April at Haley House (4.7.20)

A Word of Thanks

Dear Friends,

Before anything else, we want to thank all of you for the generous outpouring of support. We are very grateful to those in our Live-In Community who have sacrificed so much to be on the front lines to welcome and serve the unprecedented number of guests at our doors. As an organization, we have prioritized the welfare of our guests and staff, and we are doing all that we can to ensure their well-being through this period. We all know that those who are impacted most by this pandemic are the folks with the least, and we appreciate your ongoing support as we try to take care of our friends and neighbors.

Donate to the HH Emergency Fund

HHBC TAKE OUT & DELIVERY HOURS

Thursday & Friday: 2 - 7pm
Saturday: 11am - 5pm

Menu & Ordering HERE
617-445-0900
Hospitality at a Distance

Since transitioning to take-out service last month, the incredible Live-In Community has served more than 2,000 warm, nutritious, and lovingly prepared meals to our guests.

In the soup kitchen, we're seeing firsthand that the spread of this virus is hardest on those in our society who are already marginalized. You cannot "stay home" if you do not have a home to stay in. For this reason, we've developed rigorous cleaning and distancing systems and are working hard to connect our guests with the services they need, particularly medical care as provided by the amazing folks over at Healthcare for the Homeless.

We intend to keep our doors open as long as we are able, doing our part to ease the harshest effects of this crisis through food with purpose and the power of community.

THURSDAY ARTS STREAM

Join us this Thursday at 7 pm on Instagram or Facebook as Kristin Simone chats with Cagen Luse about "Comics in Color" and tours the mini-gallery exhibit in the Cafe. Use promo code SIDEXSIS12 for a special add-on to your take out or delivery order during live programming.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Thursday evenings, 7pm - HHBC Arts & Culture Live-Stream on Instagram and Facebook, FREE
- Everyday, 3pm - 7th Inning Stretch with Fenway Park Organist, FREE (info)
- Everyday, various times - Live-Stream Language Classes with Rola
We're Back: Take Out & Delivery

After taking a beat to adjust our menu and update our cleaning and sanitization procedures, we've launched Take Out & Delivery from our Roxbury Bakery Cafe, Thursday-Saturday. The menu features classics like Jerk Chicken and Ginger Slaw, and some exciting new items like flatbread sandwiches on homemade chapati bread and Alima's Curried Lentils. We're also offering raw dough for Haley House's famous Chocolate Chip Cookies, available in half dozen increments, with baking instructions and Equal Exchange's Love Buzz coffee (both freshly brewed and as whole beans!).

Please note: We are working with limited staff to adhere to public health guidelines, and so our delivery radius is also limited to our hyper-local community (Roxbury and parts of Dorchester, South End, and Jamaica Plain). However, anyone is welcome to order and pick up take out. Orders can be placed up to 2 weeks in advance (see sidebar for more details!)

- 4/8, 9pm - Live-Stream Samba Class (info)
- Mon, Tues, Thurs, 7:30-8:30pm - Urbanity Live-Stream Dance Class, $10 Suggested Donation (info)
- Tues, 4/14, 10:30-11:30am - Yoga with Malaika, $12 (info)
- 4/10, 8-9:30pm - Live-Stream Hamilton Sing-a-long with Original Cast Members (info)

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

BLOCK PARTY UPDATE

We've decided to move the Silent Auction portion of our annual June Block Party Fundraiser online this year! Stay tuned for updates next month. We look forward to celebrating outside together as soon as it's safe to do so.

DONATIONS

PRIORITY (COVID-related):
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfecting wipes
- Scarves and other face coverings
- Masks (unused)
- Gloves (either plastic or reusable)

General Donations:
Gently used/new men's seasonally
We've also been hosting live-stream online performances in partnership with Side Presents, featuring performers Evelyn Blush, Notebook.p, Kaovanny, and Lisa Bello. Check out the sidebar for this week's live stream program on Thursday, featuring Kristin Simone and Cagen Luse.

