

YVP and State Street Work to Eradicate Youth Violence



HSTF youth participate in a workshop aimed at understanding the complexities of youth violence.

The Youth Violence Prevention Collaborative was created in 2008 by State Street Corporation and Foundation, and Claudio Martinez, Executive Director of HSTF, is a YVP Advisory Board member. The Collaborative works to fund and provide meaningful year-round jobs for 100 teenagers in Boston and enhance their experiences, skill-development, and competencies along with other efforts to reduce youth violence. In his address during the December 2011 annual YVP symposium Claudio Martinez acknowledged, "It is the work of all of us to provide the opportunities for every youth in Boston to dream and guide them towards those dreams." The YVP Collaborative does just that. It brings together private and public sector funders, experts, and stakeholders to address violence in Boston neighborhoods. Through three working groups, supported by Root Cause, and an annual symposium to report on progress of goals and actions, the Collaboration aligns organizations in Boston working toward the eradication of youth violence. Claudio appreciates that the efforts are "taking such a thoughtful and effective approach to the complex issue of youth violence." George A. Russell Jr., executive vice president, State Street Corporation and president, State Street Foundation, says, "As its name implies, the YVP Collaborative model is successful

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because of the true collaboration among funders, the public sector and experts such as Claudio and the HSTF team. State Street is a long-time partner of HSTF, and it’s no surprise to us that it has become a critical partner in the work of the collaborative.” HSTF believes strongly in the work of the Collaborative; it complements HSTF’s 20 years of efforts with youth in JP and Roxbury and HSTF’s current Youth Community Development model. Claudio Martinez says, "We are honored to be a part of the YVP Collaborative and glad State Street has placed funding priority on this initiative. It is on the right path and approaches youth violence systemically rather than responding only to the surface issues." ▶

Upcoming Events

Artes Pa'lante/Thriving Arts

Friday, May 11, 2012 at 6 pm

FREE – join us!

English High School, 144 McBride Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 20130

HSTF/Martha Eliot Health Center | Boston Children’s Hospital Multi-Day 5K Walk/Run

Choose from 5 dates/times:

Tuesday, June 5 at 6 pm

Wednesday, June 6 at 6:30 pm

Friday, June 8 at 5:30 pm

(recommended for families)

Saturday, June 9 at 9 am

Virtual Run/Walk – complete on your own!

Visit www.racemenu.com/HSTF5K to register.

Multi-Day 5K Walk/Run Community Fun Day!

Sunday, June 10 at 10 am

FREE – Open to 5K runners/walkers and THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY!

Performances by HSTF Youth.

Music, dance, food, prizes, and more!

Cheer on HSTF Rookie Runners to finish their year!

HSTF Youth Community Development Center

(Cheverus Building)

365 Centre Street, behind the Blessed Sacrament Church, Jamaica Plain

Tito Puentes Latin Music Series Concert in Mozart Park

Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 7 pm

FREE – open to the community!

presented by Berklee College,

City of Boston, IBA, Park Arts and more.

Hosted by HSTF.

Keep an eye open for our pre-party!

Summer Nights Out

Five Wednesdays, July 18 and 25 and

August 1, 8, and 15, 2012 at 6 pm

FREE – open to the community!

Fun, health, and education

on the Blessed Sacrament patio!

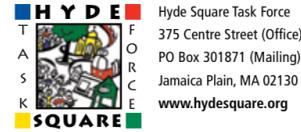
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Transforming Community.

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I AM HSTF Portraits in the Community

From December through May, eleven businesses and institutions in Jamaica Plain have hosted our twenty I AM HSTF portraits on their walls. Be sure to check them out before they come down at Bank of America, Martha Eliot Health Center, Ultra Hair Salon, El Oriental de Cuba, Mt. Washington Bank, Harvest Co-op, Connolly Library, Jamaica Plain Library, Ula Café, Fiore's Bakery, and JP Licks.

El Afiche YO SOY EL COMITÉ en la Comunidad

Desde diciembre hasta mayo once negocios e instituciones de Jamaica Plain han auspiciado nuestro afiche YO SOY EL COMITE en sus paredes. Asegúrese de verlos antes que los bajemos en el Banco de América, Centro de Salud Martha Eliot, Ultra Hair Salon, El Oriental de Cuba, el banco Mt. Washington, Harvest Co-op, las bibliotecas Connolly y Jamaica Plain, Ula Café, Fiore's Bakery, y JP Licks.

Hyde Square Task Force

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Rookie Runners Create Community Multi-Day 5K Run/Walk!



PHOTO: KAREN BOSS

Rookie Runners run through Hyde Square.

