Generous Donors Give 400 Backpacks to Just A Start Resident Children

Just A Start resident children were delighted to receive backpacks filled with school supplies just in time for the first day of school. Hope Fellowship Church donated 250 backpacks that our partners at Wingate Companies stuffed with school supplies for our Rindge Tower residents.

We also held an event where families from Just A Start properties located throughout Cambridge could pick up 150 backpacks and supplies donated by our partners at Life Science Cares and Syros Pharmaceuticals.

We are so grateful for this generous support of Just A Start families. Wishing everyone a great school year!

Graduates Begin Careers in Biomedical and IT Industries

On September 13th and 15th, 2021, 32 students in Just A Start’s Career Connect Program graduated at outdoor ceremonies at Donnelly Field in Cambridge. Career Connect provides a pathway to financial stability for low- to moderate income and underemployed residents of Cambridge and surrounding communities. Through a nine-month no-cost education and training program, adult students receive skills and experience necessary to enter financially sustainable careers in the growing Biomedical and IT industries.

Just A Start was honored to have the Mayor of Cambridge, Sumbul Siddiqui, speak at the IT graduation on September 13th and Kenn Turner, CEO of Mass Life Sciences Center speak at the Bio graduation on September 15th.
In his remarks, Mr. Turner said, “The life sciences sector can be a driver to bring people back to work following the pandemic and how we can use this next normal we are entering to engage those who for too long have been underrepresented in the life sciences and other STEM fields.”

In addressing the graduates, Turner said, “I am here to tell you that we need you, and everything you bring to the table. You are the top rising talent we have to offer. You’re our strength, our success, and our future.”

Congratulations to all of our Career Connect graduates!

Crafting Your Legacy: Creative Philanthropy Webinar

Thank you to everyone who joined us for "Crafting Your Legacy: Creative Estate Planning for the Love of Your Community". A special thanks to our panelists Paul Fallon, a Cambridge resident who bequeathed his multi-family home to Just A Start, trusts and estates attorney Kristin Dzialo, and Just A Start Executive Director Carl Nagy-Koechlin.

If you missed the webinar, you can view the recording here. If you are interested in linking your estate plan with philanthropy, contact Just A Start Director of Philanthropy Carmen Chan at CarmenChan@justastart.org.

Double Your Gift!

This month, Cambridge Savings Bank is matching all donations dollar-for-dollar up to $50,000. A donation to Just A Start helps make Cambridge a vibrant, caring, and equitable community for all. And with the added support from Cambridge Savings Bank, right now your gift can go even further.

Help support families in our community with a donation today.

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Our mission is to promote equity by creating access to stable housing and building pathways to economic opportunity.