

The Connection

February 2025



Winter Camp

Thanks to all who joined us for Winter Camp 2025. February school vacation week was filled with joy, and we are grateful to our partners who welcomed thousands of community members into their spaces to visit, create, engage, and participate.

Stay tuned for details on Spring Week!





Light of Dawnn Awards

This morning, we celebrated the 11th year of the Light of Dawnn Awards and Scholarships, honoring the legacy of Dawnn Ashley Jaffier. Among the honorees were three nonprofit professionals and three high school students, recognized for their outstanding contributions to the community.

Congratulations to the 2025 recipients:

Simone de Oliveira
The Family Van

Erick Ramirez
West End House

Cathy Tranfaglia
Viability

Jaden Dominique
Boston Green Academy

Oriana Dunker
Boston Latin School

Anibal Ramirez Mateo
John D. O'Bryant School



Courtesy of Leise Jones Photography



Community Impact Consulting

We are pleased to announce the organizations selected to participate in the Community Impact Consulting program. These nonprofits have been matched with skilled consultants, who will provide six months of consulting services to position their organization for future growth, success and sustainability.



Remembering our beloved co-founder on this anniversary and always.

May you continue to rest in peace JoAnn. ❤️



JoAnn McGrath

February 15, 1935- February 19, 2024

**“We all should give what we have decided in our hearts to give, not
reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:7**



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