

TURN IT AROUND YOUTH GROUP MAY NEWSLETTER



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This Month in Turn It Around

This month we had a very meaningful Turn It Around meeting. Not only did we gather together in person, but we had a very special person share their incredibly inspiring story with us - one of our own! And a story that many families in Charlestown can relate to.

As Coalition staff member Shannon celebrates her 17 years in recovery, she's given TIA members the honor of presenting her with this year's medallion at her Recovery Anniversary Celebration on May 22nd. A privilege the youth do not take lightly.

To hear Shannon's story, visit <http://ow.ly/fNat30rGZPX>

If you or someone you know struggles with a substance use disorder or addiction, contact the Charlestown Coalition for support and resources or visit us online at CharlestownCoalition.org.



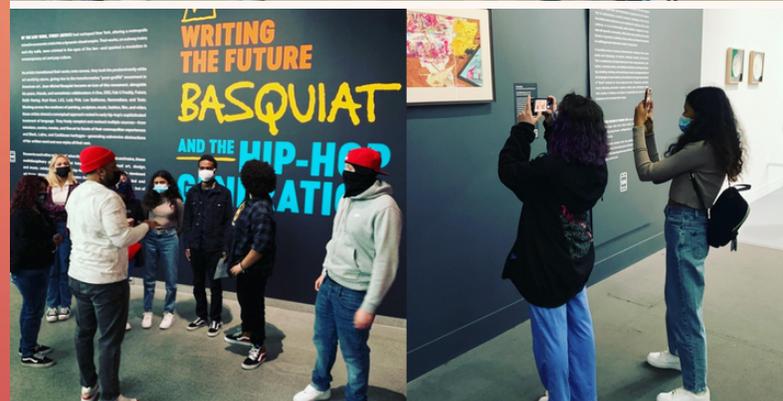
Happy Birthday to May Babies



Happy Birthday to Zaire, Feisal, and Fatima!! We wish you all days as amazing as you are!

Museum of Fine Arts Field Trip

Turn It Around youth had the pleasure of viewing the *Jean-Michel Basquiat: The Radiant Child Documentary* in preparation for the Museum of Fine Arts Basquiat Exhibit. Youth accompanied by Coalition staff visited the exhibit and saw this artist's revolutionary paintings and learned more about his unique graffiti style works.



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We had an incredible turnout at our Charlestown Peace Park community cleanup this past Earth Day. The Kennedy Center's team helped organize this event and provided take-home planting kits.

EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP

Turn It Around youth group members *Hidalgo Holguin, Karen Romero and Severity Figueroa* clean up some leaves and debris at the Peace Park on Earth Day, April 22. The clean-up saw many local groups and elected officials join the youth to get the Peace Park ready for summer. The Park is slated for major renovations soon, after having gone through a community design process and having received a \$500,000 Community Preservation grant. See Page 7 for more photos.



Coral Calderon, Anna Renta and Brianna Arroyo get ready to plant some Panies in the central area of the park.



Ginaya Greene-Murray of the Charlestown Coalition helps Turn It Around members Ibrahim Balde and Khalid Ali clean up leaves by the fence.



April's Youth of the Month:

"Congratulations to Turn It Around's April Youth of the Month, Hope. Even though Hope is one of our newer members, she's quickly become an integral part of the Turn It Around family! She always shows up with a smile and a positive attitude. We're so lucky to have someone so talented on our team, and can't wait for all the amazing things that are in store for Hope!



*-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.

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

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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