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YOUTH GROUP

APRIL NEWSLETTER



This Month in Turn It Around

As we have all been quarantined since last month in March, Turn It Around, has had to adapt to the ever-changing state of life post-COVID-19.

Weekly in-person meetings have been put on hold temporarily and are now held virtually via Zoom. The meetings are from 4pm-5:30pm on Thursdays, hosted in a virtual chatroom where youth can connect with peers and interact with Coalition staff face-to-face.

If your youth is active in Turn It Around, but needs help getting online or accessing the weekly Thursday meeting chatroom, please reach out to Mswati, the Program Coordinator, at MHanks1@Partners.org. For more information about Zoom, visit zoom.us.

COVID-19 Inspired Artwork

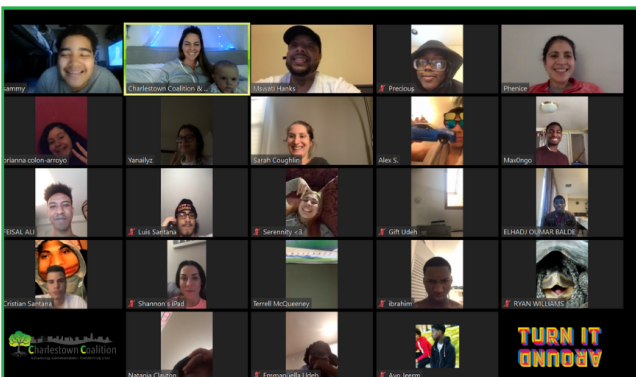
The theme of our latest art contest is:

THE NEW NORMAL

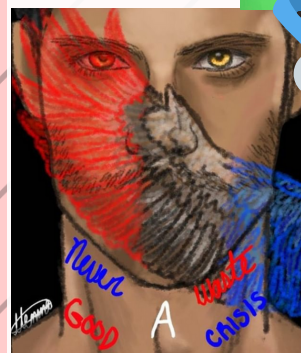
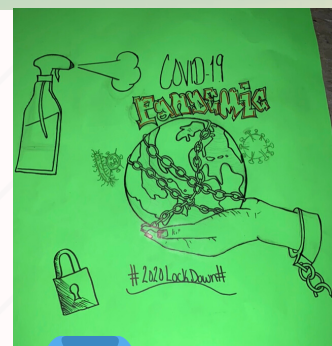
We can't deny that life as we knew it, for the time being, has changed. To see the individual impact that COVID-19 has had on our youth, we asked them to create a piece of art that displays something about their "new reality", using whatever they have at home. Paint, crayons, clay, colored pencils, markers, photography - anything to create art works!

And as everyone knows, when it comes to art, there are no rules and beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

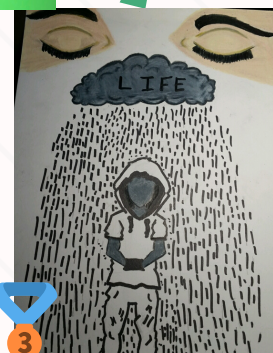
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Serenity was the 1st place winner!



Emma was 2nd place and Sammy placed 3rd!



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Last Month in Turn It Around

Last month in March, Turn It Around, went virtual! Since the COVID-19 crisis, we've been holding our weekly meetings via Zoom. But the pandemic hasn't stopped our group from learning, creating, and engaging with the community. In fact, Turn It Around members are digging deep to showcase their talents with all of the art contests they participated in during March including, "Decorate Your Mask".



Ways to get Involved:

Want to join in on the fun during one of our meetings or events? We'd love to have you! There are many opportunities for parents and guardians to get involved in *Turn It Around*. Whether you help cook, serve, clean or participate in the activities, all are invited and welcome. Please reach out to Ginaya for more information.

Prefer Email?

To receive our Family & Friends Newsletter email instead of a paper copy, please contact Ginaya Greene Murray at Ggreene-Murray@Partners.org or call her directly at 617-726-6684

March's Youth of the Month:

March's Turn It Around Youth of the Month is Brianna Colon-Arroyo. During this time of fear and uncertainty, Brianna has been a shining light for everyone at Turn It Around. She is constantly lifting up the other members when they are down, and inspiring countless others with her artistic and vocal talents. Brianna's exactly what the doctor ordered for us to deal with the coronavirus!



-Mswati Hanks
(Youth Prevention
Coordinator)

Have Questions?

If you need assistance with your youth regarding school, job placement, risky behaviors, or anything else, please contact the Charlestown Coalition. We will be happy to help with any questions regarding you and your child.

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