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Three Outstanding Youth Leaders Receive the Light of Dawnn Award



David Shapiro of MENTOR (far left) and Blake Jordan of Highland Street Foundation (far right) presented the Light of Dawnn Awards to (from left to right) Frank Coleman, Friends of the Children; Vanessa Lewis, West End House; and Reggie Jean, YMCA Dorchester Branch.

Congratulations to Frank Coleman, Vanessa Lewis and Reggie Jean on receiving the **Light of Dawnn Award**, which was created to honor the life and legacy of youth leader Dawnn Jaffier. The awardees were recognized at a ceremony last week at the West End House, where Dawnn worked. Dawnn's family, colleagues and friends gathered to celebrate those who carry on her work with the same passion and dedication to changing

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Massachusetts Cultural Council hosts Biennial Commonwealth Award Ceremony

Highland Street Foundation was honored to receive the **Massachusetts Cultural Council's Commonwealth Award** last Tuesday, along with a number our state's most effective leaders in arts, humanities and sciences. We share this award with all of those cultural institutions that we partner with in the summer through *Free Fun Fridays* and the many community organizations we collaborate with throughout the year to help ensure that all children and families throughout the state have the opportunity to enrich their lives through the arts.



Special thanks to the Mass Cultural Council for all their incredible efforts to promote, support and advocate for the cultural community.

Partner Spotlight

On February 21, the Boston Public Library Central Branch opened its newly renovated second floor which included a new children's library and teen area in addition to many other exciting



features. Highland Street is proud to partner with the BPL to support technology programming in the teen center and we look forward to engaging with its young learners.

Out of the Park Back This Summer!

Highland Street Foundation is delighted to partner again this year with the City of Boston and the Boston Red Sox to present ***Out of the Park***, an event that brings the joy and fun of Fenway Park to the community. On **Sunday, June 28**, join us on the Boston Common to watch the Red Sox play on a big screen, enjoy a Fenway frank, say hi to Wally and view the live entertainment of Yawkey Way. Stay tuned for more information and don't forget to **SAVE THE DATE**.



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The Highland Street Foundation is committed to addressing the needs and concerns of children and families in Massachusetts and California. We direct our efforts to provide access and opportunities in the area of education, housing, mentorship, health care, environment and the arts. For more information, please visit www.highlandstreet.org.