

January 2020

# abcd INSIGHT

## Monthly News & Updates

### ABCD receives grant from Liberty Mutual to help combat youth homelessness



ABCD Youth Services is proud to announce a new major grant that will enable us to build on our programming targeting homeless youth and young adults. The Liberty Mutual Foundation has committed to funding ABCD's youth homelessness programming as part of a new grant agreement. **As part of our grant, ABCD will receive \$100,000 per year over 3 years towards our services aimed at giving homeless youth and**

**young adults the resources they need to rebuild their lives.** We'll provide young people with case management services, access to an emergency support fund, a secure document repository for important documents (like a birth certificate or diploma) that are frequently required to access services and opportunities, and enroll them in subsidized work programs that build their resumes and provide much-needed wages.

**The Liberty Mutual Foundation's focus on youth homelessness is aligned with the City of Boston's recent 'Rising to the Challenge' plan.** Last year, the Liberty Mutual Foundation asked for proposals for programs run by social services organizations targeting hard-to-reach population of young people experiencing homelessness. The Liberty Mutual Foundation has provided generous grant support for our Youth Services programs since 2014, and since 2017 these grants have supported our work with homeless youth and young adults. We are honored to have been selected by the Liberty Mutual Foundation for this generous grant, and we are eager to build on our long relationship by running programs that make a real difference in the lives of some of Boston's most vulnerable youth.

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### Bringing Warmth and Joy to Families during the Holidays



It was a wonderful holiday season for ABCD and our neighborhood sites, bringing warmth and joy to community members across the City of Boston and in the Mystic Valley cities of Malden, Everett, and Medford. With support from generous donors, **ABCD was able to provide holiday assistance to more than 1,000 households.**

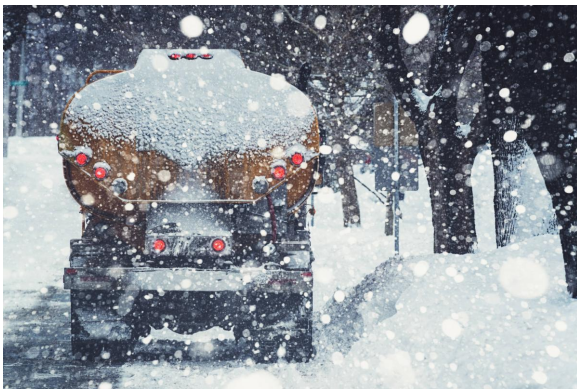
- 965 families received turkeys for their Thanksgiving celebration
- 655 families received toys and gifts for their children through the Toy Drive. Generous donors gave more than 6,000 toys, while others made cash donations totaling more than \$15,000 to support the Toy Drive.
- 219 families received household necessities, winter clothing, and holiday gifts through the Adopt-a-Family program, which matches vulnerable families with donors who purchase items based on a profile of their assigned family.
- 70 individuals and families received coats and other warm winter clothing collected through coat drives in Dorchester and Brighton.

ABCD is extremely grateful to the many individuals, families, and employee groups at area businesses who donated to these programs.

*New England winters are unpredictable, and cold temperatures often persist into April. ABCD continues to welcome donations to help families survive the long, harsh winter months. Donations of warm clothing and bedding can be dropped off at ABCD's headquarters at 178 Tremont Street, Boston. Cash contributions can be made using the link below.*

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### Heat on, Pantries Full, Families Thriving



The need for ABCD fuel assistance has never been higher. **There's still a few months of frigid winter temperatures left and 20,000 households statewide have exhausted their benefits** and are on the brink of crisis. We urge struggling individuals, elders and families to apply for heating assistance today.

ABCD's fuel assistance program for oil, propane and kerosene is accepting applications at 35 fuel assistance in-take sites for residents in **Boston, Brookline, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Newton, Stoneham, Winchester and Woburn.**

ABCD's fuel and energy programs allow income-eligible residents in those towns to apply for Fuel Assistance which helps households pay their heating bills and provides advocacy for prevention of termination and restoration of utility services for low-income residents.

**Call ABCD at 617.357.6012 or 800.632.8175 to schedule an appointment.**

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## ABCD Spotlight

### **ABCD Head Start at Savin Street Ribbon Cutting and Rededication draws city, state and national leaders**

On December 17, 2019, Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Massachusetts Early Education and Care Commissioner Samantha Aigner-Treworgy, Office of Head Start Regional Program Manager Marina Winkler, and Parent Policy Council Representative Cindy Diaz joined ABCD for the ribbon-cutting of its new Head Start at Savin Street, a state-of-the-art learning center serving the Roxbury neighborhood. **The center, which has the capacity to serve 68 children ages 0 to 5 and their families, was also rededicated to civil rights leader Rosa Parks.**



Once an ABCD SummerWorks participant and a graduate of the Urban College of Boston, which ABCD started in 1967, parent Cindy Diaz said, “ABCD and ABCD Head Start at Savin Street is our family and community. They care about our children and families, and they help them persevere and strive for better opportunities.”

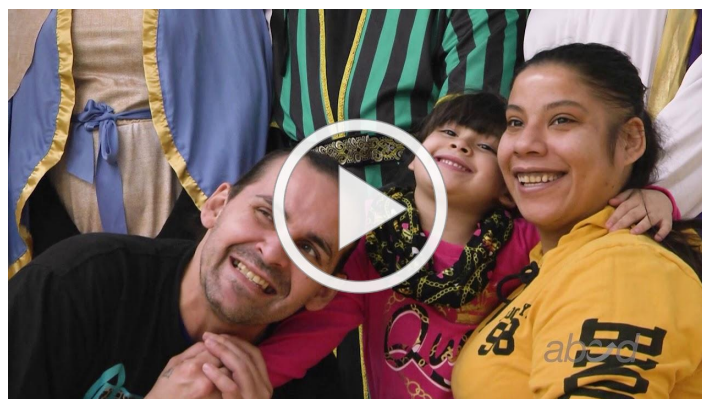
ABCD was able to transform the building due to the generous support of the George Robert White Fund and its trustees, including Mayor Walsh, and an Early Education Out of School Time Capital Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, in partnership with CEDAC and the Children’s Investment Fund, which administers the fund. **The center features a children’s outdoor play space funded by the Franklin Square House Foundation and a computer lab which was made possible by a donation from the Timothy Smith Network.**

## ABCD Videos

### ABCD Head Start Opens A New Center on Savin Street



### ABCD Celebrates Three Kings Day



## More Information

### Save the Date

### ABCD Black History Month Celebration

**Monday, February 24, 2020  
4PM - 6PM**

**Thelma D. Burns Building  
575 Warren Street  
Boston, MA 02121**

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