HSTF Rookie Runner youth Jocelyn Casiano, 15, says participants in the first Hyde Square Task Force/Martha Eliot Health Center | Boston Children’s Hospital 5K Run/Walk will help create a “positive outcome for the community.” By coming together to participate in the Hyde Square Task Force youth-created, youth-produced 5K Run/Walk, Casiano says, “It will create a cycle of positive feelings.” Kristin Schwarz agrees. She co-founded the Forest Hills Runners group who run with youth and act as journal partners.

“People from all of Jamaica Plain will come together through wellness, regardless of age or physical ability.”

Schwarz says “This is a way to motivate young people to live healthy lives.” Since Tyriek Delaney, 15, joined Rookie Runners, he says “exercise gives me a lot of energy and I don’t wake up cranky.” He was nominated at Brighton High School for an award because of his good attitude, his on-time homework, and his “jolly” disposition – a word he says never would’ve been used to describe him before now. Alexis

Agrinsoni, Rookie Runners Coordinator says he hopes “people from all of JP will come together through wellness, regardless of age or physical ability.” He believes “everyone can feel at ease joining us for one of these run/walks.”

Join Us

HSTF youth are issuing an official invitation – JOIN US. Casiano and Delaney say, “We’re really into it.” The Hyde Square Task Force/Martha Eliot Health Center | Boston Children’s Hospital 5K Run/Walk offers small group runs on Tuesday, June 5 at 6 pm; Wednesday, June 6 at 6:30 pm; Friday, June 8 at 5:30 (focused on families); Saturday, June 9 at 9 am; and a “virtual 5K” option wherein anyone can complete a 5K on their own.

Community Event

To finish off the week, on Sunday, June 10 at 10 am, we’ll host a community event, open to the entire community with youth performances and more. Our Multi-Day 5K gets youth and community members participating together in a healthy activity and also raises funds. There is a small registration fee and fundraising options. Registration can be found online at www.racemenu.com/HSTF5K. Call 617-524-8303 for more information or questions. ▶

El Hospital del Niño de Boston es un Comprometido Colaborador del Comité

“Nos apoyamos en la experiencia que tiene el Comité con la comunidad para enfocarnos en los temas más importantes y trabajar con los mejores colaboradores”, dice John Riordan, Director de Colaboraciones Comunitarias del Hospital del Niño en Boston, un hospital académico de amplio alcance comprometido con la salud de la comunidad. Añade que “entre las cosas que valoramos es cómo el Comité asume el desarrollo juvenil, capacitando a los adolescentes para que tomen control de su salud y compartan la información a través de la educación entre compañeros”.

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El Hospital del Niño ha colaborado por muchos años con el Comité. Apoyaron la publicación del libro CHILL (las siglas en Inglés de 'Información sobre la Vida y el Aprendizaje de la Salud de la Comunidad'), de autoría de los jóvenes, la educación sobre salud e igualdad de acceso a través de H-CAP (Programa de Embajadores de la Salud), nuestra serie Noches de Verano, y la carrera de 5 Kms, para nombrar unos cuantos. Riordan dice que el hospital va a seguir apoyándonos, porque, “el Comité vive su filosofía – los jóvenes están a la vanguardia. Los jóvenes representan a la organización en público y lo hacen con seguridad debido al apoyo que reciben”. ▶



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¡Corredores Novatos Crean Carrera/Caminata Comunitaria de Varios Días!

La novata corredora del Comité, Jocelyn Casiano, de 15 años de edad, dice que los participantes en la primera carrera/caminata de 5 Kms. del Comité y Martha Eliot Health Center | Boston Children's Hospital contribuirán a la creación de "algo positivo para la comunidad". El participar en este evento creado y organizado por los jóvenes del Comité, Casiano dice que, "crea un ciclo de energía positiva".

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Desde que Tyriek Delaney, de 15 años de edad, se integró a los Corredores Novatos, dice, "el ejercicio me da mucha energía y no me levanto de mal humor". Lo han nominado para recibir un reconocimiento en Brighton High School por su buena actitud, la entrega de sus tareas a tiempo, y su "jovial" disposición – una palabra que, él explica, nunca lo hubiese descrito antes. Alexis Agrinoni, coordinador de los corredores, dice que espera que "todo JP se una por el bienestar, al margen de la edad o capacidad física". Cree que "todos pueden sentirse cómodos acompañándonos en una de estas carreras/caminatas".

Únasenos.

