



What's New at the Zakim Fund

Dear friend and partner

Spring is here and with the arrival of more sunny skies, we wanted to share a few recent highlights to keep you informed and build your excitement for what's in store. If you were to describe Spring, words like abloom, growth, rainbow, invigorated, and renewal may come to mind. I hope you find time to reflect as winter draws to a close to think about the things that bring you peace and joy. Here at the Lenny Zakim Fund, we find joy in the thriving community we've built of grassroots leaders who genuinely care about the people and communities behind the data. Data is powerful, yet it only tells part of the story. There are stories behind every single data point that hold meaning. Thus, I'd like to introduce you to the [59 nonprofit organizations](#) that we are honored to be able to fund, support, and celebrate this year. Each of them is uniquely significant in their own way and although they may be small in size, their impact is outsized. Enjoy.



In solidarity,

Eric Esteves
Executive Director

Annual Awards Ceremony

Last month, we hosted our annual Awards Ceremony, which was a wonderful celebration of the Zakim Fund community. Many thanks to those of you who were able to join us. In case you missed it or wish to watch it again, please [click here to watch the full program via YouTube](#). It's less than 40 minutes long!



We'd like to send a very special thank you to our generous sponsors, Eastern Bank and the Frieze Family Foundation, for making our 26th Annual Awards Ceremony possible. Thank you also to the talented student musicians of [Building Bridges Through Music](#) and to our guest speakers; Divya Chaturvedi of [Saheli](#), Cynthia Dantas of [Sibling Connections](#), and Joe Walsh of [Adaptive Sports New England](#).

To read more about the virtual program, speaker bios, our 2021 donors, and a comprehensive listing highlighting each of our 2022 grant recipients for 2022, [click here to read the program booklet](#).

Team LZF @ 2022 Boston Marathon

It's BACK! The Boston Athletic Association will celebrate the 126th running of the **Boston Marathon** on Monday, April 18, 2022. Every marathon runner runs for a different reason, yet they all have one thing in common: the desire to run in the



world's most famous marathon, while raising money and awareness for a mission they truly believe in. The Zakim Fund is once again thrilled to announce that John Hancock, the Boston Marathons' principal sponsor, has awarded us 2 bibs for the 2022 Boston Marathon.

Our two runners, [Travis Dadoly](#) and [Kourtney Dillon](#), have set a combined goal of raising \$25,000 and are well on their way there! This year's Boston Marathon will be special as it marks the return of the race to the third Monday in April (Patriot's Day) for the first time since 2019! We are so honored that Travis and Kourtney have chosen the Zakim Fund as the target of their fundraising this year and we wish them well on their training journey!

New Event: Quarterly Update via Zoom

We're excited to share news about a new opportunity to stay connected to the Zakim Fund. Starting next week, we will begin to offer a series of **Quarterly Updates** via Zoom to provide our community with a snapshot of all of the great things underway.

Join us next **Wednesday, March 30th, at 9 AM** for the first Quarterly Update. In addition to hearing an update from our Executive Director, Eric Esteves, we will offer time for a conversation with one of the participating fellows in our Transformational Leadership Cohort (TLC) program, as well as a Q&A period to field questions from a wide variety of stakeholders; including donors, grantee partners, volunteers, and other supporters. [Register today for this 45-minute session via Zoom](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



About The Lenny Zakim Fund

Established in 1995 by the late civil rights leader Lenny Zakim, the Lenny Zakim Fund continues to reflect his work and ideals by providing financial support, education, technical assistance and networking opportunities to small, community-based organizations and individuals who are passionate about social, racial, and economic justice and determined to become vehicles of critical change.

The Lenny Zakim Fund knows grassroots leadership is integral to ensuring that programs are successful, culturally relevant, effective, and meet the needs of affected people. Social justice at The Lenny Zakim Fund is about more than just grantmaking – it is about coming together in partnership to support leaders and the grassroots in their work against systemic oppression and their fight for equity.

