INSPIRATION FROM THE LENNY ZAKIM FUND

"We have the power to change things. It doesn't take much to start a revolution of thought and spirit. It takes one person and then another. When it works, it's a work of art."  
*Lenny Zakim, Founder*

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Event to Honor Jude Goldman

Please plan to join friends, colleagues, family, and community members at Judestock on Thursday, November 14 as we honor the outstanding legacy of long-time executive director Jude Goldman, who will retire at the end of 2019. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Jude and the work that she has done over the past 14 years to meet the changing needs of some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

There will be music, delicious food, and a unique opportunity to join with others to acknowledge and celebrate Jude. If you admire the work of LZF, you have Jude to thank. Why not attend the celebration and thank her in person! Event proceeds will benefit The Lenny Zakim Fund [Buy Tickets Here!]
When: Thursday, November 14, 2019, 6-10 PM
Where: The Center for Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA
Join today as an individual or corporate sponsor. [Become a Judestock Sponsor Here!]

For additional information about Judestock and how you can help, click here!

Investing in Our Nonprofit Community

Throughout the year there are programs and workshops provided for the nonprofit organizations that receive grants from The Lenny Zakim Fund. In June, more than 100 grantees attended the June Institute on Board Development led by internationally-known consultant and teacher Simone Joyaux. In her inspirational and provocative way, Simone provided key advice and confidence-building tips for NPO staff working to support their boards.

On July 24, a Bridge Builder Breakfast was held on the topic of Asylum Seeking, Refugee Status & Deportation: Debunking Myths & Misinformation. Thirty-five current and former grantees, as well as donors, were engaged by a lively panel discussion around this very critical and current topic of concern in the Boston and wider Massachusetts nonprofit community. Panelists included Wilson-taty Kapanj-Ndjibu, a recent refugee; Anita Sharma, executive director of Political Asylum Immigration Representation (PAIR); Sarath Suong, Executive Director of Providence Youth Student Movement (PrYSM); and was moderated by Westy Egmont, Co-Chair of the Governor's Advisory Council on Immigrants and Refugees. Recorded by WGBH Forum Network click here to watch this important discussion.

No Show Ball 2019

It just might be the most important event you don't attend this year! The 18th annual No Show Ball is a time-honored way for you to support The Lenny Zakim Fund and the work that we do. So far in 2019, LZF has provided support to more than 55 organizations, each of which impact hundreds of individuals and families. But you can save space on your calendar for other holiday events and celebrations; we won't ask you to join us! We do, however, need your support.

You may have recently received our written appeal. If you have already made your gift, thank you! And thank you in advance to all who plan to make a year-end gift to LZF; with your help we'll continue to provide the critical help that is needed.

[Donate now!]

Staff Transitions - Welcome Dominique and Sue!

Sue Heilman has joined LZF as interim Executive Director, as Jude Goldman transitions to retirement and a search for a new Executive Director is completed.
Sue Heilman began serving as Interim Executive Director in early September 2019. She has served in similar roles for a number of social justice organizations in the Boston area in recent years, and prior to that was the Executive Director of Horizons for Homeless Children for more
Dominique Ramos has joined LZF as full-time Program and Office Administrator. Dominique Cortes-Ramos joined the Lenny Zakim Fund in 2019, inspired by LZF’s grassroots-oriented mission. Born in Texas to immigrant parents, Dominique has called Boston and Western Mass. home since the age of 5. Dominique holds an MA in Sustainable International Development and an MS in Global Health Policy and Management from the Heller School at Brandeis University in addition to completing a fellowship with the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation. Dominique is inspired daily by the communities that work together to promote growth, equity, and justice in their environment.

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