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YOUTH GROUP
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**



This Month in Turn It Around:

For the month of October, *Turn It Around* will be taking the Peace Park on as a social injustice by working together with the community to rebuild it!

Upcoming Events:

Sadly, we have recently learned that our Peace Park has been vandalized-- rocks have been taken, plaques removed from the benches, and the fencing painted over black.

Though our Peace Park's aesthetics have been compromised, the meaning remains intact. What better way to reunite the community than to host a Turn It Around, "Interactive Art Exhibit," in our neighborhood's very own Peace Park?

You're invited to come learn about the resiliency among our youth as they share their HeART with you!

October is Prevention Month:



October is National Substance Use Disorder Prevention Month, and for the past nine years, the Charlestown Coalition has partnered with local schools to implement Prevention strategies and curriculum.

This year, we are going digital by engaging youth in our, "Advice to My Middle School Self," photo contest produced by the Turn It Around youth group.

Our goal is to pass on to the younger generation wisdom the older youth wish they had while in middle school. We're helping kids with more effective ways to handle life's pressures, make better decisions, and avoid risky behaviors.

Try it yourself! Use your phone's camera setting to scan our barcode to learn more.

**HeART in
the Park**

An Interactive Art Exhibit
"I Am Resilient"

OCTOBER 24, 2019
5:30-7:00 PM

MT. VERNON STREET PLAZA
"CHARLESTOWN PEACE PARK"

Admission is FREE, Legal Sea Foods will be giving away FREE food and most importantly, local youth will be sharing their HeART with YOU!



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Last Month in September:

The Charlestown Coalition and Turn It Around had a very busy month during September, hosting and participating in several events focused on Recovery, including our Recovery Month BBQ Kickoff, MOAR Recovery Day, and the 11th Annual Charlestown Candlelight Vigil. To see photos of our Recovery Month events, check our social media pages, links are below.



Ways to get Involved:

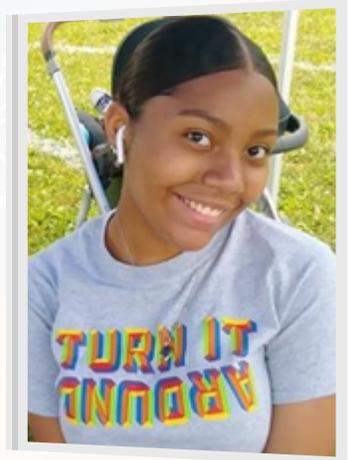
Want to join in on the fun during one of our meetings or events? We'd love to have you! There are many opportunities for parents and guardians to get involved in *Turn It Around*. Whether you help cook, serve, clean or participate in the activities, all are invited and welcome. Please reach out to Ginaya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

September's Youth of the Month:

Natania is our September Turn It Around Youth of the Month! "Natania is a new edition to Turn It Around this fall, and she's hit the ground running since joining. She has already participated in MULTIPLE events. Just a freshman at Charlestown High, we are all so excited that Natania will be part of Turn It Around for years to come!"



-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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