



March 2022

Soup Kitchen Hours

Breakfast: Mon-Fri: 6:15-9:30am | Lunch: Sun: 12:30-1:30pm
Food Pantry: Thurs 10-11am | Clothing: Tues 9:30-11am
All are welcome | [Click here to apply to volunteer!](#)

Meet Reggie Jean, Haley House's New Executive Director!



Our team has truly been enjoying working with and getting to know our new Executive Director, Reggie Jean, pictured here with founder Kathe McKenna and outgoing Executive Director Bing Broderick. Read on to get to know Reggie!

Why were you interested in joining the Haley House community?

RJ: I was interested in joining Haley House because of the rich history of using radical solutions and solving problems at their root. Haley House connects with several issues that I am personally passionate about and has been consistent and bold when addressing these issues.

Tell us about your background before you came to Haley House?

RJ: I have worked with the YMCA in various capacities in the past 16 years. I led Teen Programs in communities in Hartford, Dorchester, and Hyde Park. Most recently, I led the YMCA branch in Pawtucket Rhode Island where we addressed Health Equity within our community and I implemented Diversity, Equity and Inclusion into our YMCA's culture and organization. I grew up in Boston and went to school at the John D. O'Bryant in Roxbury.

What are your hopes for the organization as we look to the future?

RJ: I look for us to continue to actively listen to our community's needs and continue to advocate for those we serve. I also hope to further our reach and invite folks into our fold in order to expand our mission so more individuals know and understand what Haley House does.

How can the broader Haley House community support you?

RJ: I want to be able to learn and understand the challenges that exist in our community. I will need the Haley House community to continue to provide meaningful resources. I will need this community to challenge systems and hold myself and each other accountable when it comes to best serving our people. I will need the Haley House community.

Zach and Libby are running the Boston Marathon!

We are so excited to share that Live-in Community member Zach Smart is running the Boston Marathon in support of Haley House! Over the last two years Zach has been one of the constant faces of the soup kitchen, greeting every guest by name, making innumerable bowls of mac and cheese, and helping keep Haley House a place of joy and abundance even amidst the pandemic! We hope you'll join the team to cheer Zach on, and help support the work we do by donating to the GoFundMe campaign [here!](#)



Another beloved Live-In Community member, Libby Federici, is also running the Boston Marathon in support of our close partner organization, Lovin' Spoonfuls! After nearly two years of transforming the bounties of produce from Lovin' into delicious meals for our guests, this is a great opportunity for Libby to give back to Lovin' after all they have given our community! Donate to Libby's race fundraiser [here!](#)

Welcome Back, Will and Mo!



We recently welcomed Will Borchard and Mo Katz-Christy to the Live-In Community! Will and Mo spent time at Haley House in summer 2017 and 2019, and we're thrilled to have them join the community for the next two years. If you're in the neighborhood, stop by and say hello!

Preparing for the Growing Season!

With the spring equinox around the corner, we are busy as ever at the farm preparing for the season ahead. Last week we began pruning some invasive Norway Maples trees, freeing up a ton of additional sunlight and providing new space for us to plant native, fruit bearing trees. We've inventoried our current seed stock, ordered interesting new varieties of seeds and will begin our first seeding in the Dudley Greenhouse. It also looks like each of our bee hives stayed strong through the winter. Finally, we've been meeting with all our teen and youth organization partners to dream and plan our programming ahead, and we're so excited to get the season underway!



In-Kind Donation Requests

Haley House has always relied on the support of our community when it comes to redistributing vital resources. If you'd like to support our work by donating goods, check out this list! Items can be dropped off at 23 Dartmouth Street. [Email us](#) with questions!

- Gently used cookbooks to help us build out our Take Back the Kitchen Cookbook Lending Library.
- Toothpaste, razors, men's pants (all sizes), new boxer briefs, belts, and winter gloves for our clothing room.

Meet the New McKinley Garden Coordinator, Fatima!

We're thrilled to welcome Fatima Seck to the community as our McKinley Garden Coordinator for the 2022 growing season! Fatima is an educator and artist, and is excited to join the team at Haley House. Fatima will be leading programs with McKinley School students and volunteers in the garden, and will also spend time at the Thornton Street Farm. [Email Fatima](#) if you're interested in working with them. Welcome, Fatima!

Take Back the Kitchen Warms Up on Winter Break!

Students from the Boston Explorers Club and Cambridge Camping came through our teaching kitchens during their February breaks to learn how to cook some fun recipes. Tacos loaded with fresh veggies and served with cilantro-lime avocado dressing were a hit!



LiFT Reentry Program Community Partner Meeting

Thank you to all of our community partners and friends who attended our meeting last week and added value to our new Reentry Program. The power of community was in full effect at the event, and the input we received will be incorporated into the new program's design with a start date in May. Stay tuned for more details!



Community Calendar

3/13-3:14: Pi Day Sale at More Than Words ([info](#))
3/19: Move for Charity at Hibernian Hall ([info and registration](#))
3/19: ISBCC Ramadan Bazaar
3/31: SNAP Webinar Series ([info and registration](#))

Community Job Board

Executive Director // [Root](#)
Multiple Positions // [Daily Table](#)
Multiple Positions // [826 Boston](#)
Multiple Positions // [Community Servings](#)
Multiple Positions // [Pine Street Inn](#)
Multiple Positions // [Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry](#)
Multiple Positions // [Lovin' Spoonfuls](#)
Multiple Positions // [Newmarket Business Association](#)

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