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# ACEDONE's Quarterly Newsletter

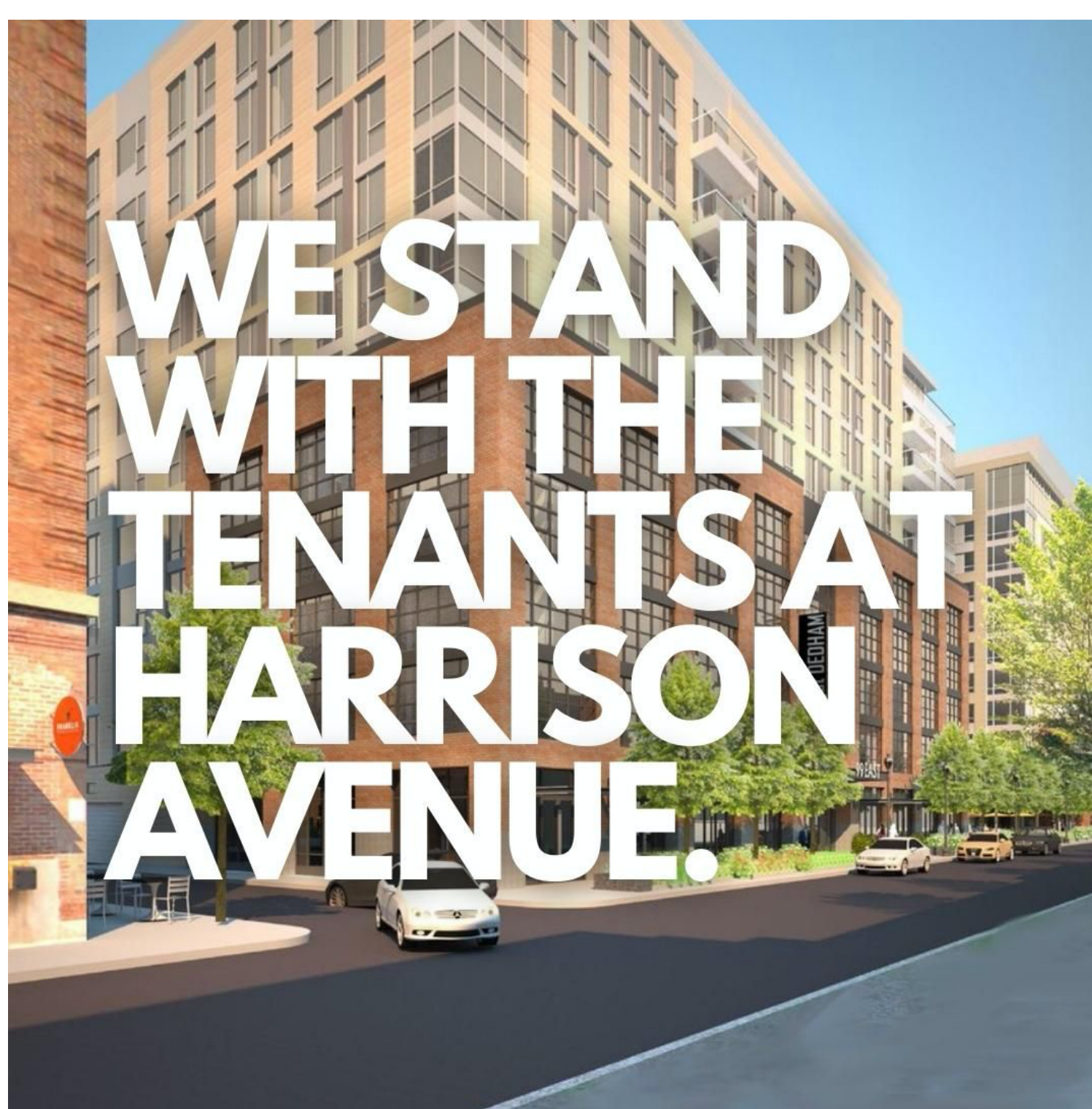
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ACEDONE's **Youth In Charge** school year programs have all ended at the end of May with a graduating class of five seniors. Congratulate the Class of 2022 on their future endeavors. You all have experienced many challenges these last four years and so we want to remind you all that each of you are worthy, don't be afraid to chase your dreams, and never forget YOUTH IN CHARGE. **Our Youth Ubuntu Project** was a success through our partnership with CSIO. The youth ended the school year with group projects on various topics including health disparities, inequalities in EL education, roots of migration from Africa to the US, and highlighting how art is used in activism. At this moment we are gearing up for our **Summer YIC programs** which will run from June 27 - August 12 where we offer youth employment to Boston residents ages 14-18. The summer youth will either be placed at our Summer Learning Academy as youth workers offering young people the opportunity to prepare for positions as educators, or as youth leaders in our Youth Ubuntu Project in collaboration with CSIO.

ACEDONE's yearly 5-week program, the **Summer Learning Academy (SLA)**, is soon going to be in full effect starting July 5th. We are thrilled to have 120 students enrolled, and 250 students registered for the program. We are expanding our core principles of STEM, wellness, and leadership, to include dance and music for students. Students will take a field trip to the Boston Harbor Islands, have a field day with the Hennigans School, and have many more enriching out-of-the-classroom experiences. **ACEDONE is still hiring for summer positions, so please be sure to click this [link](#) if you are interested in working with kids this summer!**

ACEDONE's **Small Business Development Department** has been continuing to increase the number of clients capacity. We have reached 361 clients that we have been assisting as of June. congratulations to our clients who got technical assistance from ACEDONE, and have been awarded by Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) inclusive grant opportunity in May! ACEDONE is now working on launching its own microloan program. Microloans are best suited for small business owners or startups that have a thin credit file or can't secure funds through a traditional bank. We hope that this program can further uplift small businesses in our community by making loans accessible to the people that organically create the ethnic diversity of Boston.



**1127 Harrison Avenue is located near the heart of the Nubian Square commercial district in Roxbury.** In January, 2021, BREC and its development partners submitted a Small Project Review Application (SPRA) to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), proposing to create a mixed-use development at the site. Approximately 17 small businesses currently occupy the space proposed for development. Most, if not all, are minority- and/or women-owned businesses, and many have served the Roxbury community at this location for many years. BREC made repeated promises of non-displacement in order to garner significant support from community organizations, the public, and from business themselves. **But on February 28th, 2022, Notices to Quit were issued to numerous existing business owners.** ACEDONE is now working with Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston (LCR) to encourage action on the part of (BPDA) to halt BREC's projects to prevent further harm for the community. For sources and official documents, click [here](#).



**ACEDONE is turning 20 years old this October!** We are immensely honored to have served and built up our community of black, brown, and more specifically African immigrant families in Boston. Be sure to follow our socials to learn more about ACEDONE's history, and the work we've done in our community throughout the years. And stay tuned for the celebration that we're planning for YOU (the community) in October! Click the button below if you would like to contribute to making our 20th Anniversary Event really special!

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