



# Harvard University's Community Engagement in the City of Boston

**Harvard University is committed to a mission of teaching, learning and research – and to the pursuit of ideas, innovations, access, and knowledge that enhance the wellbeing of communities and how we live—shaping a vibrant and shared future for the betterment of our neighbors and communities around the world.** Through education and exploration, collaborations that address regional priorities, and hundreds of community programs and services, Harvard continues to grow and deepen relationships with its closest neighbors and residents across Boston.

## **Collaborative and Responsive Community-Serving Programs**

Harvard's programmatic engagement in Boston is a meaningful extension of its nonprofit mission. Every year, the University community is engaged in hundreds of programs and partnerships, including longstanding initiatives that support Boston Public Schools, provide educational, employment, and career services programming for youth, deliver critical health and legal services, empower local nonprofits and work within City departments, and ensure maintenance of public parks and pathways. These collaborations exist through the deep-rooted commitment of Harvard faculty, students, and staff to contribute to the public good. They reach thousands of residents across the City of Boston and are constantly evolving to respond to current community needs.

Separate and apart from these initiatives, the University also manages more than \$70 million in community benefits connected to institutional development in Allston. Thoughtfully identified through a

community process, these benefits include the Harvard Ed Portal, which hosts hundreds of public programs each year for people of all ages and the Harvard Allston Partnership Fund, which has provided \$1.2 million in grants to Allston-Brighton nonprofits.

## **PILOT & Property Tax Payments**

As a nonprofit, Harvard engages with the City of Boston in a variety of important ways, including by participating in the City's voluntary Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) program. Over the last 10 years, Harvard's PILOT payments total more than \$28 million. The University also pays taxes on property it owns that does not support a tax-exempt purpose. In the past decade, Harvard has paid more than \$70 million in property taxes to the City of Boston. In addition, Harvard pays for city services like water, sewer, permit, and other fees. In FY20, these payments total more than \$4.4 million to the City of Boston.

## **Harvard's Response to COVID-19**

While the COVID-19 pandemic profoundly disrupted every aspect of life, Harvard's work with community partners continued. The challenges of the past year brought creativity and innovation as programs across campus were aligned to meet new needs in real time. These relationships remain as important as ever, as organizations and institutions work together to help communities overcome the public health crisis. Some of the new initiatives launched in response to COVID-19 include:

- **Donation of thousands of pieces of PPE** for distribution to healthcare providers and hospitals across the state, in addition to directly distributing supplies to Boston Medical Center.

- **Harvard University Allston-Brighton Emergency Response Grants** provided immediate financial support to Boston nonprofit organizations to quickly mobilize and help deliver food supplies, medicine, essential items, educational programming, and community resources to families in need in the early months of the pandemic.
- **Free legal services and referrals** from the Clinical and Pro Bono Programs at Harvard Law School (HLS). Since March 2020, Harvard's legal clinics worked to identify the most pressing community needs and opportunities to expand available resources and legal assistance. HLS's Legal Services Center (LSC), located in Jamaica Plain, launched a new partnership with the Boston Public Library to host weekly drop-in hours for patrons to receive advice and referrals on a wide range of issues, including housing law and tenants' rights, family law, tax issues, consumer protection, and veterans benefits.
- **Resources for BPS educators, students, and families** from the Harvard Graduate School of Education that provide guidance on how to adapt to disruption, build resilience, keep children engaged, and thrive in an online learning environment.
- **Continued pay, health, and other benefits** for employees and contract workers. Harvard continues to support employees whose work has been idled because of COVID-19 impacts.

## **Support for Boston Students Enrolled at Harvard College**

The University's tax-exempt status allows it to operate one of the most innovative and generous financial aid programs in the country, with a direct benefit to Boston residents. Through the Harvard Financial Aid Initiative, families with incomes below \$65,000 (1-in-5 undergraduates) pay nothing for their child's education, and families with incomes less than \$150,000 pay no more than 10 percent of their income. During the 2019-2020 academic year, 143 Boston residents were enrolled at Harvard College and 80 of those students received a combined \$4.1 million in financial aid. In the past 10 years, Harvard College students from Boston have received \$36.5 million in grant aid from Harvard.

