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Connections - Summer 2018

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Summer



See our spotlight below on the Cambridge Women's Center

Thank you to all our workplace partners for another successful campaign year!

Talk to us if you would like to have a Community Works campaign at your workplace. Contact Catherine at cjoseph@communityworks.com

Be sure to find us on our new social media pages!



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Greetings!

Community Works sends warm rays of appreciation to all our readers to wish you a pleasant summer.

May your summer be filled with joy and strong action with justice for all!

Catherine Joseph



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Volunteers Needed!
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Save the Date

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See: www.bostongreenfest.org

It is FREE to all attendees! With three stages of continuous entertainment and an Green FilmFest plus more. Art, Food and exhibits. Eco Ride and Drive with electric cars.

EcoKids Center is filled with interactive exhibits, robots, music, art, pony rides, fitness, and games and lots of STEM projects!

EcoFashion Show on Saturday, August 12th at 5 -6 pm on the Metro Main Stage. A showcase of local designers who represent a broad spectrum of approaches to EcoFashion. EcoFashion not only saves resources and reduces waste but also brings unique and innovative aspects to the fashion world.

EcoYouth Leadership Congress: A six-hour program each day -
Friday, August 3rd: THEME: OCEANS
Saturday, August 4th: THEME: FOREST
Sunday, August 5th:
THEME: SKY

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Summer**ACTION ALERT:**

Across the country and here in Massachusetts, people are organizing to support the rights of immigrants, asylum seekers, and people impacted by sexual and domestic violence and their families.

In Massachusetts, JDI and our allies are advocating for provisions in our state law that would remove barriers for all survivors to access services and ensure that local law enforcement will prioritize their safety.

On a parallel track on the national level, we are opposing the recent steps by the Attorney General Jeff Session and the broader Trump Administration to disregard the commitment to human rights and rule of law that make America great.

We urge you to join us in raising your voice. Here are several actions you can take today!!

MASSACHUSETTS ACTIONCW Members

[-Boston Self Help Center](#)

[-The Cambridge Women's Center](#)

[-Communities Without Borders](#)

[-Concerned United Birthparents\(CUB\)](#)

[-Cooperative Artists Institute\(CAI\)](#)

[-Greater Four Corners Action Coalition](#)

[Haley House](#)

-[Hawthorne Youth and Community Center](#)

- [Jane Doe Inc., The Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence](#)

Mental Patients Liberation Front

-[Paige Academy](#)

-[Poor People's United Fund](#)

-[Renewal House \(Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches, Inc.\)](#)

-[Waltham Alliance to Create Housing, Inc. \(WATCH, Inc.\)](#)

-[The Welcome Project](#)

-[YWCA Cambridge](#)

MAKE CONTACT: Our advocacy is focused on Speaker Robert DeLeo (617-722-2500) and House Ways & Means Chairman Jeffrey Sánchez (617-722-2990). We are asking them to protect immigrant families in Massachusetts. You can also reach out to your own representative (find yours at <http://malegislature.gov/search/findmylegislator>).

NATIONAL ACTION

Our advocacy on the national front involves who can apply for asylum and what happens when they do.

JDI recently signed on to a letter with hundreds of faith-based, immigration, and anti-violence service and advocacy organizations write to express our profound concern for the lives and safety of immigrant survivors of domestic violence following AG Sessions' legally and factually erroneous decision in Matter of A-B-. We are calling on Sessions to immediately revoke this cruel and dangerous policy.

An excerpt from this letter sums up our position:

"By treating immigrants like criminals, dehumanizing them and their families, and stripping them of the right to live in safety, you are sending a clear message to immigrant survivors of violence: you aren't safe here, either. This reflects a shameful attempt to drag the United States back to an era in which women's rights weren't recognized as human rights, and when women fleeing horrific gender-based persecution were wrongfully denied protection."

We also are horrified by the Administration's actions to separate children from their parents as they come to this country to seek asylum. Please join us in the following actions because #FamiliesBelongTogether!!

SHOW UP: Over 150 actions will be taking place all across the U.S. on June 30th for a NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION - FAMILIES BELONG TOGETHER. Visit familiesbelongtogether.org to learn more.

MAKE CONTACT: Weigh in with Members of Congress! Urge them to use Congress' oversight authority to stop separating families and to VOTE DOWN the two anti-immigrant bill (Rep. Goodlatte and Speaker Ryan) moving through the U.S. House this week (vote expected on Thursday, June 21st). Neither bill addresses the administration's policy of separating families, and neither bill fixes the administration's decision to end DACA. Thanks to our partners at the ACLU and the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), you can find more details about these issues along with tools to help you make calls, post on social media and make a difference!

LAWYERS NEEDED: If you are a lawyer, please join more than 1,000 lawyers who have signed up to volunteer to do legal work for immigrants separated from their children; find out more here . If you are an organization needing volunteer lawyers, please email Traci Feit Love, President and Executive Director at Lawyers for Good Government (L4GG), at support@l4gg.org.

