



## A note from our Co-Directors Alice Kidder and Paris Swindle:

Several community-based organizations joined up with a major multi-national corporation to celebrate **Community Service Day** by helping 150 families get ready for school by giving school supplies and backpacks to them. This project was made possible through a collaboration with **Veterans CDC, the Mattapan CDC and Solutions at Work** who partnered with the **HNTB MA Diversity & Inclusion Taskforce**, an internal organization that focuses on STEM outreach, community outreach, and internal communication and planning on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Through this branch of their organization, HNTB strives to get involved with community outreach in the communities that we live and work in.

Solutions at Work Cambridge also had a very successful backpack drive this year. They were able to give away 119 backpacks filled with school supplies. One mother had just lost her job and did not know how she was going to get her 2 children prepared for school. The Children's Clothing Exchange was able to not only give her children two backpacks complete with school supplies but was able to give them clothing and brand new sneakers. We gave 9 backpacks and clothing to six Cambridge families who were burned out of the homes and referred by the Red Cross.



## Take a look at our recent event below:



September 22, 2023: BOSTON, MA – As a pale pink sunset fell across the Boston skyline, guests at Venezia Restaurant in East Boston were serenaded by the sound of the AJ Smooth Band for an upscale cocktail hour with a cause: putting a hard stop to homelessness in Boston.

“For the ones that cannot fight for themselves, we will fight for you,” said Paris Swindle, co-Director of Solutions At Work who has been with the organization for over 25 years. **Read Emmalyn Reid's article covering our Gala here.**



## Breaking Bread

We are looking for donations for our Breaking Bread Feast. We provide our community with all of the fixings to make a delicious holiday meal. So far:

- The Armenian Church, Brattle Street Cambridge has committed to giving us 20 Breaking Bread dinner baskets with complete dinners and \$10 gift certificates
- The First Church of Lincoln where Mary Gaylord, our former board is a member - always gives multiple Complete Blessing Bags with gift certificates
- Polar Soda is giving us drinks
- Table Talk Pie is donating 480 pies

*If you would like to give, please contact:*

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## Welcome to our two newest Board Members

Preston Barber has a background in finance and construction and is a member of the Wampanoag tribe on Cape Cod

Dylan Price attends Harvard University and will be working to recruit Major Donors to Solutions

## Save the Date!

Giving Tuesday this year falls on November 28.



What do YOU want to see in our newsletter? Contact us below with your ideas and we'll take your suggestions into further newsletter publications!

***Solutions at Work, providing a path for homeless individuals and families to stabilize their lives and make the transition to being productive participants in society.***



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