In addition to supporting academic opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, Harvard is also committed to partnerships that enable public service across Boston, including financial support for a range of fellowships that allow Harvard students to work alongside city employees. For the 5th year, Harvard has provided support for the Harvard Presidential City of Boston Fellowship, which funds a recent Harvard College graduate to work full-time as a public service fellow in the Mayor's Office.

## **Economic Impact**

Harvard plays a critical role in Boston's economy – employing thousands of residents and attracting hundreds of millions in research funding to the City.

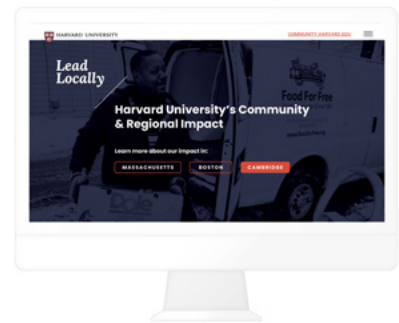
Through the University's operations, Harvard supported Boston-based businesses with more than \$980 million in spending last year. The University employs 3,400 Boston residents who received more than \$384 million in competitive pay and industry-leading benefits over the course of FY20. In addition to lending stability to local businesses and employment, Harvard contributes to innovation in a range of other industries. While colleges and universities have been routinely cited by bond rating agencies as contributing to the City of Boston's high credit ratings, this year, Standard & Poor's identified higher education as a key anchor contributing to the region's economic rebound once pandemic restrictions are lifted.

## **Partnering to Address Regional Challenges**

Harvard partners around some of the region's most pressing challenges through initiatives designed to meet the broader needs of local residents. Harvard recently recommitted its financial support for a first of its kind program in partnership with its host communities and nonprofit lending organizations in Boston and Cambridge to preserve and create quality affordable housing, complementing the region's response to housing needs. Over the past two decades, the Harvard Local Housing Collaborative has financed more than 7,000 units of affordable housing, including over 5,500 units in Boston. In 2019, Harvard announced it would extend this partnership for another 20 years.

The following pages provide examples of the many impactful community programs and initiatives that reach residents and neighborhoods across the City of Boston. These programs are an important extension of Harvard's mission, serve thousands of Boston residents city-wide, and reflect years of collaboration between the University, community and nonprofit partners, and the City of Boston.

To learn more about Harvard's community and regional engagement visit Lead Locally:  
[www.leadlocally.community.harvard.edu](http://www.leadlocally.community.harvard.edu)



SPOTLIGHT ON:

## The Family Van

The Family Van is a mobile clinic affiliated with Harvard Medical School that is dedicated to improving the health of Boston residents by increasing access to health care, health resources, and various social services. Designed in collaboration with community partners over 28 years ago, the Van provides free preventative health screenings and works to raise awareness about common health problems and promote equitable health outcomes.

The Van regularly sees patients in underserved communities in Dorchester, East Boston, and Roxbury, carrying out curbside testing, health coaching, and referrals for follow-up care. By traveling directly to areas in which the need is greatest, the Family Van removes barriers to care and provides an alternative to costly emergency department visits.

In FY20, 79 percent of Van patients were either uninsured or on public insurance. Harvard contributed \$421,747 to operate the program, which provided 3,300 free health screenings during 2,200 visits. Over the past five years, it is estimated that The Family Van has saved more than \$2.8 million in avoided emergency room costs. Because The Family Van meets people where they live, the clinic builds trust between patients and providers, an ingredient that is now more important than ever, as communities work together to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Massachusetts Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders (center) visits The Family Van during the team's weekly stop in Codman Square.

