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17 Families to get a New Start at Squirrelwood

After significant renovations and new construction on the Squirrelwood Apartments, **17 households were selected in a lottery drawing for affordable apartments they can soon call home.** Located in The Port, the completely up-to-date apartments are also Passive House certified, ensuring that residents will enjoy the indoor comfort and utility savings of an energy-efficient home.

Every day we're proud to do our part to help more families live securely and affordably in Cambridge. The need for more affordable housing in our city is huge, and there are thousands of residents on housing waitlists across Cambridge.

The Cambridge Housing Authority recently released "Stories of the Can't Wait List" to help share the experiences of many individuals and families in need of housing in Cambridge. We encourage you to explore the report and learn more about the needs of our neighbors and our community.

[Explore the Can't Wait stories](#)



"Shelter that blossoms into economic freedom": Just-A-Start donor writes in the Huffington Post

Cambridge resident and Just-A-Start donor Paul Fallon is bequeathing his multi-family home to Just-A-Start, to be transformed into affordable homes for four families.

Paul recently shared his vision - and all the details - in the Huffington Post. Thank you, Paul, for leaving a powerful legacy with your generosity!

"One four-family house cannot alleviate my city's affordable housing crisis, let alone our nation's. But it can be transformative for four families. It can provide shelter that blossoms into economic freedom."

[Read the article](#)

Are you curious about different ways to leave a legacy of your own?



Join us on September 15 for a virtual info session to learn more about creative approaches to estate planning. Paul Fallon and Kristin Dzialo, a Cambridge estate planning attorney, will host an informal discussion and Q&A.

To receive an invitation, please reach out to Narges Mahdi, Philanthropy Associate, at NargesMahdi@justastart.org.

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Free Meals for Cambridge Youth

Did you know that youth can receive free meals all summer at Daily Table grocery stores?

Located in Central Square, Daily Table is offering a **fresh, free breakfast + lunch combo meal 7 days a week to students 18 and under**. No identification is required - students just need to ask for the "Local Lunchbox Special," grab their combo meal, and check out at an open register.

Daily Table is a partner employer for our YouthBuild students studying Retail, and we're happy to help spread the word about this helpful program. Pass it on!

18 years old or younger?
Grab a free breakfast + lunch at Daily Table!

Daily Table Dorchester
450 Washington Street
Dorchester, MA 02124

Daily Table Roxbury
2201 Washington Street
Roxbury, MA 02119

Daily Table Central Square
684 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

What: Breakfast & lunch prepared and served fresh daily

When: 7 days a week, 11:00am-7:00pm

How: Ask for the Local Lunchbox Special or order free delivery online at dailytable.org/shop! No identification required.

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YouthBuild Students Get an Inside Look in Construction



We recently welcomed YouthBuild students back for in-person learning and in-the-field trips!

Students got an up-close look into HVAC system installation at Boynton Yards, facilitated by Cox Engineering. As lab space is a major growth segment in our local construction sector, learning more about laboratory air systems was a valuable learning experience for the construction students. They were also able to meet union members from Local 17 and discuss career paths on a working jobsite.

YouthBuild students also receive training in OSHA 10, a necessary occupational safety credential for working in the construction industry, and this year we were happy to welcome a guest instructor. Matt Grosshandler, VP of Operations at Bald Hill Builders, donated his time over two days of full OSHA instruction for students.

Do you have construction or retail experience that you could share with YouthBuild students? They'd love to learn from you! Please reach out to Jesse Lyons, Director of YouthBuild, to start

a conversation.

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