May at Haley House

Rebuilding Community Through Outdoor Dining

The live-ins and soup kitchen community have been hard at work dreaming, planning, and building our outdoor dining space! We're excited that the tables on Montgomery Street will be a space for the community to gather together again for the first time in over a year, to celebrate, relax, and rebuild connections. After what was a lonely year for many, coming back together is taking bravery and
clear sense of pride at being able to belong in such a beautiful space. Throughout the process of building we have been constantly helped by a rotating cast of eager hands and supportive spectators - thank you!

We have started serving food in the outdoor space this week, but are still putting finishing touches on the setup! Our planters have been built, sanded, and lovingly varnished, and are ready to be planted in. We would welcome any donations of edible plants (sage, basil, mint, spinach, strawberries, and more!) or native flowers/shrubs that would help us make the space green and full of growing things. We are also on the lookout for comfy outdoor armchairs (1-2) and park-style benches (1-2) (example armchair linked here, example bench linked here - used items encouraged!) to make a space for those who may not want to eat in close proximity to others to still be comfortable and part of the community.

All are welcome to drop by and join the festivities - we’ll be here all summer!

Sundays from 11am-4pm

Cafe Menu & Ordering HERE
秩序 can be placed
up to 2 weeks in advance
617-445-0900

View our updated catering menu here and order catering here!

Soup Kitchen Hours
Coffee + Breakfast: Sun.-Fri. 6:15-9:30am
Lunch: Sun. & Fri. 11am-12:30pm
Food Pantry: Thurs. 10-11am
Clothing Room: Tues. 9:30-11am

*All are welcome*

Haley House Bakery Cafe
Spring Event Calendar
Haley House Walks For Hunger
This past weekend, the Live-In Community members participated in Project Bread's 53rd Annual (Virtual) Walk for Hunger! They enjoyed the beautiful day walking around our beloved neighborhood, joining hundreds of others across the Commonwealth in the work to make sure all of our neighbors are fed.

There is still time to donate to support both Haley House AND Project Bread! If you'd like to help us reach our goals, click here!

HOME Poetry Series & Roxbury Poetry Festival
May marks the final month of the monthly HOME poetry series, curated by Boston Poet Laureate Porsha Olayiwola and hosted by Anthony Febo. The featured reader will be Martin Espada. Click here for more information and to register for this weekend's event.

Community Calendar
5/5: Homegrown: Samoan Studies Institute Students' Association for Faasamo: Virtual Dance Performance (info)
5/16: RESCHEDULED: Earth Day on the Patio (info)
5/29: 67 Degrees Beer Garden (more info to come)
6/5: Roxbury Poetry Fest (info and registration)
6/13-19: Nubian Square Restaurant Week (more info to come)
6/26: Unapologetic Benet Concert for Pride Month (more info to come)
Bookmark this page for updates on upcoming events!
Mark your calendars for the Roxbury Poetry Festival, happening June 5th! Learn more about the festival and register here!

Kits and Cakes from Haley House Bakery Cafe!
As we approach summer and the return of some outdoor events, we are excited to share some fun new offerings from Haley House Bakery Cafe! Our Memorial Day Grill Kits were a hit last year, so we are making them again this year to make your long weekend enjoyable. Each kit serves 5 people. The Basic Kit ($65-75) includes one protein, one side, and...

5/13: Slaying the Writing Game: A Conversation with Bestselling Author Britney Morris (info and registration)


5/13: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Virtual Event (info and registration)

5/15: Dorothy Day and The Global Church Webinar (info and registration)

5/20: Teen Book Discussion: Here to Stay by Sara Farizan (info)

5/21: Beyond Alternatives: Disability, Madness and Prison Abolition (info and registration)

News and Resources
Read this Boston Globe article about Alpha & Omega and Haley House Board member Kathy Kim’s family

Donate to those affected by the Atlanta-area shootings

Learn more about the Asian Mental Health Collective and subscribe to their newsletter

Check out this guide to racial disparities and addiction treatment

Support and donate to a new
We also are excited to be launching our cake menu! We have mini cupcakes for sale at the bakery cafe, and also are offering custom cakes made to order. Check out our customizable cake options here, and contact us directly (catering@haleyhouse.org) to place an order.

There is also one more day to order the Haley House Mother’s Day Box! The box ($50) includes premium raw honey made by Rwandan genocide survivors courtesy of Rungano-Ndota, a bouquet, shortbread, granola, assorted tea bags, and savory tea bread. Order here!

New Soil Mounds and Spring Planting!
The team has been busy as bees at the farm...
leaders and many neighbors we were able to demo and rebuild 15 (yes 15!) new farm rows for planting! As the older raised bed lumber was warping and rotting (as it does over time) we transitioned our whole main block to soil mounds. Soil mounds don't rely on lumber/hardware, provide long term fertility as the inner core of wood breaks down, invite in beneficial microbial life, store heat and give us some extra bed height for ease on our farmers' backs! We have about a third of the beds planted in spring crops and we will be planting the rest throughout May!

As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions (contact farm@haleyhouse.org).

Kicking Off the Season at McKinley Garden

Last Friday, Jay got off to a running start with a successful day preparing the land at the McKinley School garden for a great season! Together with volunteers from McKinley, the Ellis Neighborhood Association, Northeastern University, and the Haley House Live-In Community, they weeded 19 garden beds, topped them with fresh soil, built a new compost system, and cleaned the area.

Community Job Board

Multiple Positions // Daily Table

Multiple Positions // Community Servings

Multiple Positions // Pine Street Inn

Multiple Positions // Right to the City

Multiple Positions // Lovin' Spoonfuls

Multiple Positions // Newmarket Business Association

Boston Cyclists Union // Multiple Positions

Community Volunteer Ambassador // National Parks of Boston

Beekeeper // Best Bees

Community Partnerships Program Coordinator // Boston Medical Center
Students from McKinley were able to help out and will continue to work in the garden in the coming months. Thanks to all who helped make this day a success!

Looking Forward

We have a resident manager position coming available soon. This is a part-time job, based in the South End (comes with a large Single Room Occupancy room). To receive more information once it becomes available, email: housing@haleyhouse.org.

Postcard Corner

Last December, we included postcards with our print newsletter and asked you to personalize them and send them back our way. We are excited to continue sharing these postcards in upcoming newsletters and hope you enjoy seeing them as much as we have. The one below responds to the question: "Who or what gives you a sense of home?" with "Peace and quiet when I walk through the door. Sunlight shining through the plants." We wish you all lots of sunlight and peace this spring.

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