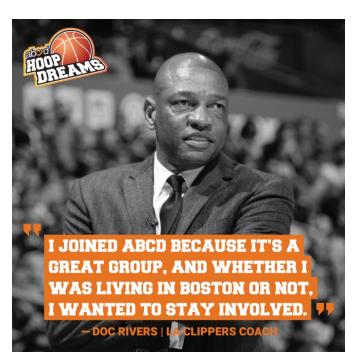# *abcd* INSIGHT

Monthly News & Updates

Draft Your Team for Hoop Dreams and Field of Dreams

You've smashed fastballs over your own Green Monster to win the World Series and swished three-pointers to beat LeBron in your driveway. You've dreamed of batting at Fenway Park, where Babe Ruth once roamed, or having Doc Rivers and Brad Stevens on your sideline as your basketball team battled for the title.

Now, you can live out your dreams for real, thanks to ABCD, the Boston Red Sox and Boston Celtics.

Challenge your company's rival to a softball game at Fenway Park Tuesday, June 18th or take them on in the corporate basketball tournament at the Auerbach Center Tuesday, September 3rd.

The only other way to play on that practice parquet is to be a Celtic!

Your team sponsorship will support ABCD's youth programs and help hundreds of low income teens.

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Welcome to Front Door

Front Door is a new, cutting edge initiative that will help maximize the number of ABCD services clients receive. By way of a comprehensive questionnaire, ABCD staff will be able to match clients with eligible services such as fuel assistance, housing and child care.

Clients will soon be able to use the new online Front Door Eligibility Guide to help identify the services they qualify for at ABCD with someone to support them .

Our goal is to help our clients move from poverty to stability and from stability to success by helping them receive the full range of human services they need.

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Capital One Sponsors Computers and Online Banking Classes for Elders

The 21st century has brought sweeping changes. Just ask Alexa, and she'll play your favorite song. Tap an app, and Lyft will pick you up in minutes. But many seniors have to resort to asking their grandchildren to look something up on "the Google." They're not comfortable with computers, and they're certainly not at ease with paying their bills online.

But thanks to a new ABCD partnership with Capital One, low income seniors have the opportunity to learn basic computer skills through the Tech Goes Home® computer literacy program and get a handle on personal finances and online banking through Ready, Set, Bank®, These innovative programs combine classroom instruction at ABCD neighborhood centers and our central Elder Services office with interactive online workshops that offer step-by-step guidance.

The ABCD - Capital One partnership will provide computer and financial literacy trainings to 200 low-income senior clients. To keep our seniors online and on track, everyone who completes the Tech Goes Home training will receive a Chromebook, thanks to Capital One's generous support.
Do you know a low income person age 55+ who would benefit from this program? Please contact Anne Corbin, Director of Elder Services, at anne.corbin@bostonabcd.org or 617-348-6449.

Team ABCD participates in Project Bread's 51st Walk for Hunger

Congratulations to Team ABCD who not only participated in Project Bread's 51st Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 5th, but surpassed their goal of raising $1,500. The team of 23 walkers included ABCD employees, volunteers, family members and friends.

The Walk for Hunger helps thousands of families in need by raising money to support and strengthen programs and services that provide a safety net against hunger for low-income individuals and families in Massachusetts.

Thank you to Team ABCD for representing our organization. Also, thank you to everyone who donated and supported them and this important cause of combating hunger.

Read More about ABCD

Boston Public Schools and Mayor Walsh's Universal Pre-K Partnership Between Community Based Programs and BPS

Program Spotlight

Melinda and Ayriah Thrive Thanks to Head Start's Holistic Approach

When she was two months pregnant, Melinda Webb learned the baby she was carrying would be born with Down Syndrome -- and had a heart defect that would require open heart surgery. It was staggering news. Melinda, who works with the elderly and typically logged 60 hours a week, wondered how she would care for a child with such serious health issues and special needs.

The drama intensified. Three months after her beautiful daughter Ayriah was born and just two days before her heart surgery was to take place, Ayriah died -- for three minutes. Miraculously, the medical team resuscitated her, and the surgery took place as scheduled on February 13, 2017. Ayriah had a "new" heart on Valentine's Day.

Melinda's three other children, Nakeo, 22, Andrelle, 18, and Sandrelle, 16, showered their baby sister with love. That has been a great comfort and source of joy. Still, Melinda knew that Ayriah needed not only education and care but also social and emotional supports.

She found it at ABCD's Early Head Start program.

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Upcoming Events

ABCD Field of Dreams

It's time to hit one out park again. **ABCD Field of Dreams**, our annual softball game, to raise money for youth summer jobs, is right around the corner. We have several teams like DMB Financial, John Hancock, Boston Children's Hospital, Ropes & Gray, TJX and Partners HealthCare signed up already but there are still spots available.

Tuesday, June 18th
Start time - 7AM
Fenway Park

To sign up to be a corporate team sponsor please contact Amelia Aubourg at amelia.aubourg@bostonabcd.org or 617.348.6238

ABCD Hoop Dreams

Join us for **ABCD Hoops Dreams**. This year the annual basketball tournament will take place at the Auerbach Center.

Tuesday, Sept. 3rd
Start time - 5PM
Auerbach Center

There are still team slots available. To **sign up to be a corporate team sponsor please contact Elizabeth Gillis at elizabeth.gillis@bostonabcd.org or 617.348.6244**

Give Today.

Your gift supports ABCD in its mission to empower low-income people by providing them with the tools to overcome poverty, live with dignity, and achieve their full potential. Interested in other ways of giving? Please contact the Planning and Grants Department at 617-348-6559.

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