### BY THE NUMBERS

1,005

Boston residents received  
**3,300 free health screenings** in FY20

4

weekly stops in Dorchester (Codman Square and Upham's Corner), East Boston (Liberty Plaza), and Roxbury (Nubian Square) in FY20

\$2.8M

in estimated avoided emergency room costs over the past five years

79%

of the Van patients were either uninsured or on public insurance in FY20

\$421k+

in Harvard support to operate the program in FY20

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## EXAMPLES OF HARVARD'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACROSS BOSTON

### EDUCATION

#### Public School Partnerships

Harvard University

**IMPACT:** More than 4,600 Boston student participants and 51 educators were reached through PSP programming in FY20.

As an extension of the University's educational mission, Harvard's Public School Partnerships (PSP) team develops responsive and innovative programming for Boston and Cambridge educators, students, and families. PSP works directly in collaboration with local schools, community organizations, and families to design meaningful initiatives, events, and opportunities that foster children's social, emotional, and intellectual skills. PSP's programming and resources come from across Harvard schools and departments, including the Harvard Graduate School of Education, to help meet the needs of Boston Public Schools (BPS). The team offers a wide range of programs for Boston youth across numerous subject areas such as homework support, STEM, college and career awareness, and the arts. The team also provides professional development opportunities for BPS educators and administrators by connecting them to Harvard researchers, faculty, and students that seek to meet the needs of student populations throughout Boston.

#### Crimson Summer Academy

Harvard University

**IMPACT:** 69 students from 20 Boston schools attended the Crimson Summer Academy in FY20.

The Crimson Summer Academy (CSA) is an innovative program for underserved high school students who have a passion for learning and a desire to excel. Over the course of three consecutive summers, students from public schools in Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville engage in a stimulating mix of classes, projects, and cultural activities on Harvard's campus as they prepare for success in college and beyond. In FY20, the program served 87 students, including 69 from Boston. Ninety-four percent of CSA graduates go on to complete college in four years. FY20 costs attributable to Boston students total \$1,489,150, which includes program operation costs, room and board, as well as enrollment in Harvard Summer School courses.

#### AP Biology Hinton Scholars Program

Harvard Medical School

**IMPACT:** 135 Boston Public Schools students participated in the program in FY20.

The AP Biology Hinton Scholars Program is an after-school enrichment program designed to enhance students' understanding of AP Biology concepts, provide laboratory exposure, and increase knowledge about careers in science throughout the academic year. Program components include hands-on AP Biology-related science labs; test preparation for the AP Biology exam; small group tutoring led by Harvard medical and graduate students; enhancement of students' speaking and writing skills; site visits to a research lab and a hospital; access to Harvard lectures,

conferences, researchers, and faculty; and career panel discussions in the biomedical sciences. 1,334 Boston Public Schools students have participated in this program since 2003.

#### AP Biology Teacher Callbacks

Harvard Medical School

**IMPACT:** Five Boston Public Schools teachers received professional development in FY20.

AP Biology Teacher Callbacks are designed for AP Biology teachers and are open to all Boston Public Schools science teachers. Teachers engage in quarterly AP Biology professional development workshops, seminars, best teaching practices exchanges, lectures, and lab exercises facilitated by Harvard Medical School faculty, staff, and students. 134 Boston teachers have participated in the program since it first began.

#### Program for Leadership Development Scholarship

Harvard Business School

**IMPACT:** Two Boston Public Schools administrators were awarded more than \$69,000 in professional development scholarships in FY20.

Focused on leadership, change, and innovation, the Program for Leadership Development seeks to give participants a broader understanding of management and to enhance their ability to address key challenges facing their organizations. Scholarships are provided to BPS staff members each year as part of an ongoing commitment to Boston Public Schools.

#### James Bryant Conant Fellowship

Harvard Graduate School of Education

**IMPACT:** Five Boston Public Schools teachers were awarded more than \$211,600 in scholarship aid in FY20.

The James Bryant Conant Fellowship fund was established to support the professional growth of outstanding teachers and administrators from within Boston Public Schools and Cambridge Public Schools who are accepted to Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) degree programs. Fellows are required to return to or remain in their school systems for a minimum of one year after completing the HGSE program.

