CAMP IS OVER!

Another summer has come and gone, and it is bittersweet to see the campers leave. While we miss them, we know they have been given the gift of community and a network of peers and mentors to lean on all year. No matter what camp a young person attends, we always hear the same thing: 'Crossroads is like a second family to me,’ Dezire, 11. We take great care to make sure that every young person attending camp feels like they are part of something larger. This summer was a great success, and it’s hard to say goodbye to all these smiling faces!

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/23 - 27th Annual Rodman Ride for Kids
10/13 - 3rd Annual Emerging Leaders Golf Tournament

Learn more at crossroadsMA.org

THANK YOU

We are incredibly grateful to have a vast network of partners who support our work and our mission. We firmly believe that working collaboratively to create a supportive community allows youth to find the necessary support, compassion, and encouragement they need to live a safe, happy, and successful life. Thanks to our incredible summer program partners for all they do for our young leaders:

• Dr. Willena Kimpson Price, Director of the African American Cultural Center at UConn
• Mass Mentoring
• NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School)
• BASB (Boston After School & Beyond)
• Boston College High School
• Leslie Urban Schools
• Duxbury Fire & Police
• Joe Kintigos
• LPM Holding (Bob & Laurie Watson)
• Building Impact
• Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, Brockton, and Dorchester

And so many more...

CAMP IS OVER!

2017 Road to College Tours

On July 16, a group of our C5 Leaders embarked on the first of three New England College Tours this summer, led by Crossroads College Access Coordinator and C5 Leaders Alumna (Class of 2009) Moira Cormier. Throughout the school year, students worked in small committees with staff to outline which schools to visit. Teens decided to visit the University of Rhode Island, Providence College, Brown University, Rhode Island School of Design, Wesleyan University, Connecticut College, the University of Connecticut, Union College, and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. While there, teens participated in student-run campus tours, discussions with admissions and financial aid officers, and various staff-led workshops to enhance important topics such as campus safety, health services, and academic advising.

As high school juniors, the C5 Leaders got a head start on many of their peers by not only visiting colleges, but fully immersing themselves in the on-campus college culture, living in dorm rooms, eating college food, going on campus tours, and meeting with faculty members and professors. After seeing and living the college life for a week, our students have a more succinct list of what to look for when it comes to applying to and ultimately deciding on where to attend.

In addition to the summer College Tour, members of our College Access team also offer mini day-tours of colleges in and around Boston, one-on-one mentoring to help guide students through the application and financial aid process, and various workshops throughout the year.
MEET ELVIRA TEIXEIRA
Social-Emotional Learning Coordinator & Senior Girls’ Village Director at Camp Wing

Elvira and Crossroads have become synonymous since, in her own words, “the magical summer of 2010,” and that is not something that she takes lightly.

“It’s hard to picture life without the kids,” she says. “I always have to be there when they get off the bus at every school year event and at the beginning of each summer session. I’ll feel like I’ll let them down if I’m not there”.

Elvira essentially has two positions at Crossroads: social-emotional learning coordinator during the school year and senior girls’ village director when camp is in session. This set-up allows Elvira to provide Crossroads’ young people with the consistency they truly need to learn how to build healthy, positive relationships with one another and form a strong foundation of trust. Picking a favorite aspect of summer and school-year programming was too difficult since she loves it all, but seeing the kids dance worry-free in the dining hall during the summer and being able to attend functions and events important to them during the school-year are main highlights.

The past seven years have been filled with adventure, challenges, growth, and of course lots of laughs, and we continue to be inspired by all the amazing work Elvira does on behalf of our young people. We are so proud to consider Elvira a part of the Crossroads Family and look forward to all the wonderful ways she will continue to empower youth to unlock their potential and positively impact the world for years to come!

SUMMER 2017

5TH ANNUAL CROSSROADS C5 NEW ENGLAND GOLF CLASSIC

Crossroads celebrated its 5th Annual C5 New England Golf Classic at the Black Rock Country Club in Hingham on July 24, 2017. With more than 100 guests in attendance and the support of more than 30 sponsors, we raised over $230,000.

All the proceeds from this event directly impact the lives of over 1,000 under-resourced youth living in Massachusetts. Thanks to our long-standing partnership with the Rodman Ride for Kids, every dollar raised through this event receives an additional matching gift.

Despite the cold weather and pouring rain this year, golfers came out to support our youth, proving that they’re dedicated to a better future for our young people. While we had to cut the tournament short, everyone was a winner for sticking it out and playing as long as we could.

Following the round of golf was the speaker portion of the day. Kermelle Billy, a C5 Leaders graduate, Class of 2014, shared her Crossroads journey with the room. Originally from Dorchester, Kermelle was nominated into the Crossroads C5 Leaders program from Crossroads Camps. Coming to camp as a soft-spoken, self-conscious, reserved child, Crossroads and the C5 Leaders have helped transform Kermelle into a confident, assertive, and empowered young woman. Kermelle is currently a junior at Bentley University, and spent the summer with us at Camp Lapham as a counselor.

Thank you to Kermelle, all the ambassadors in attendance, and everyone who made the event such a success.

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