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# TURN IT AROUND YOUTH GROUP JULY NEWSLETTER



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## This Month in Turn It Around

As you may have heard, one of our staff a.k.a. coalition family members is preparing for her next adventure. For the past 4 years, Ginaya has been on an incredible journey working for MGH's Center for Community Health Improvement (CCHI) at the Charlestown Coalition. And even though it is bittersweet for Ginaya to move on in her career, we want to take this opportunity to celebrate all she's accomplished at the Coalition.

**Please join us on July 15th at 5:00pm at First Church in Charlestown to wish her well in her new season of life.**

"Throughout my time at the coalition, I have learned so many valuable lessons working alongside some of the most inspiring, compassionate, and intelligent human beings that I've come across. As well as becoming an instrument of positive change, helping to unify the diverse populations within my hometown, I've matured in unexpected ways, so much so that it's hard to truly express my gratitude for this experience. And even though this chapter is coming to an end, the Charlestown Coalition, Turn It Around program and youth, and Charlestown community will always be near and dear to my heart. Having been able to serve the community that raised me is a blessing I will always cherish. The relationships, connections, and partnerships that I've made along the way will continue to be honored as I transition into a new role for another amazing community-focused organization. And I am so thankful to be able to take the wisdom I've gained working with so many incredible and talented young people and apply it to my next profession.

Thank you MGH, CCHI, Charlestown Coalition, Turn It Around, and Charlestown for the opportunity to make a lasting impact on my neighborhood and myself! Charlestown is a better place because of the coalition's presence in the community!"

-Ginaya Greene Murray



## Monthly Race & Equity Discussion

Join us on Tuesday, July 13th, for our monthly Race & Equity Discussion at the Charlestown Peace Park. This series explores important topics about the impact of race, policing in urban settings, and equity. It is open to all members of the Charlestown community and the general public.

This forum is being co-sponsored by the Charlestown Coalition, Turn It Around Youth Program, and City-Councilor Lydia Edwards and the team.

\*In the event of rain, this will become a virtual event and a Zoom link will be provided.

**TUESDAY, JULY 13TH  
@ 5:30 PM.**

**IN PERSON AT THE  
CHARLESTOWN PEACE PARK!**

**(IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, THE  
MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM.)**



## Happy Birthday to July Babies



Happy Birthday to Sierra, Natania, Lizzy, Ryan, Makai, Josviel, Precious, and Kyla!

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## Last Month in Turn It Around

During the month of June, Turn It Around celebrated 10 middle and high school graduates. We threw them an unforgettable celebration party and reminisced on all the memories they made as well as discussed what they look forward to in the years to come.



## June's Youth of the Month:

This month's Turn It Around Youth Of The Month is Ana Renta. Ana is one of our most consistent members. She attends every meeting, and always comes to help out at any event. We're so happy to have Ana as a big part of our TIA family and so proud to announce her as June's Youth of the Month!



-Mswati Hanks  
(Youth Prevention Coordinator)

## 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](mailto:MHanks1@partners.org).

## Prefer Email?

To receive our Family & Friends Newsletter email instead of a paper copy, please contact Mswati Hanks at [MHanks1@Partners.org](mailto:MHanks1@Partners.org) or call him directly at 646-247-6208.

## 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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