May at Haley House (5.5.20)

17th Annual Silent Auction
While we're sad we won't be able to gather for our annual block party in June, we're excited to still be able to host our Silent Auction ONLINE this year. Bidding opens TOMORROW at 9 am

Donate to the HH Emergency Fund
and will end at 2 pm on June 6. Prizes include restaurant and arts passes (including Roxbury International Film Festival), a CSA farm share from Siena Farms, a personal garden consult with Haley House's amazing Farmer Anna, a basket of goodies from South End Formaggio, a walking tour of the South End with David Manzo, beautiful framed Boston prints, and lunch with Bing!

A huge thanks to the local businesses who donated prior to COVID-19 and have agreed to continue to support this effort. And special thanks to our sponsor, Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation. We hope to "see" you online, and look forward to gathering together again in person when it's safe to do so! Click here for the site-- make sure to "bookmark" it.

Hospitality, at a Distance
As we settle into week eight of take-out meals and practicing social distancing in the soup kitchen, our live-in community continues to

Community Calendar
5/6: Haley House Silent Auction opens, 9 am (more info)
5/14: SidePresents Live Music Stream with HHBC, 7 pm (more info)
5/27, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17: TBK Parent-Child Cooking classes, sponsored by Fellowes Athenaeum Trust, 4 pm (sign up here)
5/28: SidePresents Live Music Stream with HHBC, 7 pm (more info)
6/6: Haley House Silent Auction closes, 2 pm (more info)

Everyday, 11:45am - Live Jazz Lunch with Pops & Sarah, FREE (info)
Everyday, 2:50pm - @2:50 Ten Minutes

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welcome more than double the normal number of daily guests and coordinate with other service providers across the city. Donations from good neighbors have made it possible for us to continue to prepare hot meals and offer some measure of companionship & community to our guests (at a safe distance) during this extraordinary time -- thank you for your incredible generosity.

If you haven't already, we recommend checking out WBUR's recent Town Hall meeting about the spread of COVID-19 among incarcerated and homeless populations.

HHBC Treats for Mom

Everyday, 3pm - 7th Inning Stretch with Fenway Park Organist, FREE (info)

Everyday, various times - Live-Stream Language Classes with Rola Languages (info)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, 7:30-8:30pm - Urbanity Live-Stream Dance Class, $10 Suggested Donation (info)

For regular updates of online happenings to beat boredom, visit The Boston Calendar

Live Music Streaming
Join us every other Thursday at 7 pm on Instagram or Facebook for live-streamed Arts & Culture programming, in partnership with SidePresents, featuring a new artist each session (plus a special promotion from HHBC).

Donations

PRIORITY (COVID-related):
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfecting wipes
- Scarves and other face coverings
- Masks (unused)
- Gloves (either plastic or reusable)
Looking for a way to celebrate your mother (or someone who's been like a mother to you)? This week, we are offering a limited number of Mother's Day Bundles. Contents include sunflower seeds from the Roxbury Sunflower Project, 3 slices of lemon pound cake, 3 slices of coffee cake, a pound of Equal Exchange Love Buzz coffee and assorted MEM teas, a bottle of wine (your choice: red or white), and a Limited Edition Haley House Tote Bag. Each Bundle is $50 and can be picked up during our regular hours (Thursday-Saturday, see hours in the right hand column).

See our menu here or order here (including Mother's Day Bundles).

Virtual Tours & Wildflowers
Although we miss visits from neighbors and groups at the farm, Farmer Anna has had a busy spring. All our spring crops are in the ground and getting off to a strong start while our summer crops stay warm and cozy in the greenhouse. As days lengthen, plants shoot up and flowers are blooming before our eyes!

News of Note
- Disproportionate Rates of COVID-19 Illness and Death in Black Communities (more here)
- OpEd: The Commonwealth Must Help Business of Color (here)

COMMUNITY JOB BOARD
Multiple Positions // Daily Table
Contact Tracers, Care Resource Coordinators, Case Investigators //
Anna's also been able to offer virtual tours and talks to some of our partners. While our friends miss getting their hands dirty, they're still able to learn about sustainable farming practices and think creatively about food distribution through the pandemic. We've been able to pack a few take-home garden kits for families for planting beans in recycled containers and wildflower seed balls! As always, we welcome your feedback. Email us with thoughts and questions.

**Parent-Child TBK Classes**

For the past several years, we've partnered with the Fellowes Athenaeum Trust to offer free Take Back the Kitchen cooking classes for parents and children through Dudley Public Library. This year we will be offering these classes *virtually*, as a 4-week parent & child cooking class on Wednesdays at 4 pm (5/27, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17).

**Roxbury Sunflowers**

We're proud to be a partner in the Roxbury Sunflower Project led by artist Ekua Holmes. Pick up your seeds at HHBC, or learn more [here](#).

**Volunteer Update**

In keeping with public health guidelines, our volunteer program remains suspended. However, if you'd like to be the first to hear when we relaunch our program, make sure you've filled out our [volunteer application](#) and then [fill out this form](#) to join our list of first-responders!

*You can also sign up to volunteer with the City of Boston [here](#).*
Registration is free, but must be done in advance and space is limited. Click here to sign up and receive instructions and recipes in advance. Questions? Contact Chef Ricardo.

Gratitude Corner
We are so grateful to all those who have donated to allow us to continue to serve our community and support our entire staff during these challenging times, including:

- The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum team who beautified our spaces with four dozen+ potted plants;
- Sai Baba, Lovin' Spoonfuls & Around the Bend Farm for regular food donations;
- PULSE and MassArt interns who are wrapping up their year of service;
- Those who contributed to the Boston Resiliency Fund, the Mass Redistribution Fund, and Greater Boston Food Bank, whose donations are helping us to continue to feed our community through recent grants!

Parking Spot Available
Haley House has a parking spot for rent behind 418 Massachusetts Ave. ($250/ month; 24/7 access). Proceeds benefit Haley House programs.

Interested? Email or call Jill at (617) 236-8132.

HH's COVID-19 Resource Page