multiple Impact Advisory Group meetings with the developers of the BHA redevelopment, influential community members, and local politicians, sitting on the only "youth" seat on the committee. Way to go Zaire, you deserve this month's spot!



-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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