Farming, Full Speed Ahead!
The land has not stopped and we continue to prepare our urban farm for a full growing season. As soil temperatures continue to warm up, Farmer Anna has begun to prepare our beds by adding dark, rich, biologically active compost we built on site last year and installing mini hoophouses. We've even put our first crops - snap peas, collards and kale - into the ground!

One of the cornerstones of sustainable agriculture is building ecosystems that are adaptable, so we will remain flexible to appropriate clothing (our storage is limited!) and personal hygiene products:
- NEW underwear (M-XL)
- Men's pants (30's range)
- Men's shirts
- Coats, sweaters, and shoes
- Travel-sized toiletries (soaps, shampoo, conditioner, lip-balm, toothpaste, toothbrushes)
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream & razors

Goods:
- Silverware (forks + spoons especially)
- Bowls
- Aprons
- Rags
- Books/ magazines (Spanish + English)
- Checkers, Chess, Scrabble
- Dressers
- Twin bed sheets & comforters
- Pillows
- Towel sets
- Ceramic Mugs

These items can be dropped off at 23 Dartmouth Street at any time. Click here for more info on in-kind donations.

COMMUNITY JOB BOARD

Development, Marketing & Volunteer Position (full job description to come) // Haley House (send us an email to see posting first)

Multiple Positions // Daily Table (info)

Program Coordinator // Mass Art Center for Art & Community Partnerships (info)
How can we create relationships that are resilient during crisis?

- How do we build sustainable and sustaining communities that aren't driven by individualism and fear?
- How do we simultaneously foster independence and a deep sense of interconnectedness?
- How do we focus on the needs that will never go away - growing nutritious food and cultivating beauty?

The importance of a hyper-local food system is more clear now than ever.

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

To limit spread of COVID-19 and keep staff and guests as safe and healthy as possible, our volunteer program has been temporarily suspended. However, in the coming weeks we may find there are things people can help with remotely or ways in which volunteers can help us without contact. If you're interested in being on the list of people we reach out to as opportunities arise, fill out the volunteer application here and then fill out this form for this specific kind of outreach.

To sign up as a City of Boston volunteer, click here.

Spotlight:

How do you shelter-in-place when you don't have a home?

“The protocol now, if you feel sick, is go home and isolate,” Berrigan said. “Where are our people going to go? We’re going to isolate them under a tree in the park?” Read the rest of the article here.
Thank You & Farewell, Rachel!

At the end of this month, Rachel Rimm (Rae) will transition out of her role as Development, Marketing, and Volunteer Program Manager to begin a farming program at Brookwood Community Farm outside of Boston. In her 2+ years working at Haley House (and more as a volunteer & cafe customer!), Rachel has contributed so much to our community. We are sad to see her leave, but excited for this next adventure for her! Good luck, Rachel!

Rachel (left) with HH Finance Manager, Susan (right)

PARKING SPOT AVAILABLE
Haley House has one parking space available for rent behind 418 Massachusetts Ave ($250/ month; 24/7 access). Proceeds benefit Haley House. Interested? Email or call Jill at (617) 236-8132.

Truckloads of Thanks
We want to give a special shout out to our friends at Baldor, Mei Mei (especially HH Board Member Irene Li), House of Blues, The Boys & Girls Club, Annie Venditti and Chris Welles at American Rhino, McKinley South End Academy, Kathy Kim, the City of Boston, Police Commissioner Willie Gross, Mayor Marty Walsh and so many others for their donations.

COVID-19 Resources
We know you’ve probably been inundated with emails from everyone you’ve ever subscribed to receive emails from, but we did want to provide our active list of resources in case they are of use to you or someone you know.

HH's COVID-19 Resource Page
and support during this time of need. Thanks also to neighbors of the soup kitchen and cafe who have helped out in various ways.

PC: Andy Bloniarz, Mary Lou Bozza, Brice Due, Julia MacLaughlin, Rachel Rimm, Jeffrey Stockbridge, Misha Thomas

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