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Boston Recognizes November as Youth and Young Adult Homelessness Awareness Month

As part of National Youth Homelessness Awareness Month, Breaktime is bringing light on our nation’s homelessness crisis with both legislative and awareness building efforts.

November 16, 2021-- Boston City Councillor Annissa Essabi-George, At-large recently introduced a resolution that the City of Boston officially recognize November as Youth and Young Adult Homelessness Awareness Month. Essabi-George noted that one in ten young people experience homelessness in any given year, and that the number of people who experience homelessness increases by 2% nightly. Citing statistics about homelessness’s disproportionate impact on LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC communities, Essabi-George and a large group of co-sponsors successfully advocated for this docket, enabling its adoption.

Essabi-George later remarked, “I am proud to have sponsored this resolution declaring November Youth and Young Adult Homelessness Month. I applaud the initiatives of Breaktime in their tireless ongoing efforts to address and break the cycle of young adult homelessness, and to ensure that every young person gets the chance to work with dignity, build stability in their lives, and serve their communities.”

Alongside the other organizations recognized by Essabi-George, Breaktime has been fighting for the recognition of Youth and Young Adult Homelessness Awareness month as part of its effort to end young adult homelessness in Boston. Responding to homelessness in Boston, Breaktime’s founders created a person-first model to address homelessness and housing insecurity in local communities via supported transitional employment. Now, with its Double Impact Initiative, Breaktime supports individuals’ transitions out of homelessness while investing in their communities.

Moreover, as part of its organizational Youth and Young Adult Homelessness Awareness Month programming, Breaktime is bringing people from across the country together to participate in a virtual 5k walk between November 13 and November 21, 2021—a week nationally recognized as youth Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. With the intent of bringing their awareness campaign to a national scale, Breaktime has partnered with like-minded organizations across the country to promote their 5k to end homelessness and bring a nationwide audience together to advocate for change.