#### Environmental Health Education Program

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

The Department of Environmental Health at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health supports high school education programs in Harvard's host communities, including the City of Boston. In FY20, department members served as judges at the Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers' annual science fair, supported their Career Pathway Program for Health Assisting by teaching 9th graders how to check vital signs, and presented educational workshops to approximately 120 students on nutrition and pediatrician career exploration. In addition to the Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers, the program also served Fenway High School, Maurice J. Tobin K-8 School, and Codman Academy.

### Scholarships for Boston Students and Teachers

Harvard Division of Continuing Education

**IMPACT:** Six Boston high school students and teachers received more than \$11,000 in scholarship aid in FY20.

The Harvard Division of Continuing Education provides secondary school students from Boston, as well as BPS middle and high school teachers, with scholarships to take coursework at the Harvard Extension School. These credits help teachers further professional development goals and allow students to take college coursework while in high school. Scholarship programs include: the Lowell Scholarship, DCE Secondary School Scholarship, and the Brian J. Honan Scholarship.

### Public and Educational Programming

Harvard Museums of Science & Culture

**IMPACT:** More than 10,000 Boston residents received over \$105,000 in free or subsidized admission to the Harvard Museums of Science & Culture in FY20.

The Harvard Museums of Science & Culture (HMSC) is a partnership of four Harvard museums designed to coordinate captivating programming for visitors of all ages, permanent galleries, and dynamic rotating exhibits. HMSC provides free and discounted admission to Massachusetts residents, teachers, and individuals who present Electronic Benefits Transfer cards. In FY20, the Harvard Museums of Science & Culture also provided free programming to 1,281 Boston public schools students.

### American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.)

Harvard University

**IMPACT:** More than 1,400 Boston residents received over \$46,600 in free or subsidized admission to the A.R.T.

As the professional theater on campus the American Repertory Theater at Harvard University catalyzes discourse, interdisciplinary collaboration, and creative exchange among a wide range of academic departments, institutions, students, and faculty members, acting as a conduit between its community of artists and the University. Through affordable tickets, theater skill-building workshops and classes, project-based partnerships, public dialogue, and more, the A.R.T. deepens connections to live theater for audiences of all ages in the community. In FY20, the A.R.T. provided discounted tickets to more than 1,400 Boston residents, including students, teachers, veterans, and community organizations, reflecting about 75 percent of annual attendance due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Read to a Child

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Under the Read to a Child program, 24 Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health staff members were paired with students in grades 1–4 at the Maurice J. Tobin K-8 School in Roxbury. They read together once a week during lunchtime, with the goal of boosting student interest in books and reading. Read to a Child is a national literacy and mentoring nonprofit that fosters a love of reading, improves literacy skills, and empowers underserved children by inspiring adults to read aloud to them regularly.

### Gutman Library Book Talks

Harvard Graduate School of Education

Free and open to the public, the Gutman Library Book Talks series connects the scholarship of Harvard Graduate School of Education to the community and provides a venue for critical discussion and engagement with current issues in the field of education. Topics in FY20 included:

- *Broader, Bolder, Better: How Schools and Communities Help Students Overcome the Disadvantages of Poverty*
- *Unconscious Bias in Schools: A Developmental Approach to Exploring Race and Racism*
- *Schooling for Critical Consciousness: Engaging Black and Latinx Youth in Analyzing, Navigating, and Challenging Racial Injustice*
- *Fulfilling the Promise: Reimagining School Counseling to Advance Student Success*
- *Where Teachers Thrive: Organizing Schools for Success*
- *Natural Allies: Hope and Possibility in Teacher-Family Partnerships*

## BUILT ENVIRONMENT

### Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University

Harvard University

**IMPACT:** Harvard's operating budget for the Arboretum included \$11.9 million to support maintenance, free public education programming, park operations, library and living collection, and the visitor's center.

