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Highland Hoops Tips Off on January 25th!

Highland Street Foundation is proud to team up with the [Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation](#) to launch the Highland Hoops program. Highland Hoops is the third in a trilogy of programs created by the Highland Street Foundation providing access to sporting events for non-profit organizations.

In honor of National Mentoring Month, this new initiative will launch tonight in collaboration with the [Mass Mentoring Partnership](#) as the Celtics take on the Cleveland Cavs. The initiative donated tickets, t-shirts, hats, cinch bags and refreshment gift cards to local mentoring programs, including Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass/Metrowest, Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, Family Service, Inc, Girls Inc. of Holyoke, and Newton Community Service Center, among others.



The other programs in the series include [Highland Hitters](#), a partnership launched in 2008 with the Boston Red Sox which offers non-profits opportunities to attend a Boston Red Sox game at the historic Fenway Park, and [Highland Hat Tricks](#), a partnership launched in 2009 with the Boston Bruins which provides the same experience at TD Garden.

Community Impact Consultants Announces Partner Charities

In December, Highland Street Foundation selected two non-profit organizations to receive consultants for the pilot phase of its [Community Impact Consultants](#) program, which provides technical assistance to Massachusetts nonprofits with operating budgets between \$500,000 and \$2 million.

After receiving 56 applications for the six-month pilot period, HSF chose [Boston Partners in Education](#), which enhances the academic achievement of Boston's public school students by providing them with focused, individualized in-school volunteer support, and [DOVE, Inc.](#), which serves communities, families, and individuals in Norfolk County impacted by domestic violence.



Boston Partners in Education, which will work with consultant Heather Jack, is receiving assistance to create a three-year strategic plan around communications, governance, and development.

DOVE, which will work with consultant Dan Salera, is receiving assistance to address board governance and the development of resources and marketing materials.

HSF Provides \$300,000 towards Aging Out Initiatives

Highland Street Foundation recently announced a special year-end initiative supporting aging out programming, which provides services to youth who are going to, or have already, aged out of foster care.

Youths "age out" of foster care when they reach the age of majority without having been adopted, reunified with their family, placed in guardianship, or otherwise given a permanent family. More than 25,000 youth leave foster care without support each year in the U.S., including more than 600 in Massachusetts alone. As part of the support, HSF provided \$300,000 to be split between four groups in support of individual programs, as indicated below:

- [Bridge Over Troubled Waters](#): Funding will support their Assessment Center and the build-out of the Emergency Shelter, Greater Boston's only emergency youth shelter.
- [The Home for Little Wanderers](#): Funding will support the Young Adult Resource Network, a "wraparound" support program to assist youth, aged between 17 - 22, in navigating paths to living independently and in safety within their community.
- [Youth Villages](#): Funding will support the Transitional Living program, which will assist youth in finding housing, health services, accessing transportation and basic human needs.
- [Rediscovery](#): Funding will support the Youth Harbors Program, which assists homeless or about to become homeless youth by allowing them to stay in school, obtain a high school diploma and gain independent living skills.

TADpole Playground First Night Ice Sculpture

To help celebrate Boston's First Night festivities, Highland Street Foundation sponsored two ice sculptures. The frogs in the sculptures represented the bronze frog sculptures surrounding the [TADpole Playground](#) on the Boston Common, which was built in 2002 in loving memory of David J. McGrath, jr., the founder of Highland Street Foundation.



[About Highland Street Foundation](#)

The Highland Street Foundation is committed to addressing the needs and concerns of children and families in Massachusetts and California. We direct our efforts to provide access and opportunities in the area of education, housing, mentorship, health care, environment and the arts. For more information, please visit www.highlandstreet.org.