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Summer Youth Programs

All of our annual summer youth programming wrapped up this August. This year, our Summer Learning Academy expanded on our core principles of HIV/AIDS awareness, and leadership; to include gaming and music lessons. Finally, after a whirlwind summer, all of our youth programming concluded on a high note with the Boston Harbor Islands, and enjoying much-needed time with our friends from the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), and helping with the fall field day at Hennigan. To sign up for the After School Programs, [click here]

Update: Nubian Square Business Evictions

If you had a chance to read our last newsletter, you know that ACEDONE has partnered with Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston (LCR) to help Nubian Square Businesses owned by African immigrants fight against unjust eviction from our historic African American community. The matter is ongoing, but we are hopeful for the future. This work is critical to help shield the social safety net and opportunity gap. Check out the picture of our clients in the last four downtowns –

"The client walked away delighted with the legal expertise and awe-inspiring views. It doesn't matter how many times we see this, hearing about these circumstances - uniting the community and legal spheres - never ceases to amaze me. And for the clients, it's an empowering and dignifying experience. They discover their own such and start receiving their justice. It's truly is special to see how magic happens when community-based groups, law firms, and LCR come together. It's beautiful. It's justice making. And it represents the very best of community and public interest lawyering. Every time, it helps to catalyze not just creative legal thinking, but also fosters the development of community precedent and legal literacy. To read more on the work we've been doing with our clients in the law firm downtown: [click here]

Equity Now & Beyond

Our coalition of grassroots immigrant organizations helped to lead the way by creating the first annual migration, global health initiatives, activism, and social justice push. The first was a successful Elimination Drive with our coalition partners Center to Support Immigrant Advisors (CSIA), Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston (LCR), and Nubian Square Business Owners. Our teens in the Youth in Charge After School Program also had the opportunity to collaborate with the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), and helping with the fall field day at Hennigan. To sign up for the After School Programs, [click here]

Small Business

While our Small Business Development has provided technical assistance in many different fields to its small businesses owners consistently, the department is seeing a new trend by boosting its own financial institution for a few months. Our biggest goal is to increase and increase the budget for our services and to provide many more small businesses owners this program in the future. We are now providing resources support to our small businesses owners with zero interest, helping them to increase the capacity of their businesses.

ACEDONE’s 20th Anniversary Celebration

With gratitude in our hearts, ACEDONE was honored to host several events, friends and community members in our two-day extravaganza starting with a banquet at Hibernian Hall in Roxbury. A thank you to our long-time beneficiary and partner Ascia Kitchen & Cafe for catering the event with continental African-Mediterranean inspired food. It was inspiring to see many alumni come and participate in our 20th Annual Banquet and our Small Business Development Showcases. This year, we were able to help the small business owners our team had been working with all year long, helping them to increase the capacity of their businesses.

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