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THE URBAN BUZZ



WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER





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Urban Edge Presents the Walker Park Apartments!

Walker Park Apartments named after the late local community activist Delphine Walker, creates 49 units of affordable family housing in the Egleston Square neighborhood of Boston. These homes will increase the stock of apartments in an area facing rapid gentrification. Walker Park Apartments abuts both a public library and public playground in a transit rich community. The development will be located on three blighted, vacant urban infill sites surrounded by an otherwise active community. Families are expected to start moving in at the end of the month. A Ribbon cutting ceremony will be held soon stay tuned for details!



UE Success Story : Alandra Sheffield Part I

Alandra grew up in Mattapan and graduated from Hyde Park High School in 2010. She got a job at the Roxbury YMCA and she also attended classes at Bunker Hill Community College. Unfortunately, she did not have a permanent place to live and so she applied for and was accepted into a transitional living program in Boston.

She desperately wanted a home of her own and she worked and tried to buy her grandmother's home, but she was constantly denied by the banks. It was during one of her moments when she was deeply discouraged that she was approached at the YMCA by Eddie Jenkins, an Urban Edge board member. When Eddie learned of the obstacles she had to overcome he told her, "I know just the person you need to meet." Eddie introduced her to Linda Champion, a community real estate broker. With Linda's guidance and lots of work filling out multiple affordable housing applications and visiting houses that were not right for her she finally got lucky.

By the time she turned 20 she qualified for a City of Boston lottery home and she was able to buy a deed, restricted 2 bedroom condo on Dudley Street in

Roxbury. It was perfect and she was able to qualify for the One Mortgage, the best mortgage designed to assist people of modest incomes to buy homes.

Story to be continued in the spring newsletter

SAVE THE DATE

Urban Edge's 2019 Annual Meeting & Celebration

APRIL 24TH, 2019 | 5PM - 8PM | UNDER THE TENT | THE CORNER OF RITCHIE & COLUMBUS
ROXBURY, MA 02119



DETAILS TO COME



To learn more about our 2019 Annual Meeting and Celebration!

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If you know anyone in need for tax preparation, please spread the word about VITA going on now until April 13th. See below for

more details.



Free Tax Preparation at Urban Edge January 29-April 13, 2019



**Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00-8:00 pm,
and Saturdays from 9:00-12:00 pm**

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you, spouse and dependents.**

**Proof of health insurance: Health Insurance
card, HC-1099, 1095-A, etc.**

**Employment: W-2 Form, Unemployment: 1099 G,
Pension Payments: 1099 R**

**1098-T Forms (Tuition Payments), and proof of
payment for school materials and books**

**1098-E Student Loan Interest Paid & Proof of
Payment**

**Total Childcare expenses in 2018. Name, address,
employer identification number, or SSN of
childcare providers**

**Total rent paid in 2018, and your bank account
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