

**GROVE**  
**HALL**

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**YEAR**  
**IN**  
**REVIEW**



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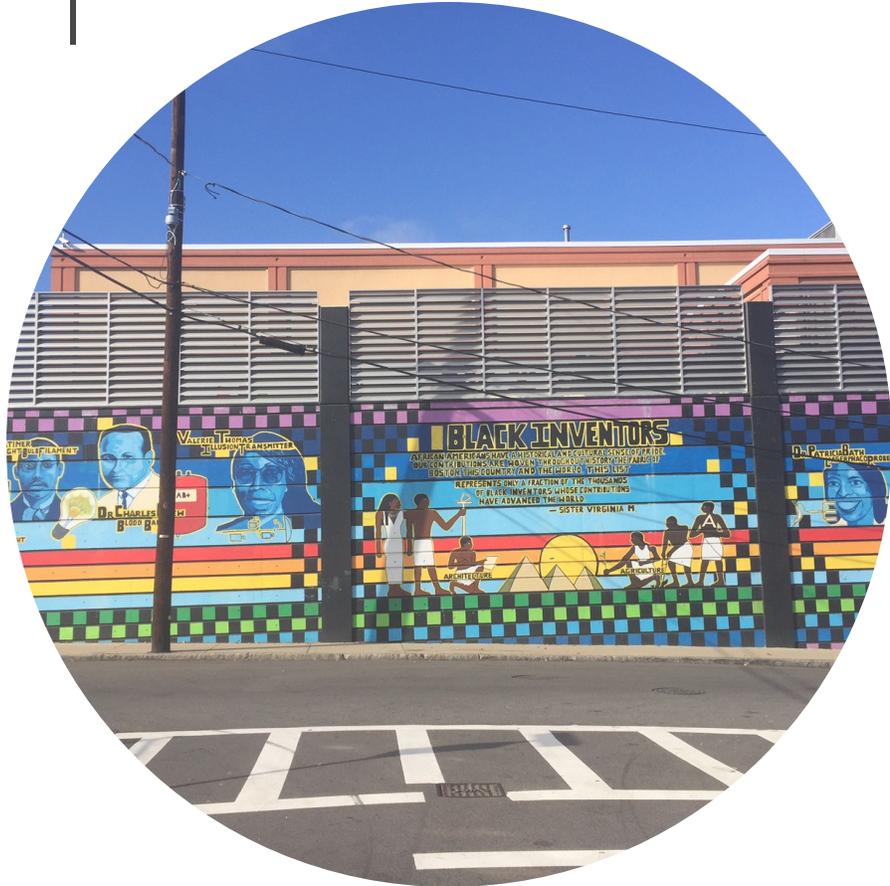
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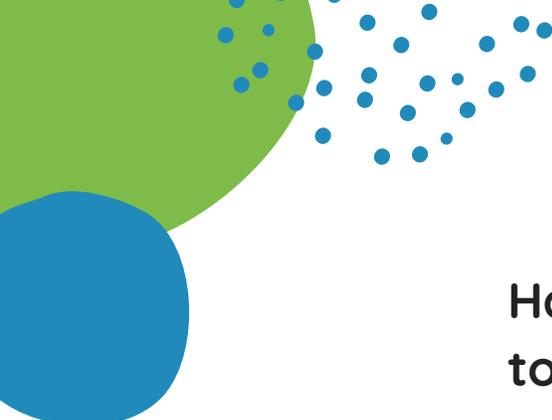
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# INTRODUCTION

**Happy New Year! We're excited to present to you our 2017 Year in Review.**

Inside we highlight the Safe & Healthy Grove Hall grant projects and our accomplishments throughout the year.

This year's grants supported a safe & healthy Grove Hall Community.

Our grant cycle was scaled down and very intentional about addressing pressing concerns in our neighborhood.

Grantees crafted projects that created equity, built community, addressed trauma, and challenged norms.

Take a look at our work in 2017.

Cheers!

*~ Sahar Lawrence, Chair*



# THE MISSION

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in Grove Hall by growing local ideas.

Our foundation is built upon the principles of pooling knowledge and resources, and fostering collaboration between families, the community, and donors.

