

The Connection



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Workforce Development

As part of a \$250,000 commitment to workforce development, Highland Street is pleased to partner with a number of organizations who are working to provide their clients with skill development, job training and placement into meaningful jobs with upward mobility. Our first round of partners include:

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Celebrating the Resilience of Our Community

Every Friday this summer, we have the privilege of visiting some of our nonprofit partners and presenting them with a surprise donation in recognition of their continued efforts during these difficult times.



One of our visits was to Chelsea, a community hit hard by COVID-19, in part because of the fact that 80% of workers are essential employees. [Chelsea Collaborative](#) quickly adapted to the needs of the community, establishing a pop-up food pantry to provide groceries, diapers, and other household necessities. Although the social service agency had never distributed food before, it now feeds 3,000 people per week.

As we have said before, the demand for services has been unprecedented but so has the response.

Drive-In Movies

Drive-In Movies continue to be a popular and safe form of entertainment. We were delighted to partner with Mayor Walsh and the City of Boston to provide an opportunity for nearly 1,000 groups of families and friends to enjoy a relaxing evening.



Thanks to a partnership with the New England Patriots Foundation, we were pleased to greet more than 100 foster families through [The Wonderfund](#) at a showing of *Toy Story 4* at Patriot Place.

Spotlight

Congratulations to Yolanda Coentro, President & CEO of the Institute for Nonprofit Practice (INP), for being listed as one of *The Nonprofit Times' Power & Influence Top 50*. A well-deserved, national recognition for her leadership at INP, our longtime partner, which provides training for nonprofit leaders to make their organizations effective, innovative and sustainable.

Greetings from the TADpole Playground



Don't forget to tune into our virtual TADpole 10 Summer Series. Every Thursday, you can enjoy songs and tales from some of our favorite story tellers.

Click [here](#) to view stories!

The Highland Street Foundation is committed to addressing the most pressing needs and concerns for children and families in Massachusetts and California. We provide access and opportunities in education, housing, mentorship, health care, environment, and the arts.



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