

The Connection



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Free Fun Fridays Welcomes One-Millionth Participant



From right to left: Heather Rockwood, Old State House; Ashley Brother; Ryan Brother; Amy Brother; Finley Brother; and Blake Jordan, Highland Street Foundation

On Friday, Amy Brother, accompanied by her three children, was the **One-Millionth** visitor to a Free Fun Friday site since the program began in 2009. The Arlington family was about to enter the Old State House when they found out the news.

There are still three more weeks left of Free Fun Fridays. Please click [here](#) for details!

Rio, here we come! TADpole Ten kicks off Olympics on the Boston Common

As part of our *TADpole Ten Summer Series*, more than 700 kids participated in Olympic Day last Thursday thanks to our partners at [Playworks](#). After completing six activities including the balance beam, relay races and a dance competition, all participants were presented with a gold medal for their outstanding effort!



The TADpole Ten Summer Series is a ten-week summer program created to provide two hours of fun, education and enrichment to local children. It takes place every Thursday at the TADpole Playground on Boston Common, from 10:00 am to noon. Highland Street partners with ReadBoston, Playworks and many additional organizations to provide activities, books and snacks to all participants. For more information, visit our [website](#).

Out of the Park in East Boston

As part of our partnership with the Boston Red Sox and the City of Boston, we brought *Out of the Park* to Noyes Park in East Boston, which received field renovations last spring through the program. Children from local community centers practiced their pitching, hitting and of course, dancing. They even got up close and personal with Big Papi through the Red Sox Mobile Showcase virtual reality experience!



Don't forget to #SeeMoreSummer

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