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Free Fun Fridays Kicks Off with Record-Breaking Numbers

Free Fun Fridays launched on Friday, July 1st at the Museum of Fine Arts. Now halfway through the summer, the participating organizations have shown record-breaking numbers.



Museum of Fine Arts : 14,213
Edward Gorey House : 351
Heritage Museums & Gardens : 2,354
Buttonwood Park Zoo : 7,609
Plimoth Plantation : 8,746
Worcester Art Museum : 1,672
Cape Cod Museum of Art : 430
New England Historic Genealogical Society : 375
Museum of Science : 22,071
Higgins Armory Museum : 2,225
The Discovery Museums : 3,296
Garden in the Woods : 1,995
Franklin Park Zoo : 8,527
Sports Museum of New England : 1,405
Norman Rockwell Museum : 959
Peabody Essex Museum : 2,790

Total to Date: 80,248



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HSF Announces New Participants in Community Impact Consultants

Highland Street Foundation has announced the new selections of their consulting program, Community Impact Consultants, which provides consulting services to Massachusetts-based 501(c)3 organizations with operating budgets between \$500,000 and \$2 million.



Over the next six months, Community Impact Consultants will support the [Edward Gorey House](#), which will receive assistance with analyzing administrative functions and increasing board and staff efficiency and effectiveness, and the [Boys & Girls Club of Newton](#), which will receive organizational, revenue, and strategic plan development and community engagement.

For more information, please visit our [Community Impact Consultants](#) page on www.highlandstreet.org.

Highland Hitters Provides Red Sox Tickets for a Fourth Year

Highland Hitters, now in its fourth year, has sent 52 different non-profit organizations and more than 1,300 people to Red Sox games each summer. The 2011 Highland Hitters season kicked off with Rediscovery, Inc. attending on May 4. Some of this summer's participating organizations include:

- May 4: [Rediscovery, Inc.](#)
- May 16: [REACH Beyond Domestic Violence](#)
- June 5: [Youth Enrichment Services](#)
- June 20: [Birthday Wishes](#)
- July 22: [The Literacy Center](#)





July 26: Year Up
August 3: Youth Villages
August 26: Hyde Park YMCA

Summer Reading Series Kicked Off on July 7th

The TADpole Playground is sponsoring its eighth summer-long series of reading events in partnership with ReadBoston. Mayor Thomas M. Menino, along with HSF Trustees JoAnn McGrath and Holly McGrath, kicked off the ReadBoston StoryMobile program on July 7th at the TADpole Playground with a special appearance by Susan Meddaugh, author and illustrator of "Martha Speaks".

Following are the remaining weekly reading event dates for 2011: July 28, Aug 4, Aug 11, and Aug 18. All readings begin at 11 a.m. Please visit the newly-redesigned www.tadpoleplayground.org for more information.



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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.

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