

# And Let's Catch You Up!

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Greetings!

Happy fall! It has been an incredible summer here at Begin To Dream Again (BTDA), and we are delighted to share some of our summer highlights and accomplishments with you:

## Launch Mixer

Our [Launch Mixer](#) on July 9th was a huge success! We would like to thank our co-sponsors and those who volunteered their time to support the amazing cause that [Begin to Dream Again](#) stands for.

We are pleased to report that we raised \$4,000.00 towards our building fund. With this money, we are much closer to building a safe haven for homeless women in our community.

Additionally, we would like to announce that [Carlos Perez](#) was the lucky grand prize raffle winner! Carlos and a guest won a five-day vacation in the beautiful Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Congratulations Carlos!



## Proud Moments

### Boston Foundation Grant Award



We are ecstatic to announce that we are the proud recipient of a \$7,500.00 grant award from [The Boston Foundation](#) for our mission to provide support to women who are striving to overcome homelessness.

Congratulations to the incredible team at Begin to Dream Again for their amazing work in the community and in the lives of those that they serve!

## *A Special Recognition*

BTDA is very proud to recognize Christina, who has recently graduated from Culinary School! She currently lives in the shelter and is working tirelessly to overcome homelessness by going to school and working full time at the shelter.

Christina has a very positive outlook on life and wants people to know that "not everyone living in the shelter has a mental illness or a drug problem. Often times people run into unfortunate life experiences which land them in a shelter."

Congratulations again Christina, we are extremely proud of your accomplishments!



## *BTDA in the Community*

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*Shantel, our Vice President dropped off personal care items and donated clothing to the ladies at Rosie's Place! Gift bags included: sanitary napkins, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and bath soaps.*



*Tanisha, our founder took to the streets of Boston to feed some women living on the streets. She sat down with these two beautiful ladies who shared their stories with her. They were very thankful for a bite to eat and the words of encouragement that they received.*

## *Upcoming Events*

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## COAT DRIVE

We are collecting clean and gently used coats, jackets, scarves, gloves, hats, blankets and/or sleeping bags during the months of **October** and **November** as a part of our community outreach program.

The collected donations will be distributed to the homeless women in the Greater Boston area. Please [contact us](#) to find out the drop off location closest to you.



## CAREER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Our Mission is to help women living in poverty build a better life for themselves and as part of our initiative we are on hosting a career workshop at the Woods Mullens Shelter on **Wednesday, September 27th**.

Please [contact us](#) if you would like to volunteer for any of our ongoing workshops.

## HAND BAG FOR HOPE EVENT

Please join [ZodiacFly](#) and [Begin To Dream Again](#) for an afternoon of fun, food and raffle prizes to raise awareness of homelessness in our community:

**When:** Sunday, October 16th

**Where:** Max's Blues Cafe  
68 Field Street, Brockton

**Time:** 2:00pm to 6:00pm

**Cost:** \$10 Pre-event  
\$20 at the Door

***Tickets can be purchased [here](#)***

We are also kindly asking for donations of new or gently used purse or toiletries. We hope to see you there!



## CREDIT BUILDING COURSES

Having good credit is the key to gaining long-term housing. We understand that building credit can be a daunting task, especially for those using a voucher to secure housing.

In the month of **October**, we will be hosting free classes on building credit for women living in the shelter.

## Board Member Opportunities



[Begin To Dream Again](#) is currently recruiting new members to serve on our Board of Directors. The board is seeking dedicated individuals with community and professional experience to foster the organization, and help carry out its vision of providing access to resources for women who are striving to overcome poverty and homelessness.

Please [contact us](#) if you are interested. We would love to hear from you!



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