YouthBuild Just A Start Students Installed 1st Community Fridge in Medford

In partnership with Somerville Community Fridge, YouthBuild Just A Start students constructed and installed the first community refrigerator in Medford. It can be found in the parking lot behind St. Clement's Parish Medford. Somerville Community Fridge volunteers will routinely stock the refrigerator with fresh produce, dairy, meat, and other foods donated by area businesses and farmers markets. Members of the community are encouraged to contribute fresh wholesome and canned food, as well as pantry supplies including diapers and personal hygiene items. Our students are helping to dismantle food insecurity and build their construction workforce skills one community fridge at a time!

More details via The Somerville Times HERE.

Welcome Home, Carl & Josh!

From Anacortes, WA to Boston, MA. We welcomed
home Executive Director, Carl Nagy-Koechlin and his son Josh after they biked 3,500 miles from Washington to Boston.

- **Total mileage:** 3,551 (approximately 500 miles on bike trails, 30 miles on dirt roads, 15 miles on Interstate 94. Plus 13 miles via ferry and 5.5 miles in a pick-up truck courtesy of a kind road construction worker in Montana named Ryan who transported us through a road construction zone.)
- **Average daily mileage:** 79
- **Number of states and provinces:** 9 states, one Canadian province
- **Money raised for our causes:** $16,438 to date

Read Carl's final recap blog post [HERE](#) and check out NECN's live footage of Carl and Josh dipping their tires in the Atlantic [HERE](#).

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**First Resident Barbeque since Covid a HOT Success!**

Families gathered for food, fun and community for the resident barbeque hosted by the Resident Services team earlier this month. Despite the heat and a two-year hiatus, community members enjoyed delicious food, an ice cream truck, music and local entertainment. The event was held at Squirrel Brand Park on Broadway and saw a turnout of over 300 people. Many thanks to our staff, vendors and residents who made this a huge success!

*Photos courtesy of Fenan Samuel, Resident Services Coordinator*
The city of Cambridge awarded Just A Start $100,000 as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The funding will support the financial opportunity and job training programs.

Welcoming New Staff to Just A Start

Just A Start is Hiring!
Join the Just A Start team to make a difference every day in the lives of our residents, students, program participants, and the broader community.

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