A living museum containing 16,000 trees, shrubs, and vines collected during the past century from Asia, Europe, and North America, the Arnold Arboretum is one of Boston's largest green spaces and draws hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. The Arboretum was founded in 1872 as a public-private partnership between the City of Boston and Harvard University, and continues to serve as both a research institution and publicly accessible open space. Last year, the Arboretum saw **more than 2 million visitors**. Through its unique relationship with the City of Boston, the Arboretum is committed to improving local science education and designs programming to support and supplement the curriculum of Boston Public Schools. The programs align with BPS priorities around life sciences and the Massachusetts Science and Technology/Engineering Curriculum. In addition, the Arboretum serves as a community resource for educators and through its Educators Monthly Explorations, delivers professional development opportunities to elementary and middle school teachers, introducing them to life sciences and the landscape as an outdoor classroom.



## Public Realm Maintenance

Harvard University

**IMPACT:** More than \$84,200 spent in support of public realm maintenance in FY20.

Harvard is committed to projects that enhance the public realm, including snow removal, improvements and maintenance in public parks and open space, neighborhood beautification, streetscape improvements, and public art. These projects are separate and apart from the University's contractual agreements with the City of Boston. Support for public improvements in FY20 included community landscape, park maintenance, and snow clean up.

## Mission Hill Link

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

The Link is a community-run shuttle service for residents and visitors to Boston's Mission Hill area. It circles the hill from Brigham Circle to Mission Main and Alice Taylor, to the Benjamin Nursing Home and Landmark Assisted Living on the Back of the Hill and New England Baptist Hospital on the top of the hill. This very local service was established in the late 1970s to fill a need for improved transportation options for residents. **The Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health sponsors the Link to continue to run services on Saturdays.**

## + CLINICS

### Clinical and Pro Bono Programs

Harvard Law School

**IMPACT:** More than 1,200 low-income Boston residents received pro bono legal aid in FY20.

Every year, the Clinical and Pro Bono Programs – a collection of 49 in-house clinics, externship clinics, and student practice organizations – provide free legal services to low-income individuals who would otherwise be unable to afford a lawyer. In FY20, Harvard Law School faculty and students helped Boston residents on issues ranging from housing, family law, domestic violence, taxes, consumer protection, government benefits, criminal defense, special education, immigration, and bankruptcy. The operating budget attributable to work on Boston cases totaled more than \$5 million. The Clinical and Pro Bono Programs are constantly responding to client and community needs, often partnering with a wide range of local community organizations to deliver services. The graduating class of 2020 completed more than 364,000 pro bono hours, an average of 640 hours per student over the course of three years.

## The Family Van

Harvard Medical School

**IMPACT:** 1,005 Boston residents received free health screenings in FY20.

Designed in collaboration with community partners over 28 years ago, The Family Van is a mobile clinic, operated out of Harvard Medical School, working to improve the health of Boston residents. The Van's focus is improving access to care by carrying out curbside testing, health coaching, and referrals for follow-up care and social services. The Van regularly sees patients in underserved communities in Roxbury, East Boston, and Dorchester. By traveling directly to areas in which the need is greatest and fostering an atmosphere of trust, The Family Van removes barriers to care and improves the health of local residents. In FY20, 79 percent of Van patients were either uninsured or on public insurance. Harvard contributed \$421,747 to operate the program, which provided 3,300 free health screenings during 2,200 visits. Over the past five years, it is estimated that the program has saved more than \$2.8 million in avoided emergency room costs.

## Harvard Dental Center Teaching Practice

Harvard School of Dental Medicine

**IMPACT:** More than 1,000 Boston residents received dental services in FY20.

The Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM) provides a public facing dental practice where care is provided by predoctoral students under the supervision of HSDM faculty. Services in the teaching practice are open to the public and subsidized by HSDM, costing patients approximately 30–40 percent less than fees typical of a private dental practice. In addition to absorbing over \$1 million in costs associated with below-market fees and pro bono care (\$520,000 of which was attributable to Boston residents), the center estimates that it saves members of the community more than \$5 million in dental costs each year.

