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BOSTON **WOMEN'S** FUND

Dear Aisha,

As we approach Mother's Day, our team has been reflecting on our own varied relationships with this day. We've recognized a vastness among our experiences and some that we don't often see reflected in the wider culture, namely, that Mother's Day isn't celebratory for everyone.

For many who have lost a mother, lost a child, or experienced a miscarriage, the complexities of those losses can rise this time of year. Visions of what was and what could have been may dominate the view during others' celebrations. It's not just grieving the loss of that person, it's about the loss of the relationship, and that specific connection that existed while we walked among that loved one.

We cannot forget the depth of experiences within the umbrella of motherhood, especially considering the current state of reproductive justice in the United States. True inclusion means refraining from assuming anything about another person's path to motherhood or current emotional experience as a mother. And, on the note of inclusion, aunties, non-binary caregivers, and those who have carried children and may not identify as women don't often see themselves and their role as vital caregivers honored on this day.

Clearly, it's complicated, and we don't profess to have all the answers. But if Mother's Day being around the corner is difficult for you, we want you to know that we see you and some of us are right there with you.

From a place of love and support, we offer a reminder for everyone to move with sensitivity and inclusion as you go into Mother's Day, whatever that day might look like for you.

In Solidarity,
The Boston Women's Fund Team



“To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power. Or the climbing, falling colors of a rainbow.”
—Maya Angelou

Boston Women's Fund Leadership Circle Update



Boston Women's Fund Leadership Circle 2023 is in full swing! The six-month group program provides leaders of color a supportive space to advance their leadership and unpack challenges unique to Black and Brown women's experiences in the professional world.

And in case you missed it, check out our series where we're highlighting this year's cohort on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

Congratulations, Diana Hwang!

DIANA HWANG

For creating a
political infrastructure
so AAPI women
can lead



We're sending congratulations to Founder and Executive Director of Asian American Women's Political Initiative (AAWPI), Diana Hwang! Diana was recognized on [Politico's 2023 Recast Power List](#) as a leader shaping the nation's discussion around race, culture, politics and policy. Diana is named among other powerhouse leaders like Vice President Kamala Harris and Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson.

AAWPI is the country's only political leadership organization for Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) women. Diana and her team have been leading groundbreaking work to ensure that AAPI women have a voice in our democracy.

We are so honored to have Diana and AAWPI as a partner and collaborator in this work!

[Learn More About Diana Hwang](#)

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Take Action

Attend Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition's Professionals for Trans Rights

Join MTPC to learn about their work to build power and equity for trans and nonbinary people in Massachusetts during their annual fundraising

event! This year they'll also highlight ways to get involved with some of MTPC's programs as volunteers. The event will feature dinner, performances by community members, their annual community awards, and of course, plenty of trans joy and excellence to go around. Buy tickets [here](#).

Attend No Longer 3/5 Coalition's Community Conversation

Justice 4 Housing, a BWF grantee partner, is a member of the [No Longer 3/5ths Coalition](#) — a power building group of community leaders, individual activists, and incarcerated men and women working to restore voting rights in Massachusetts while simultaneously building monolithic people power. The coalition is hosting a community conversation event Saturday, April 29 at Clark University. Register [here](#).

Apply to Join the Asian Women for Health Team

Asian Women for Health (AWFH) is hiring for the role of executive director in Boston, Massachusetts. The executive director (ED) is accountable for the long-term success of the organization, ensuring that AWFH delivers on its mission and enables Asian Women to improve their health outcomes. To be considered, please send a resume and cover letter to Adam Thomas, AWFH Board Chair, athomas@asianwomenforhealth.org. To learn more about the job responsibilities, click [here](#).

Apply for Sister Unchained's Summer Intensive

Sisters Unchained's Summer Intensive is a six week program for daughters of incarcerated or formerly incarcerated parents. Participants meet Monday - Thursday at the Old Oak Dojo in Boston to learn about prison abolition, leadership, spiritual healing, and more! Participants receive a stipend of \$15/hr. Apply [here](#).

Attend Propa City's Grief and Loss Workshops

Attend Propa City's four-week workshop on grief and loss. Sessions will be led by Maternal health advocate, educator, and author, Stephanie Crawford. Topics covered include: Healing from loss, supporting a loved one through pregnancy or infant loss, positive healing in the community, and effective strategies for birth workers. Register [here](#).

Inside BWF

What We're Reading: Sarah Rabsey article titled "[Why I Didn't Celebrate International Women's Day](#)," Volume IV of "[Today's Inspired](#)"

[Latina,](#)” and “[The Everyday Feminist: The Key to Sustainable Social Impact Driving Movements We Need Now More Than Ever,](#)” by Latanya Mapp Frett.

What We’re Watching: [A discussion](#) from the Othering and Belonging Institute between V and Kerry Washington and [Exterminate All the Brutes.](#)

What We’re Listening to: “[Baby, This is Keke Palmer](#)” and “[Chill Grits](#)” podcasts, Heather Woods Broderick’s “[Labyrinth,](#)” and [a podcast on sexual empowerment.](#)

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