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Just A Start In the News



“I’m not stuck where I am. Like, I can change. The future doesn’t seem as monotonous.”



The pandemic continues to ignite a desire for change, both big and small. [Just A Start's Careers Programs](#) are providing sustainable pathways to powerful economic opportunity and change. Christopher Rodriguez, a recent IT Careers Program graduate, shares his story about leaving a nine-year career to pursue his passion for technology. Read the full story [HERE](#).

November Happenings



In partnership with Life Science Cares Boston, generous companies stepped up to donate 300 delicious pies for every family in Just A Start's Rindge Towers community in Cambridge. A pie-tastic day was had by all!



Executive Director, Carl Nagy-Koechlin, spoke at the West Branch Library in Somerville about the housing crisis and the ways in which a home bequest can address the insufficient supply of quality, affordable housing in Cambridge and beyond.



The GivingTuesday campaign successfully raised over \$1,000 for the Adult Career Training programs. The impact of contributions will be doubled, as a board member has agreed to match the amount raised dollar-to-dollar. Every act of generosity strengthens this community, and we thank you! #imjustgettingstarted



Miriam Ortiz, Director of Education and Training, was named a Rising Star of 2021 by the MACDC at its annual meeting held on November 18th. The distinguished award is

presented to three Executive Directors, staff or board members who are 40 years old or younger and have demonstrated their potential, outstanding innovation, leadership and achievement in community development. Congratulations, Miriam!



This month, we are grateful to Capital One for their generous contribution to Just A Start's Career Connect programs, which help adults gain sustainable jobs in the biomedical and IT sectors. Thank you for your support to continue building the communities where we live and work!

Welcoming New Staff to Just A Start!



Fenan Samuel
Resident Services
Coordinator



Nate Bae Kupel
Director of Youth
Programs



Jamison Rudd
Housing Stabilization Case
Manager

Thank You for Caring

Make your gift before December 31st and Cambridge Savings Bank will match it dollar-to-dollar. **For any gifts of \$1,000 and more, you are eligible for a 50% refund in the form of a Massachusetts Community Investment Tax Credit!** Just A Start has limited credits available for 2021, so give now via PayPal or on our Donate page.



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