## Crimson Care Collaborative — Nashua Street Jail

Harvard School of Dental Medicine

Faculty and students from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine treat inmates at the Suffolk County Jail on Nashua Street who are pretrial detainees or are engaged in court processes. The clinic provides compassionate, evidence-based health and dental care to inmates with a focus on the transition back to community health care.



### **Harvard Presidential City of Boston Fellowship**

Harvard University

The Harvard Presidential City of Boston Fellowship provides funding for a recent Harvard College graduate to work as a public service fellow in the Mayor's Office. In collaboration with city officials, fellows work full-time for a year to manage and execute projects in various issue areas and engage Boston residents through a range of community-based efforts. Since it was launched in 2016, the program has continued to support a pipeline to civic-oriented career development opportunities and to encourage students to make a difference through public service.

### **Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston – Public Policy Summer Fellowship**

Harvard Kennedy School

**IMPACT:** The Rappaport Institute supported the work of eight City of Boston offices and departments in FY20.

The Rappaport Institute strives to improve the governance of Greater Boston by strengthening connections between the region's scholars, students, and civic leaders. A University-wide entity housed at the Harvard Kennedy School (HKS), the Institute encourages graduate students to spend part of their careers in public service through a paid, 10-week summer internship in key state and local agencies.

### **Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston – Boston Urban Scholars**

Harvard Kennedy School

Since 1981, the Rappaport/Boston Urban Fellowship has provided full-tuition scholarships that have allowed more than 30 elected and appointed officials from greater Boston to attend the Kennedy School of Government's Mid-Career Master in Public Administration program. After graduation, appointed officials must return to public service in the greater Boston area for a minimum of two years.

### **Community Service Fellowship Program**

Harvard Graduate School of Design

**IMPACT:** In FY20, the Harvard Graduate School of Design supported students who worked of four Boston-based nonprofit organizations.

Fellows of the Community Service Fellowship program are graduate design students placed with local nonprofits and government agencies. While working for these organizations, students help to advance projects that address public needs and community concerns. This funding allows fellows to provide design services to the community — accounting for work that organizations would otherwise need to fund through their own budgets.

### **HBS Leadership Fellows**

Harvard Business School

The Leadership Fellows program offers nonprofit and public sector organizations the opportunity to leverage the experience, expertise, and skills of Harvard's MBA students for one year with a salary subsidized by the Harvard Business School. In FY20, two fellows were placed at the Boston Planning and Development Agency and the Mayor's Office.

### **Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies Summer Fellowship Program**

Harvard Graduate School of Design

The Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies supports community service fellowships for Harvard students obtaining internships or other volunteer opportunities with nonprofit organizations focused on housing, the built environment, and/or community development. In FY20, fellowship funding supported students who worked at the Asian Community Development Corporation and Greater Grove Hall Main Streets.

### **Leaders in Health Community Training Program**

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

**IMPACT:** Four Boston community and government organizations received training in FY20.

The eight-week Leaders in Health program provides training in public health research and science to strengthen existing community health initiatives. The program is designed to build the concrete skills of community activists, local health department employees, and practitioners from community-based organizations through discussion-based activities. Participants attend interactive training sessions, complete assignments, and receive support to create an action plan to enhance their work. To date, the program has trained more than 50 community practitioners.

### **Rose Service Learning Fellowship**

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

The Rose Service Learning Fellowship supports students and postdoctoral fellows at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in service learning projects. Students use academic knowledge and skills to address community needs, working in partnership with local organizations. In FY20, the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health funded students who worked at the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement, the Greater Boston Food Bank, and the Boston Children's Hospital.

### **Student Field Practice**

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

**IMPACT:** 49 students supported the work of 25 Boston-based organizations through 7,790 hours of field practice in FY20.

As part of the Master of Public Health program, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health students are required to complete a field practice experience, designed jointly by the students and their preceptors at a host organization, to advance the work of the organization as well as provide a real-world learning experience for students.

