

## Young Man with a Plan Newsletter December 17, 2021

## We wish you all safe and happy holidays!

## YMWAP selected for Social Innovation Forum's 2022 Nonprofit Accelerator

**Boston, MA (December 9, 2021)** – The Social Innovation Forum (SIF) has selected YMWAP to participate in SIF's 2022 "Social Innovator Accelerator," a 24-month capacity-building program that helps nonprofit organizations gain visibility, expand their networks, and connect with philanthropic and in-kind resources to accelerate their work. YMWAP will receive access to more than \$150,000 of cash and in-kind services, including remote training, coaching, and consulting, from SIF and its partners. SIF selected YMWAP based on its unique approach to addressing mentoring and success planning. YMWAP's ED Dr. Jaykyri Simpson will serve as Lead Innovator in this exciting initiative.

"We are excited to announce our Social Innovators for 2022," said Susan Musinsky, Executive Director of the Social Innovation Forum. "In spite of a myriad of challenges, local nonprofits have sustained their critical work and have uplifted their communities. The philanthropic sector has also begun to reflect, acknowledge and address inequitable practices and allocation of resources. We have seen the funding community shift to promoting a more equitable grant making process that is inclusive and reflective of BIPOC and proximate leaders. We have heard from these communities how important it is to support grassroots, community-based organizations as they work to amplify and sustain growth in communities that are disproportionately facing barriers and inequities. We and our partners are excited to support this range of terrific leaders and organizations through the next phase of their growth and development."

The full list of organizations selected for the 2022 Social Innovator cohort is below.

- The Boston Alliance of LGBTQ+ Youth (BAGLY)
- Chinatown Community Land Trust
- Lowell Community Health Center Teen BLOCK
- Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition (MFFC)
- Sisters Unchained
- The Center for Hope and Healing
- Transformational Prison Project, a project of Tides Center
- Young Man with a Plan (YMWAP)

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Jaykyri and Des