

**TURN IT
AROUND**

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JANUARY NEWSLETTER



This Month in Turn It Around

This month, Turn It Around will be gathering all of the items collected during our winter clothing drive, which was in memory of the late John Collier Sr., and create *Care Kits* that will include hygiene products as well as the hats, scarves, gloves and socks that were donated. We will then distribute these kits to a vulnerable homeless population at the Boston Commons park mid-January. If you'd like to get involved, please reach out to our Youth Prevention Coordinator, Mswati Hanks at MHanks1@Partners.org.



TURN IT AROUND'S
**WINTER
CLOTHING
DRIVE
GIVE-BACK**

Join Turn It Around this Thursday as we head to Boston Commons to distribute our "Care Kits" to those in need.

**WHEN: THIS THURSDAY, THE 16TH
AT 4:00 PM
MEET US AT FIRST CHURCH IN
CHARLESTOWN**

*Thank you to everyone who donated to our cause!
This clothing drive is in memory of John Collier Sr.*

Turn It Around on YouTube

Turn It Around is going viral! Check out our new YouTube Channel --> Follow the link below!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiN9_tUaJoztgrDtqzgdA6A



Turn It Around in 2019

TIA makes the Boston Globe!

As school systems across the city and state grapple with how to deal with teen marijuana use, Charlestown Coalition director Sarah Coughlin says that recognizing why kids use marijuana in the first place may be key to curbing problematic use. "Scare tactics don't work-we've figured out a way to do something that works," says Sarah. Read more about what we're doing here in Charlestown and how it can serve as a model for others.

The Boston Globe



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Last Month in Turn It Around

Last month in December, Turn It Around participated in several community-wide events, including the 1st Annual Charlestown Holiday Night Out. We also did photo's with Santa again during the Holiday Stroll at the Training Field. We love the holiday season because we truly get to see how generous and kind our community really is!



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

December's Youth of the Month:

Feisal is December's Youth of the Month. Feisal has faithfully attended every single Turn It Around meeting since joining. He has also been one of the few volunteers to stay and clean up after meetings, and worked every event we did last month. He's gone from being a shy 8th grader, brand new to Turn It Around, to now being an integral, and irreplaceable, member of our group.



-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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