



Dear Friends,

As I sit to write this note the sun is shining for the first time in what feels like weeks. But despite the cold and rainy days, the warmth and energy coming from LBFE is as bright as ever. Our student volunteers are wrapping up their school year and another session of our intergenerational CitySites program is closing. Students and older adults are exchanging contact information with promises to keep in touch and remain friends outside of LBFE programming.

The end of CitySites sessions is a special time. Both younger and older participants reflect on the relationships they built over the year, and realize how important they have become to one another. The feelings of friendship are often shown through grand gestures and celebrations in the final weeks. This year was no exception - residents at several of our locations arranged surprise parties among themselves to show their gratitude and appreciation of the students. They brought homemade treats and cards to share. Similarly, our students planned special Spring projects to end with something different and memorable. These special projects included an international food festival, cultural and language exchanges, a pizza party, trip to the MFA, and a visit from Northeastern's Child Care program (more on that soon!) and much more.

With endings come new beginnings, and we're already gearing up for our summer session. We're recruiting student volunteers for the summer months to continue our weekly programs during the academic break. Along with our intergenerational CitySites program, this summer will bring picnics at Larz Anderson and a french conversation group.

In addition to our programs, LBFE has more exciting news for the growth and future of our organization -- LBFE is moving downtown!

This summer, we will be leaving our house in Jamaica Plain for a more centrally-located office in the city. Our new location will bring us closer to our intergenerational programs across the city, and closer to the many seniors throughout Boston's neighborhoods that we have the potential to serve as we grow. We will also be closer to our community partners and other nonprofits to collaborate and share resources with for stronger programming. We look forward to welcoming more seniors into our programs, and this move will also allow us to build a financially stable future for the organization so that we can continue to do what we do best for many years to come -- bring generations together to celebrate life and friendship.

Rest assured one thing that will never change about us is that our home, and where we have the most impact, is with the thousands of smiling faces that we have touched and served over the last 40 years.

This exciting new chapter promises to help us continue to meet and impact thousands of more of those smiling faces throughout Boston for forty years to come!

Warmly,
Nikki



Summer Picnics

Have some extra time this summer? We'd love to have you join us at our summer picnics at Larz Anderson Park! Volunteers are needed to drive 2-3 older adults to the picnic, enjoy a day outside, and back home again. [Email Nikki](#) for more information.



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This past year LBFE Boston had the pleasure of partnering with the Babson Board Fellow program. As a special project, our fellow Josh coordinated with the Babson Golf Club to host a students vs faculty charity golf tournament. The group had a wonderful day of golf, learned about our mission and programs, and helped raise over \$650 to relieve isolation and loneliness among the elderly. Want to host your own fundraiser? [Contact Alby](#) to learn more!



LBFE in the News

[The Northeastern Service Learning blog](#) featured LBFE Boston's Intergenerational Program Manager,



Stephenie Hou. Read on to get to know Stephenie, her career path leading her to LBFE, and about the intergenerational CitySites programs she helps run everyday. Stephenie just celebrated her one-year anniversary with LBFE and we couldn't be happier!



Join us for our 40th Anniversary Event
Thursday, September 5th
Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor!



"We are Leaving Older Adults out of the Digital World" by Jessica Fields

[A recent TechCrunch article](#) highlights the importance of digital literacy for older adults to stay connected to the world around them. Programs like LBFE Boston's Tech Cafe's and LBFE San Francisco's Tech Allies (mentioned in the article!) use volunteers to help older adults join the digital conversation.



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