## EMPLOYMENT

### Summer Youth Employment Program

Harvard University

In partnership with the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program in Boston and the Private Industry Council, the Harvard Summer Youth Employment Program hires Boston teens for six-week summer jobs in various office positions and as lab and library assistants across Harvard University. In addition to earning money, teens participate in job shadowing days and weekly educational seminars aimed at preparing them for both future careers and further education. Although the program was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and did not take place on campus, Harvard continued to provide financial support.

### Brighton High School Internship Program

Harvard Business School

Through a partnership with the Boston Private Industry Council and Brighton High School, Harvard Business School (HBS) offers an internship program for students, allowing them to gain valuable work experience in various roles around the HBS campus. In FY20, two Boston High School students held internships.

### Year Up

Harvard University

**IMPACT:** 27 Boston residents received skills development and job training at Harvard University in FY20.

Year Up is a one-year intensive training program that provides low-income young adults, ages 18 to 24, with a combination of hands-on skills development, course work eligible for college credit, and corporate internships. Since Harvard first partnered with Year Up more than 15 years ago, the University has hosted more than 265 interns and hired approximately 140 of them into permanent or temporary positions.

### HMS MEDscience

Harvard Medical School

**IMPACT:** 437 students from 18 Boston Public Schools participated in the program in FY20.

MEDscience is an innovative high school science curriculum that provides Boston Public Schools students with the opportunity to bring science to life through hands-on mock clinical cases and classroom lessons conducted at Harvard Medical School. The program addresses the inspiration gap in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields and engages traditionally underserved and underrepresented youth.

### Project Success for High School Students

Harvard Medical School

**IMPACT:** Eight Boston Public Schools students held internships in FY20.

Project Success is a paid internship program for local junior and senior high school students, particularly for those that are underrepresented in medical fields. The program allows students to work at Harvard Medical School and its affiliated institutions and

provides mentoring, seminars, workshops, and career guidance counseling. Students can return to the program for multiple years — high school through college.

### Design Discovery: Young Adult

Harvard Graduate School of Design

Design Discovery: Young Adult is an intensive four-week summer architecture and design program that seeks to immerse high school students in the world of design. Developed by Harvard Graduate School of Design students, the program introduces teenagers to architectural design and alternative perspectives of landscape design; urban planning; and graphic, industrial, and fine arts design. The program strives to foster a passion for design in local communities and to develop the skills to put students on track for exploring these ideas at the collegiate level. More than a dozen students participate in the program every year. In FY20, five of these students were from Boston.

### Health Professions Recruitment & Exposure Program

Harvard Medical School

Harvard Medical School's Health Professions Recruitment & Exposure Program is a high school science enrichment program that seeks to recruit Boston and Cambridge high school students into science and medicine, and particularly aims to reach students from underrepresented backgrounds. The program provides students with academic support and facilitates conversations with students in medical, dental, and pharmacy schools. More than 700 students from the Greater Boston area have participated in the program since 2007.

## GOOD NEIGHBOR ACTIVITY

### Mission Hill Senior Prom

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

**IMPACT:** 160 senior citizens attended in FY20.

In collaboration with local community-based organizations — Boston Centers for Youth and Families, Tobin Community Center, Roxbury Tenants of Harvard, Mission Hill Health Movement, Mission Hill Senior Legacy, New England Baptist Hospital, and Wentworth Institute — the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health brings together senior citizens for dinner, dancing, and raffles. This annual event is designed to address senior isolation and increase positive social interaction amongst some of the most vulnerable residents in the community.

### Direct Contributions to Boston-based Nonprofit Organizations

Harvard University

**IMPACT:** 24 nonprofit organizations supported in FY20.

Harvard supports the work of a number of Boston-based nonprofit organizations that serve residents in the City of Boston. In FY20, the University's support included nonprofits focused on the arts, economic and community development, youth programming, health and wellbeing, as well as services for the elderly.