Los jóvenes del Comité nos están brindando una invitación oficial – ÚNASENOS. Casiano y Delaney dicen, "estamos muy entusiasmados". La Carrera/Caminata de 5 Kms. del Comité de Hyde Square y Martha Eliot Health Center | Boston Children's Hospital ofrece carreras de grupos pequeños el martes 5 de junio a las 6 pm, miércoles 6 de junio a las 6:30 pm, viernes 8 a las 5:30 pm (enfocado en las familias), sábado 9 de junio a las 9 am, y una opción de "5 Kms. virtuales" en la que cualquiera puede completar 5 Kms. por su cuenta.

Evento Comunitario

Para concluir la semana, el domingo 10 de junio, a las 10 am, auspiciaremos un evento para toda la comunidad, con presentaciones juveniles y mucho más. Nuestra carrera de 5 Kms. durante varios días congrega a los jóvenes y a la comunidad en una actividad saludable que también nos permite recaudar fondos. Hay una pequeña cuota de inscripción y opciones de recaudación de fondos. Encontrará el formulario de inscripción en www.racemenu.com/HSTF5K.

Llame al 617-524-8303 si desea más información o tiene alguna pregunta. ▶



PHOTO: KAREN BOSS

Rookies smile as they round the pond, headed for the boat house.

About HSTF:

Founded in 1991, the **Hyde Square Task Force** serves more than 1000 youth ages 6-21 each year from Jamaica Plain and Roxbury through award-winning programs in:

- Youth Leadership Development
- College Preparation & Academic Support
- Arts & Cultural Enrichment
- Youth-led Organizing and Community Development Initiatives

Our mission is to develop the skills of youth and their families so they are empowered to enhance their own lives and build a strong and vibrant urban community.

Two decades of Transforming Youth, Transforming Community.

Sobre el Comité de Hyde Square:

El **Comité de Hyde Square**, fundado en 1991, le presta servicios anualmente a más de 1000 jóvenes de 6 a 21 años de edad residentes de Jamaica Plain y Roxbury, a través de sus reconocidos programas de:

- Desarrollo de Liderazgo Juvenil
- Preparación Pre-universitaria y Apoyo Académico
- Avance Artístico y Cultural
- Iniciativas de Organización Liderada por los Jóvenes y de Desarrollo Comunitario

Nuestra misión es contribuir a la capacitación de los jóvenes y sus familias para que puedan mejorar sus condiciones de vida y forjar una comunidad urbana más sólida y dinámica.

Dos décadas transformando a nuestros jóvenes y nuestra comunidad.

Children's Hospital Boston a Strong Supporter of HSTF



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Aimee Tejada and neighborhood kids get healthy at a Children's supported event.

"We look to HSTF for expertise on community issues to help us make sure we focus on the right issues and work with the right partners," says John Riordan, Director of Community Partnerships at Children's Hospital Boston, a teaching hospital with a broadened reach to include commitment to community health. Riordan says "among the things we value and appreciate is how HSTF approaches youth development, empowering teens to take control of their own health and to make information available to younger students through peer education."

Children's Hospital Boston has been a strong supporter of HSTF's work for many years. They have supported the publication of the youth-penned CHILL (Community Health Information Living and Learning), the health education and health equity work of H-CAP (Health Careers Ambassadors Program), Summer Nights Out, and our 5K, to only name a few. Riordan says Children's will continue to support HSTF because "HSTF lives its philosophy – young people take the lead. Youth present the organization to the public and they do so with a lot of confidence and that can only come from mentoring they get at HSTF." ▶

He is Hyde Square Task Force: Alexis Agrinoni

A History of Helping

Alexis Agrinoni was in the fourth grade at the Hennigan School in JP when he asked his mother and principal to arrange his classes to match a classmate who was disabled. He felt an urge to assist his friend with the classwork. "They asked me why," he says, "and I said I wanted to help, so they let me." In middle school, after his long daily trip from Westwood where he was a METCO student, he walked across Walk Hill Ave and volunteered at the elementary school – "I just want to help," he told his mom. At 14, he discovered Hyde Square Task Force and joined the Youth Literacy Tutor team (now Youth Literacy Theater), once again "because I wanted to help others." Alexis has seemingly always known he was bound for work in a helping profession – and at only 25, he's already put in more hours than imaginable.

Returning to HSTF

While at Becker College in Worcester, he majored in psychology, envisioning a future as a social worker focusing on juvenile substance abuse. He held jobs working with young people struggling with mental health issues and substance abuse both while still in college and after graduation. Returning to Hyde Square Task Force as the

Rookie Runners coordinator in Fall 2011 was perfect for him, he says, "Because I get to work with the kids from my own community," which has always been his goal.

He is pleased to be back at HSTF after many years away, "When I was 14 we were marching down the street asking for a youth center, and now we have our own – there's so much more now at HSTF – the music clubhouse, more youth community development teams, and more support for college planning and preparation." He also says it's great to be "working with the people who were my mentors."