Summer



National Day of Action: Liberate ALL Families



Have a wonderful summer season!

Saturday, June 30 at 11 a.m.

City Hall Plaza
Boston, MA 02201

[Click here for further information.](#)

Across the border and here in Massachusetts, immigrant workers are being targeted by ICE and the police, exploited at their jobs, and separated from their children and loved ones.

At the border, children are being separated from their parents and their own brothers and sisters while corporations and private prisons and jails are profiting off of detention and deportation.

So what is Massachusetts doing to protect immigrant families? The state Senate passed a budget amendment with 4 basic protections, to stop police from helping detain immigrants (287g program) and to protect civil rights and due process. But the House is doing NOTHING, and Governor Baker has threatened to veto the Senate measure. We need to be loud and clear.

Join immigrant workers from across the state as we say NO to detention, No to deportation and No to separating families at the border and here in Massachusetts!

*** Event co-hosts include Massachusetts Jobs with Justice!, American Federation of Teachers, Massachusetts Teachers Association, Student Immigrant Movement, Brazilian Worker Center/Centro do Trabalhador Brasileiro, UU Mass Action, PHENOM (Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts), Boston Teachers Union, March For Our Lives: Boston, 32BJ SEIU, Matahari Women Workers' Center, Massachusetts Education Justice Alliance, Our Revolution Massachusetts, Pioneer Valley Workers Center, Asian American Resource Workshop, March Forward Massachusetts

Hawthorne Youth and Community Center

By Eva Kubrick

On June 10, [Hawthorne Youth and Community Center](#) honored Samantha "Sam" Sadd by dedicating their community garden to her



One bright sunny Sunday, June 10th, the Hawthorne Youth and Community Center celebrated "Legacy Day" honoring its 1973 incorporation - 45 years ago - and dedicating a peace garden on its property to the memory of its longtime Director, the late, great Samantha Sadd. "Sam" had brought many innovative, culturally-rich programs to the center. By collaborating with the city, other agencies, museums, universities, etc., she was able to bring some of the best resources of Boston to her community.

One of these resources is Community Works, which has supported HYCC for over thirty years, thus assuring a stable, non-restrictive income source for HYCC's development.

As a Board representative to Community Works, Sam served on the Publicity (now "Branding") and Membership committees and was elected to the Steering Committee.

Armed with a mischievous sense of humor and a keen intellect (often hidden under her ever-present hat), Sam spoke seldom but listened carefully. Her most important quality was a true strength of character, with sound moral understanding and much common sense. These characteristics would become evident to all during discussion of complex issues, where competing interests and differing opinions obscured the way forward. Her words helped clarify what was "the right thing to do." Sam's speaking her mind forthrightly helped others to do the same. She thus helped create consensus, enabled harmony and showed the way to proceed.

At the Legacy Day celebration those who attended were struck by the many comments from children of their affection for Sam, remarking what a difference she had made in their lives. They recalled creating an HYCC float every year for the First Night parade, learning to write poetry at the Dudley Square branch of the Boston Public Library, and, when they were young children, reading new books with students Sam had recruited from Boston College.

Those of us who were fortunate to have known Sam well can say that she herself held Community Works in great affection. She had worked hard over the years for its continuing success. Sam valued immensely the benefits HYCC received from Community Works.

Today, with a new "green" building, a peace garden in progress, and new educational programs, HYCC is a solid resource for its community. The development of HYCC into this forward-looking organization demonstrates well how a strong Community Works organization enables local social justice groups to create programs that meet the needs of their own communities.

Spotlight: **Cambridge Women's Center**

At the Women's Center, we provide a wide range of programs and services to help women build up their self-respect and self-sufficiency, and welcome them into a caring community that understands their experiences and needs. This safe, supportive environment improves the quality of life of our visitors.

- Visitors can utilize our community kitchen stocked with nutritious food.
- We maintain two Computer Labs with internet access and one-on-one tutoring and technical support.
- Through our Crisis Helpline and Drop-in Program, trained, compassionate volunteers help women deal with crisis situations such as domestic violence, suicidal feelings and other physical dangers, and mental health problems such as anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress.
- Visitors can access our Women's Resource Database to find information on employment programs, housing and shelter, abuse and assault, health and wellness, parenting resources, and other critical needs.
- Homeless women can utilize our Center as a daytime refuge where they are welcomed, respected and supported.
- We offer a wide variety of educational and skill-building opportunities, from English as a Second Language to yoga, financial planning, creative writing, cooking, parenting skills, and much more.
- Childcare is provided for mothers attending Center activities, in our spacious and cheerful Children's Room stocked with toys, games, dolls, puzzles, art supplies, and multicultural books.

The Women's Center is the only organization in Greater Boston that provides such a wide range of services and resources for women, confidentially and free of charge.

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**Happy Summer from staff, volunteers and interns at
Community Works!**

Sincerely,

Catherine, Mary and the entire Community Works membership!

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