Our goal is to improve community capacity and leadership while increasing the flow of educational opportunities, jobs, capital and social connections that can help end the cycle of poverty in our neighborhood.



# BY THE NUMBERS

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Ideas selected that create a safe & healthy Grove Hall

300

Toys given to over 50 Grove Hall families

500

Dollars raised from our Holiday Pie Fundraiser

3k

Dollars invested in Grove Hall grant projects

4k

total dollars raised by end of 2017 for future grants

# THE PROJECTS

Our grants empower residents to design and create a safe & healthy Grove Hall.

To do this we fund projects that fit one or more of these categories: 1) health & wellness; 2) creative placemaking; 3) safe streets; 4) civic engagement; 5) resident organizing; and 6) arts & culture.



## THE IDEA

The **Not Your Average Yoga Project** will produce FREE Trauma-informed YOGA classes that will help people realize their spirit and impact self worth. These classes will introduce coping skills along with relaxation techniques.

## THE GOAL

Promote health & wellness to everybody and to change the stereotype(s) about yoga. Use yoga as a tool in Grove Hall community to "prepare, process, heal, and strengthen minds, bodies, and spirits.

## THE OUTCOME

- Provided weekly yoga classes to 10 seniors ages 64-100
- Produced business cards to help growth of project
- Leveraged grant to continue classes with Boston youth



## THE IDEA

The **Grove Hall Mixtape** considers how much the Grove Hall community is changing and how necessary it is to make sure that Grove Hall's identity is not lost.

## THE GOAL

Provide residents with an opportunity to enjoy visual art placed right on the streets of Grove Hall rather than having to visit an art institution

## THE OUTCOME

- Installed artistic signage in 5 areas of Grove Hall
- 100 or more residents were able to view installations
- Long lasting public art throughout the neighborhood



## THE IDEA

**Healing Through Three C's - Community, Culture and Collaboration.** To create an atmosphere of caring, sharing and healing through coming together with speakers, activities, arts & entertainment, food and fun.

## THE GOAL

To unify all surrounding properties within the communities that are affected by violence and trauma.

## THE OUTCOME

- Hosted 3 educational and/or family-related events for Grove Hall individuals and families
- Improved neighbor relationships, provided access to job opportunities



## THE IDEA

**Hutchings Street Neighbors** hosted three community events- History of "Sugar Hill" featuring State Rep. Byron Rushing; a Block Party; and Halloween on Hutchings Street.

## THE GOAL

To engage neighborhood residents and inform residents of neighborhood resources.

## THE OUTCOME

- Improved relationships among neighbors
- Officially registered as a neighborhood association
- Engaged over 100 Grove Hall residents



## THE IDEA

The Friends of the Ave & Project RIGHT's **Beautification on Geneva Avenue** project was a collaboration between various agencies and organizations to activate an underutilized vacant lot on 48 Geneva Avenue.

## THE GOAL

Using this lot for active space provides young people and residents the opportunity to view the potential of this open space in creating opportunities and resources in Grove Hall.



## THE OUTCOME

- Arts & cultural programming for the Grove Hall community
- Grove Hall youth and other residents participated in clean ups and activities

## THE IDEA

**Composting - A Step Toward Zero Waste in Grove Hall** sought to bring attention to the underused composting bin to improve health in Grove Hall.

## THE GOAL

Raise local resident awareness of the existence and the successful use of the composting bin located in the public space in Grove Hall; increase understanding of why composting benefits the community on a local, city and global level and how it is an important step towards a longer term goal of zero waste.



## THE OUTCOME

- Project on hold due to construction of plaza where bin was located
- The image from Greenovate Boson provides an example of the bin.



# LOOKING AHEAD

In 2018, we're enhancing our fundraising goals in order to continue to support community-led projects.

We'll also be recruiting new Grove Hall residents to join our board and hosting more events that provide resources and educate residents.

We're excited to continue enhancing the quality of life in Grove Hall and look forward to new grant ideas and partnerships.

*"The most reliable way to predict the future is to create it."*





# THANK YOU



A special thank you to our Trustees and external network of donors that have shared their time, talent, or treasure in 2017.

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