

**TURN IT
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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



This Month in Turn It Around

This November, Turn It Around will discuss healthy alternatives in place of substance use, specifically marijuana use among teens. We will also welcome back guest facilitator, Kara Hayes, for another restorative justice workshop.

Upcoming Events

Turn It Around's 4th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 21st from 5-6:30PM for all official Turn It Around members.

If you'd like to volunteer to cook, we'd love to have you. Also, we are currently seeking donations for food including tasty desserts! Please reach out if you'd like to help make our dinner extra special!
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Rebuilding the Peace Park

The Charlestown Peace Park project has had its share of controversy, especially of late. After a roller-coaster of events leading to the Coalition's decision to post a GoFundMe page, we could not be more excited to announce what's next.

We are extremely grateful and deeply moved by the community's response to the vandalism at our beloved space. We have so many people to thank for donating their time, labor, and money. Because of your resilience and dedication to the underlying message of the park, we are able to rebuild the space, bigger and better than before.

The Coalition has received a considerable amount of funding to rebuild the park, and we will share with you where every cent donated is to be spent. We have contacted a pro-bono professional landscaping design team recommended by the Charlestown Preservation Society, COGDesign, to help us create a strategic plan for the park revision. If you would like to get involved in Peace Park rebuild, please contact Ginaya Greene Murray.

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to say thank you for helping to bring the community together to build a place of healing and respite for us all.

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Last Month in Turn It Around

Last month in October, Turn It Around hosted an awesome event in honor of the Peace Park. If you missed our HeART in the Park exhibit, artwork from the, "I Am Resilient," Turn It Around workshop as well as art from the 2016 StoveFactory "Collaborative Workshop" is still available for purchase. We have 12 x 12 framed images, as well as note cards and original canvas pieces. All proceeds will go to supporting the Turn It Around youth group.



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

October's Youth of the Month:

Ryan is October's Turn It Around Youth of The Month. Ryan is new to the group, but he has made a HUGE impact already. Ryan volunteered at the MGH Crossroads Resource Center's grand opening and he's also been a big help around the office. He was an integral part of Turn It Around's "Heart in The Park" art show being such a big success as well. We're so happy to have Ryan as part of the TIA family!



*-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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