

"It has been an inspiring experience to sit with groups of students and hear their ideas, pitches, and dreams about making events that will positively influence their peers. Through Community Call, students are able to find their voice, follow their passions, and discover the success that comes from seeing a project through to the end, a skill that will benefit them significantly in their future educational and professional endeavors."

Shari Davis - Director, Boston Mayor's Youth Council and Youthline

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Community Call Young Leader Award

Purpose: To honor a young community leader who has made a positive impact and who's civic, social, and community leadership sets an inspiring example for us all.

"Social entrepreneurs identify resources where people only see problems. They view the villagers as the solution, not the passive beneficiary. They begin with the assumption of competence and unleash resources in the communities they're serving." David Bornstein, author of How to Change the World: Social Entrepreneurs and the Power of New Ideas

We are looking to recognize those community leaders that personally connect to their causes by working with the recipients of the services, understanding the needs of the community, and displaying a passion to make a difference in the lives of those in need of services. Please find more information about the award, last year's nominees, and the nomination form on our website at www.communitycall.org through September 15th, 2014



2013 Young Leader Award winners Ben Haderi and Jon Feinman, and presenter Josh Zakim

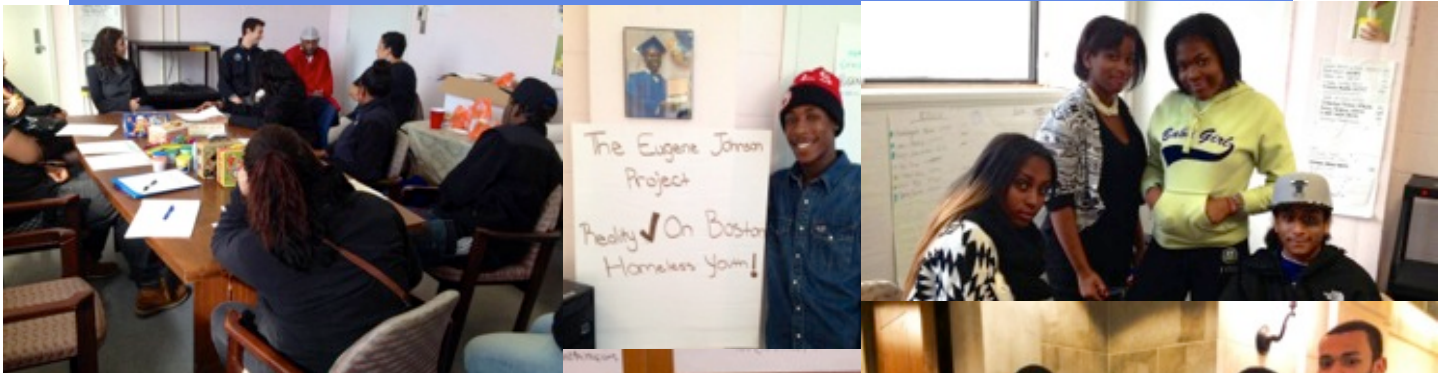
Executive Director Update



The 2013 – 2014 Academic year was the second year of Community Call’s Enrichment Program (CCEP) in event planning for opportunity high school students in the Boston public schools. The program was taught again at Boston Collegiate Charter School in Dorchester and introduced to students at Fenway High School and the Re-Engagement Center in Roxbury. Three unique and successful events were conceived and executed by these three schools.

- April 18th - [Stop the Violence Unity Bash](#) was held at the Bird St. Community Center in Dorchester, produced by Boston Collegiate Charter School students. The program included a workshop produced by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute that engaged the attendees in discussions about urban violence and its impact on youth and the community, followed by music, dancing and pizza.
- May 17th - [The Eugene Johnson Project - A Reality Check on Boston Youth Homelessness](#) was held at the Boston Public Library-Copley with Mayor Walsh and was produced by students from the Re-Engagement Center. The Re-Engagement Center is a Boston Public School (BPS) program to bring disenfranchised youth back into the education system to complete the necessary work for graduation. Eugene Johnson, one of the students at the Re-Engagement Center, has experienced youth homelessness. He believes that many of the problems in the community stem from the large number of homeless youth. Without homes; education, jobs, health, and safety are all difficult to maintain. The participating students believed the most efficient way to address their situation was to solicit feedback directly from those youth living on the streets. This project provided an opportunity for homeless youth to have their voices heard directly by Mayor Marty Walsh and Boston Public Health Commissioner, Barbara Ferrer. More information can be found on our website and on page 3 of this newsletter.
- June 14th – [Express Yourself – An Anti-Bullying Event](#) was developed and produced by Fenway High School students to celebrate uniqueness on Copley Plaza. The event coincided with the Boston Pride Parade. This event celebrated uniqueness by featuring games, art activities, music, and even yoga. All were welcomed and people of all ages and personalities had a great time!
- In the fall of 2013, Community Call joined The Peace Collaborative, a group of organizations and individual activists that work with at risk youth. The mission of the Collaborative is to unify resources and efforts to help reduce violence for Boston urban youth through activities and programs.
- Community Call has received two major grants, one from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and one from the Ingalls Foundation. We thank all of our donors for your support!

