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July 2022

Soup Kitchen Hours

Breakfast: Mon-Fri: 6:15-9:30am | Elder Meal: Tue., Thurs., Sun: 2:00-3:00pm

Food Pantry: Thurs 10-11am | Clothing: Tues 6:15-9:30am

All are welcome | [Click here to apply to volunteer!](#)

We are saddened by the recent events in our community, our nation, and around the world. We sympathize with those who will be affected by the Supreme Court's ruling overturning Roe v. Wade. We continue to grieve for every unarmed black man gunned down by law enforcement. We denounce hateful rhetoric and groups looking to impose harm or malice on anyone in our community. We support those working toward a more equitable society. Haley House continues to serve in ways that remove these and other barriers to justice and equality. We believe in the power of community, and our commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging creates better communities, a better country and a better world. Today's issues remind us of the importance of Haley House's mission and vision focused on helping those made vulnerable by the harshest effects of inequality move toward wholeness and economic independence.

Lately at LiFT...

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resources and meals for our returning citizens. The program is designed for participants to be introduced to new communities, learn about services, create meals, and build relationships. While we're still in the early stages, it is wonderful to hear comments from participants like: "This group keeps me accountable", "I'm learning how to cook and love the recipes", and "I'm learning of opportunities that can really help me!" Learn more [here](#).

Summer Fun at the Farm!



We just passed the Summer Solstice - the longest daylight of the year - and crops are bumpin! Tomatoes are ripening, squash is fruiting, snap peas are abundant, herbs seem to be growing before our eyes and school and camp farm kids can barely keep up with eating all of the ripe black raspberries.

We are so excited to be starting four of our main programs at the farm for the season: 10 teens have been onboarding and are ready to rock in our Teen Employment Program, returning and new Junior Farmers are gearing up for their 6 week series, Saturday marks our first delivery of fresh

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family-friendly, farm-y, fun Summer Series events. Please join us for one or all of our Summer Series

Saturdays from 1-3pm with our amazing guest leaders. Details on the flier below!

SUMMER EVENTS AT THORNTON STREET FARM!

Join us for free family friendly farm fun this summer!

Saturdays ~ 1pm - 3pm

July 16th-August 20th





- 7/16- Hot Sauce Party & Fulani's Kitchen
- 7/23- TBD
- 7/30-Mimic Makers with Fatima Seck
- 8/6 - Fairy Garden & Designing Planters with Michelle Carter
- 8/13 - Take Back the Kitchen
- 8/20 - Summer Showcase! Support our Teen & Junior Farmers and celebrate their season!

*** Highland Park Playgroup will be hosting farm story time & activity at each event! ***



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As Summer Begins, A Winter Reflection

For those of a certain age, we remember where we were.

It was a Monday in early February. It started to snow and it did not stop. Arctic cold, high winds, inches of snow turned into feet. 100 people died in the Blizzard of 78. But the 101st, a man named Edward, did not, thanks to two members of the



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Edward lived in a cardboard box near Haley House in the area where the McKinley Collaborative Garden Project now takes place. Edward was timid, fearful of others and struggled with mental illness. For months, Jeannie and Annie tried to coax Edward to seek shelter from the winter nights. He refused. They persisted. As the Blizzard of '78 began to bear down on Boston, they knew that Edward would die that night without shelter. Jeanne and Annie's tenacity paid off and on February 6, 1978, Edward agreed to leave his cardboard box and take shelter. He would not sleep in a bed, but was willing to sleep on the floor in the soup kitchen. It was a first step, a safe step.

Edward stayed with us for many months, still only willing to sleep on the soup kitchen floor. His struggles with mental illness continued. On the one hand he showed great kindness to others, especially children. On the other, his grasp on reality was loose. One Saturday morning, FBI agent McCarthy showed up at Haley House. After a brief conversation with Edward, the agent left having assessed that Edward's description of the Haley House live-in community members as "a bunch of subversives" did not merit the FBI's attention. Jeanne recently shared, "Annie and I gave each other the courage we did not have separately and that is truly the power of community."

For more than 50 years, generations of "live-in" community members have staffed the soup kitchen and lived in the rooms above it. Some stay for months, others for years. During the pandemic I watched and marveled at the nimbleness and selflessness of live-in staff members who reinvented Haley House yet again, meeting the needs of this generation's "Edwards." For they, like Jeannie and Annie, lived Dorothy Day's conviction, "The final word is LOVE."

David Manzo was a member of the live-in community from 1977-80 and is currently a member of Haley House's Board of Directors

Cooking at the Roxbury Public Library

Take Back the Kitchen recently wrapped up our Families and Older Adults series at the Roxbury Public Library. One of the older adult participants shared his experience, "This was a wonderful and welcoming experience. The food was delicious and my team was great! I didn't realize I was capable of making such a delicious meal." We are thankful to the Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Fund for awarding us the grant to make these classes possible. Keep an eye out to join us in the future!



Calling All School Gardeners!

Fatima, our McKinley School Garden Coordinator, will be hosting an event for school gardeners in the Boston area on August 8th. Please help us spread the word!



Support Our Clothing Room!

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 or if you'd like to organize an in-kind

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How a sponsorship could work:

1. Organize with your community group or organization to raise \$700 to support the clothing room for one month!
2. Organize a clothing drive collecting the following items: men's briefs sizes M, L, and XL; men's cotton socks (dark color, crew socks preferred), size L, and men's cotton short sleeve t-shirts, size XL



Having a regular supply of basic clothes is vital for

COMFORT, HEALTH,
and **DIGNITY.**

Please help us ensure that we can always provide these basic necessities to our neighbors in need!

EMAIL ZACH (IN-KIND-DONATIONS@HALEYHOUSE.ORG) FOR MORE DETAILS!

Items needed: hangers, toothpaste, razors, men's pants (all sizes), new boxer briefs, new socks, new undershirts, and belts

Community Calendar

7/7, 7/14, 7/21: Free Thursday Nights at the ICA ([info](#))

7/16: Jazz on the Green Summer Series with the Makanda Project ([info](#))

7/22: Outdoor Family Movie Night at UUUM ([info](#))

7/30: Revamp Training's Workout and Brunch at Hibernian Hall ([info](#))

Various Events: Boston Public Library ([info](#))

Various Events: Thornton Street Farm, see flier above

Haley House is Hiring!

We are currently looking for a Volunteer Coordinator/Outreach & Development Assistant, and TBK Chef Educators! Details [here](#).

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