Congratulations to the 2020 Light of Dawnn award recipients. Honored at a ceremony with Governor Charlie Baker, these three nonprofit professionals were selected because they embody the spirit and dedication of Dawnn Ashley Jaffier, the inspiration behind this celebration. Taken from her family and community much too early at the age of 26, Dawnn made a significant impact on those she served through her work at the West End House, Playworks, City Year and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston. This year’s awardees are Shantell Jeter, Physical Education Teacher at Boston Green Academy; Aspen Eberhardt, Operations Director at Greater Boston PFLAG; and Isabel Villela, Case Manager at La Alianza Hispana. In partnership with the Kraft family and the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network, we are honored to recognize the efforts of these front-line nonprofit workers who are driven by a passion to help improve the lives of others.

We also congratulate this year’s Light of Dawnn scholarship recipients, Aleena Mangham and Lesley Carranza of the West End House and Erika Yamilet Garcia of Beacon Academy. Awarded by John Hancock and the Foundation to be Named Later, these scholars were chosen because of their outstanding achievements and promise for continued service to our community.

Many thanks to all who participated in our February vacation programs. We were thrilled to see so many enjoying the brisk weather at the Children’s Festival on the Boston Common and excited to have so
many teens come out to listen to motivational entertainer, James Orrigo, hosted in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston.

Special gratitude to all youth-serving nonprofit organizations who work so hard all year long and particularly when kids are on vacation to ensure they have access to fun, educational and enriching activities. We are happy to support you in those efforts!

Summer is just around the corner

Stay tuned for information on our summer programs. Mark your calendars for key dates below.

**Free Fun Fridays**: Fridays, June 26 - August 28  
**TADpole 10**: Thursdays, June 25 - August 27  
**Out of the Park**: Saturday, July 25

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