Carolyn Edwards



The Eugene Johnson Project:
A Reality Check on Youth Homelessness in Boston

Are you a homeless youth?

youth VOICE MATTERS

MAY 17TH, 2014
CENTRAL LIBRARY IN COPLEY SQUARE
DARTMOUTH ST. ENTRANCE
8:30 A.M - 12:30 P.M

FREE Breakfast and Lunch

Mayor Marty Walsh
will be there to hear your feedback!

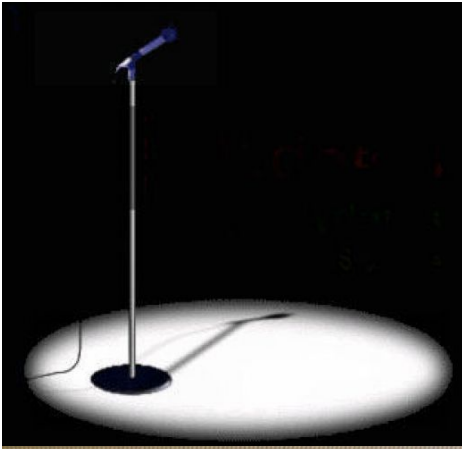
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**STAND-UP BOSTON
CORPORATE COMEDY
CHALLENGE**

TUESDAY 10/21/14

6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

AT LAUGH BOSTON

HONORARY CHAIR- MAYOR MARTY WALSH

Google challenges your organization to compete Stand-Up Boston Company of the Year for funniest co-worker in a stand-up comedy competition. Join Google for networking, drinks, food, and laughs benefiting Boston Community Call. You can sponsor a co-worker for an hour of professional comic coaching to compete for the Stand-Up Boston employee and company of the year. Limited spots available on a first come first serve basis. More information and tickets at www.communitycall.org.

Celebrity Judges include:

- **John Tobin** - owner of Theatre District Productions, a live comedy production company producing shows in and around Boston.
- **Scott Kirsner** - writer of the weekly "Innovation Economy" column and blog for the Boston Globe and Boston.com.
- **Chase Garbarino** - Co-founder and CEO of Streetwise media, a digital media and events company that runs BostInno.com and InTheCapital.com and is an angel investor in Boston.

In addition, Boston City Councilor, Josh Zakim will be presenting the 2014 Community Call Young Leader Award.

Event Details:

- Any company or organization can sponsor one stand-up comedian who must be a full-time employee at the time of the competition.
- The comedian will be given 1 hour of coaching by a professional comedian before the event.
- Each comedian will have up to 6 minutes to perform.
- The winner will be chosen by a panel of celebrity judges.
- The first place winner will receive an award and an invitation to perform in Laugh Boston's, Boston Accents show.
- The winning company sponsor will be named Stand-Up Boston, Company of the Year.
- Tickets for the performance will be \$25 per person and can be bought by individuals or sponsors prior to the event. VIP Table purchases are available.



Stop the Violence Unity Bash in Dorchester

This event was organized by students at the Boston Collegiate Charter School. The students wanted to have an event that would bring people together for a night of peace and fun. All of the student events must include an activity specifically related to their mission. This event featured an interactive program with peer youth leaders from the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute which including soliciting feedback, sharing ideas, and connecting to each other. Co-sponsors included the Bird St. Community Center and the Boston Police Department, The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department for Youth provided a resource table. The event was attended by youth from around the Dorchester community and included pizza, a teen DJ, and dancing!



The Peace Collaborative

Community Call is proud to be a member of the Peace Collaborative, a group of organizations and activists working together to bring peace to the streets of Boston. The organization is hosted by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute in Dorchester.

The Peace Collaborative was started by long time Boston activist, Cindy Diggs. The organization puts on events for inner city youth by working together to help keep kids off the street.

Members of the Peace Collaborative have provided services at our Stop the Violence - Unity Bash in Uphams Corner, Dorchester including a peer workshop conducted by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute and members volunteered for the Eugene Johnson Project.

By working together, we hope to help bring peace to the streets of Boston.



Thank you to the Ingalls Foundation and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation for awarding grants to Community Call!

Fenway High School – Express Yourself: An Anti-Bullying Zone Event



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and their community*

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