February Happenings

The Adult Career Training Programs welcomed Biomedical and Information Technology students back in person this month for hybrid learning.

Before their return, the Workforce Development team spent time brightening classrooms with new paint in Just A Start's brand colors!

Major Home Improvement Program (HIP) Rehab Underway in North Cambridge

Just A Start’s HIP program provides loans and grants to income-eligible Cambridge homeowners to fund improvements to their home’s efficiency and functionality. Homeowners in North Cambridge are witnessing major exterior upgrades to their seven-unit condo, including driveway replacement, new porches and stairway replacement. The affordable condos were built by Just A Start in the late 1990s next to an existing affordable historic home. Many original owners raised families in the condos and still live there today. No regular property repairs or maintenance had been done in years and the buildings and grounds were experiencing major
Through the HIP program, a generous Preservation Grant from the Cambridge Historic Commission and a small grant from the DPW tree fund for tree preservation, this $300,000+ exterior project got underway last fall. Compass Contracting was selected as the contractor to do the rehab work -- which also includes painting and siding, windows, landscaping and fencing. The project should be complete by late spring 2022.

Nonprofit Grocer, Daily Table, Serves Most in Need with Convenient Grocery Delivery

Cynthia is a Just A Start resident and foster grandparent who also runs a local daycare. With many responsibilities, Daily Table's new delivery service offering is a welcomed convenience.

Daily Table's EBT SNAP Online service allows SNAP customers to order their groceries for in-store pick-up or delivery from the website or app.

"Since it's low cost and free delivery, it sounds convenient and will allow me to purchase more groceries with the limited money that I have," said Cynthia.

"Our residents tell us affordable food resources are a top priority," said Gerry Zipser, Just A Start's Director of Housing Resources. "SNAP is the best tool we know of to feed hungry families consistently."

Just A Start in the News

Just A Start Staff Member Featured in Women in Development of Greater Boston

Just A Start's Director of Philanthropy, Carmen Chan, was featured this month. Read the full interview HERE.

"My career in development intersects with my community activism. I am in development because of the immense power of philanthropy."

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