## Support for Local Nonprofits in Response to COVID-19

Harvard University

**IMPACT:** More than 19,000 Boston residents reached through community grants.

Recognizing the critical role nonprofits play in responding to community needs during the pandemic, Harvard launched a grant program to provide emergency funding to nonprofit organizations serving residents in Allston-Brighton. The Harvard University Allston-Brighton Emergency Response Grant allowed organizations to quickly mobilize and help deliver food supplies, medicine, essential items, educational programming, and community resources to thousands of individuals, students, and families in need.

## St. Mark Community Education and American Citizenship Program

Harvard Art Museums

**IMPACT:** 60 Boston residents reached.

The Harvard Art Museums provide numerous opportunities for learning, teaching, and community engagement. In the past year, the Museums supported St. Mark's Community Education Citizenship for All Project, helping Boston-area immigrants prepare for the U.S. citizenship exam through bilingual Spanish and English conversation about works of American art.

## Harvard Catalyst

Harvard University

The Catalyst helps to facilitate connections among thousands of researchers across Harvard University, fostering new collaborations and translating innovations and groundbreaking discoveries into solutions and services for the public good. The Catalyst's Community Engagement Program also engages the broader public health community through general educational programming, events, and workshops. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, they hosted "*Getting to the post-pandemic era: Herd Immunity, Social Distancing, and Vaccine*," a community event to discuss COVID-19 research and health equity concerns. In partnership with the Initiative on Health and Homelessness at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, the Catalyst also hosted several seminars on homelessness: "*Health, Homelessness, and Immigration*," "*Caring for the Homeless Community*," and "*Perspectives on Family Homelessness*."

Through community-serving programs and meaningful relationships with nonprofit partners, Harvard is fortunate to collaborate with and support the work of the following Boston-based organizations and departments:

A Far Cry

Action for Boston Community Development, Inc.

Allston Board of Trade

Allston Brighton Adult Education Coalition

Allston Brighton Community Development Corporation

Allston Brighton Health Collaborative

Allston Brighton Youth Coalition

Allston Civic Association

Allston Village Main Streets

Architectural Heritage Foundation

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Boston Children's Hospital

Boston Medical Center

Boston Minstrel Company

Boston Private Industry Council

Brazilian Women's Group

Brigham and Women's Hospital

Brighton Allston Congregational Church

Brighton Allston Historical Society

Brighton Board of Trade

Brighton Main Streets

Brighton Marine

Building Pathways

Charles River Community Health

Charlesview, Inc.

CityLife/Vida Urbana

Clean Water Action

Codman Square Neighborhood Council

Commonwheels, Inc.

Cradles to Crayons

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Economic Mobility Pathways

ESAC

Family Nurturing Center

Family Van

Foundation for Boston Centers for Youth & Families

Friends of 2Life Communities, Inc.

Friends of the Honan Library

Gardner Adult Education Program

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders

Granada House, Inc.

Greater Boston Legal Services

Health Care for All

Healthcare-NOW

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church

Home Base Program

Jackson Mann Community Center

McNamara House

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

Massachusetts General Hospital

National Consumer Law Center

New England Center and Home for Veterans

Oak Square YMCA

Philanthropy Massachusetts

Pine Street Inn

Presentation School Foundation  
Community Center

Prisoners' Legal Services

Project Citizenship

Rosie's Place

Saint Anthony Parish

SCORE Boston

Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center

St. Mary's Center for Women and Children

The American City Coalition

The Children's Trust Massachusetts

The Fenway Institute

The Greater Boston Food Bank

The Literacy Connection

The Sisters of St Joseph of Boston

Tufts Medical Center

Veronica Smith Multi-Service Senior Center

West End House

West End House Boys and Girls Club

Winship School Parent Council

YMCA Of Greater Boston

St. Mark Community Education Program

Tobin Community Center

Roxbury Tenants of Harvard

Mission Hill Health Movement

Mission Hill Senior Legacy

New England Baptist Hospital

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