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TEEN EMPOWERMENT
— BOSTON —

Empowering Youth-Led Social Change

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Letter From Abrigal

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Growing Forward!

Greetings and on behalf of Board, staff, and youth I want to welcome you to our Friend Raiser, Growing Forward, a chance for Teen Empowerment to celebrate its achievements over the past year and to share our future with you. We hope you enjoy tonight's gathering of friends and supporters!

Teen Empowerment has a long history of accompanying youth as they become community change-makers working to create peaceful, equitable and just communities. With its many years of experience, Teen Empowerment is committed to continuing the journey of investing in youth development, leadership and community wellbeing in order to achieve social justice.

And we invite you to join alongside us as we empower youth-led social change.

We have accomplished much over the past year and tonight we are celebrating:

- *New National Headquarters at 130 Warren Street, Nubian Square*
- *Recording Studio for TE Studios | Arts for Social Justice*
- *Brand refresh and new look*
- *Two new programs already making their marks:
Visions for the Future, restoring hope for returning young people
Beyond TE, support and resources for our YO graduates as they navigate their futures*
- *Expansion of TE's work in Boston*
- *A return to our transformative Peace Conferences in person*
- *Brand new youth center in Rochester*
- *New Strategic Direction*

We are so happy you are here with us tonight. Enjoy!



Abrigal Forrester
CEO





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Welcome

Abrigal Forrester & TE Youth

How We Work

TE Youth

Brand Refresh

TE Youth

Display of Arts for Social Justice

Nate McLain-Nichols

Performance—Raise Your Hands

Expanded Programming

Partnerships

Closing—Support TE!

Dana-Farber celebrates **The Center for Teen Empowerment** for your continued achievements with our local youth community as they become our leaders of tomorrow.



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Through our focus on economic development, social engagement and environmental sustainability, we're creating better outcomes for a better world.

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Reflections From Our Youth

“TE gave me confidence to speak up for what I believe in”

“TE fostered confidence in young artist and activists”

“TE helped me become a better mentor as an adult”

“TE made me less shy and taught me that I can do a lot with my talents”

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“TE made it possible for me to build professional relationships”

“TE is the reason I’m not dead or in jail”

“TE shines a spotlight on things that need to be improved in the community”



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Congratulations to all the teen empowerment youth

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