The Future

Alexis will attend Boston University School of Social Work beginning Fall 2012 and is also considering a second master's in Public Health. He plans on working at HSTF while he gets his advanced degree. He is the first in his family to graduate college and will be the first with a M.A. He says he will run his own organization someday and there is little doubt he'll reach his goal. ▶

Alexis runs with Rookies at a winter indoor training session.

Spring Events Engage Friends, Families, and Neighbors! ¡Eventos de Primavera Reúnen a Amigos, Familiares y Vecinos!

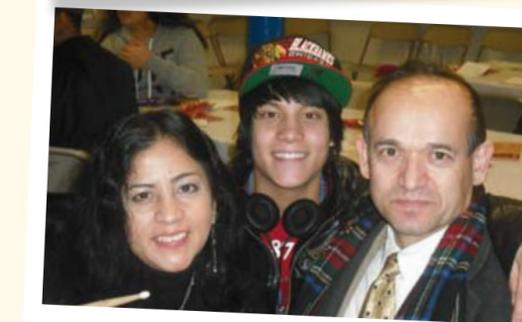


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1. Wine & Cheese: Mary Anne Zoulalian, Henia Handler, Rochelle Burgos, Damaris Pimentel, David Robertson, and Silvana Robertson were part of an intimate group who gathered February 16 to learn about HSTF. The wine and cheese event was hosted at the Ultra Hair Salon in Hyde Square by owner Damaris Pimentel, who is also a HSTF Board member.

Reunión Social: Mary Anne Zoulalian, Henia Handler, Rochelle Burgos, Damaris Pimentel, David Robertson, y Silvana Robertson fueron parte de un íntimo grupo que se reunió el 16 de febrero para conversar del trabajo del Comité. Este evento auspiciado por Damaris Pimentel, que integra la Junta del Comité, se llevó a cabo en el local del Ultra Hair Salon en Hyde Square.



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PHOTO: LYNN PRAY

2. Family Night: The Reyes Family were part of HSTF Family Night February 21. Over 100 family members joined HSTF staff and youth to eat, get to know each other, and learn more about each Youth Community Development Team. The event was part of our ongoing commitment to engage families in our transformative work.

Noche Familiar: La familia Reyes fue parte de la Noche Familiar del Comité, celebrada el 21 de febrero. Más de 100 familias participantes compartieron con el personal y jóvenes del Comité para cenar, conocerse mutuamente, y aprender algo más sobre el trabajo de cada Equipo de Desarrollo Comunitario Juvenil. El evento fue parte de nuestro compromiso constante para lograr la participación de las familias en nuestra labor transformativa.



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PHOTO: MARK SAPERSTEIN

3. House Party: (L-R standing) Jen Willsea, Pat Gray, Susan Mosher Ruiz, Molly Mariano, y Karen Boss escuchan a los oradores junto a (de derecha a izquierda sentados) Brinton Lykes, Brandy Brooks, Suzette Abbott, David Klaffer, Charlie Rosenberg, and Fran Perkins at HSTF supporter Amelie Ratliff's house Sunday afternoon March 11. All attendees got to know HSTF, heard youth speak, and enjoyed an afternoon together.

Fiesta Privada: (De izquierda a derecha parados) Jen Willsea, Pat Gray, Susan Mosher Ruiz, Molly Mariano, y Karen Boss escuchan a los oradores junto a (de derecha a izquierda sentados) Brinton Lykes, Brandy Brooks, Suzette Abbott, David Klaffer, Charlie Rosenberg, y Fran Perkins en la casa de la colaboradora del Comité, Amelie Ratliff, en la tarde del domingo 11 de marzo. Todos los participantes aprendieron algo nuevo sobre el Comité, escucharon a los jóvenes y disfrutaron de una tarde juntos. ▶

Get Involved!

More than 100 college-age and adult volunteers support the success of our youth and programs each year. Here are a few ways you can get involved:

MENTOR a college-bound youth in our Paths to College and Careers Program, 2 hours per week, 8 hours per month during the school year (October – June). Training provided.

HELP US GROW OUR COMMUNITY! Creative and committed individuals needed for special committee to expand and deepen HSTF's community of friends and supporters through communications and events.

ASSIST in various aspects of planning and staffing events, supporting community outreach, and creating a welcoming space for youth at our Cheverus Youth Center.

For more information please call **617-524-8303** or email us at **info@hydesquare.org**.

To view a complete list of volunteer opportunities, please visit our website **www.hydesquare.org** and click on **"Get Involved!"**