



## What's New at the Zakim Fund

Dear friend and partner

As graduation season and summer quickly approach, we invite you to take a minute to reflect and reassess. Graduation speeches often include a hefty dose of inspirational motivation and forward-looking self-reflection. In this moment of social unrest, when a number of the civil rights we fought so hard to secure are now under attack on various fronts, the work of The Lenny Zakim Fund and our grassroots organization partners is even more crucial than ever before. We thank you for your continued support and belief in the Fund's grassroots mission. This brief summer newsletter is meant to inform you on what's going on at the Zakim Fund and includes updates about our [2nd Annual Social Justice Scavenger Hunt](#) (only 1 week away), a fascinating [Bridge Builders Breakfast](#) at the end of June on the intersection of cannabis and social equity, and a heads-up about the in-person return of our signature event, Untold Stories, this coming September. In other news, our strategic planning process is almost complete, we will soon launch a sixth round of our Emergency Fund this summer to support small nonprofits with acute needs, and we're nearing the end of our second cohort of grassroots fellows in the Transformational Leadership Cohort (TLC) program. Excitement abounds!

In solidarity,

Eric Esteves  
Executive Director

## Social Justice Scavenger Hunt



Our [2nd Annual Social Justice Scavenger Hunt](#) is just a week away.

Using a custom-designed app, scavenger hunt teams will earn points by answering questions and completing tasks as they learn about the Commonwealth's rich social justice history and some of the 400+ nonprofit organizations LZF has worked with since 1995 to advance social, economic, and

racial justice.

Participants may take on the scavenger hunt at their own pace during the 8-day event (June 18-26); the large majority of questions and tasks may be completed without having to physically interact with anyone outside of your team. The five highest-scoring teams will win prizes from locally-owned businesses.

Thinking about signing up, but wondering how the scavenger hunt works? Watch this [brief video](#) to learn more.

Participants may register as an individual for \$15 or as a team (of up to 5 people) of your choosing. [Click here to register](#) before registration closes on Wednesday, June 15.

Please contact Allison Picott, LZF's Director of Development at [apicott@thelennyzakimfund.org](mailto:apicott@thelennyzakimfund.org) with any questions.

## Upcoming Bridge Builders Breakfast

On June 29th, join the Lenny Zakim Fund for a public conversation about the Massachusetts cannabis industry's social equity mandates and what that means for the nonprofit sector.

**Bridge Builders Breakfast:  
Philanthropy + Cannabis + Social Equity  
Wednesday, June 29, 2022  
9 AM - 10:30 AM EDT  
[Register](#)**



This session will provide an opportunity for attendees to learn more and ask questions about the Cannabis Control Commission, its social equity regulations, and charitable giving in the cannabis industry. We'll also hear from both cannabis companies and nonprofit organizations who are already engaged in investing in people who have been disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition.

## Untold Stories



On **Thursday, September 22**, The Lenny Zakim Fund will host **Untold Stories 2022**, our signature annual fundraising event, at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge. Similar to last year's inaugural event, Untold Stories 2022 will feature inspiring personal stories of resistance, resilience, and change as told by storytellers Yahaira Lopez, founder and executive director of Autism Sprinter, and

Ronald Waddell, founder and executive director of Legendary Legacies. The event will also include keynote remarks from Michelle Wu, Mayor of Boston, who will also share her own untold story.

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As a nonprofit charitable organization that relies **100%** on the generosity of our donors, The Lenny Zakim Fund needs your support now – **perhaps more than ever** – to enable us to continue our mission to listen to those most impacted by inequality and provide the funding, essential resources, and support they need to create lasting change.

We ask you to mark this date on your calendar and hope you will join us for what will no doubt be an inspiring evening. A Save the Date postcard will be mailed out in late June with a formal invitation to follow in mid-August.

Sponsorship opportunities for Untold Stories range from \$1,000 to \$25,000; individual tickets will also be available at \$250 per person.

For more details, please visit [thelennyzakimfund.org/events](http://thelennyzakimfund.org/events) or contact Allison Picott, LZF's Director of Development at [apicott@thelennyzakimfund.org](mailto:apicott@thelennyzakimfund.org).

## 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.

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