



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **Madison Park Development Corporation to Announce Opening of the Soheil Turner Youth Leadership Institute at “Triumph Over Tragedy” Event**

**ROXBURY, MA.** In memory of Soheil Turner, a young man and Orchard Gardens resident whose life was cut short and all young people we have lost to violence, Madison Park Development Corporation (MPDC) is honored to announce the opening of the Soheil Turner Youth Leadership Institute at the *Triumph Over Tragedy* event set to take place on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 2:30pm. The event will be held at Hibernian Hall located at 184 Dudley Street in Roxbury.

At *Triumph Over Tragedy*, MPDC will dedicate a space for youth development at Hibernian Hall in the name of Soheil Turner. Located on the lower level of Hibernian Hall, the space will be used to provide academic support, job readiness training, workforce skills development, youth leadership classes and personal development activities such as healing circles. During the event, the family of Soheil Turner will also receive a special recognition.

Madison Park Development Corporation’s Director of Community Action, Abrigal Forrester, praised the dedication saying, “This event will mark the next phase of MPDC’s commitment to youth, public safety, and the quiet pain families in our community have been living with – the loss of loved ones. Specifically, the loss of our youth to violence. We want youth and parents to know our organization is dedicated to their future and healing, a commitment we have been intentional about for over 15 years, which goes beyond the bricks and mortar we tend to be known for as a CDC.”

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### **About Madison Park Development Corporation**

Madison Park Development Corporation (MPDC) was founded in 1966 when a group of community activists said no to the threatened destruction of their neighborhood. Over the past 46 years, MPDC has become a champion in revitalizing Lower Roxbury and saying yes to resident-led development and community empowerment. MPDC’s mission is to create quality, mixed-income housing, and to promote the renaissance of Dudley Square as a thriving neighborhood business district, recognized as a center of commerce and culture.

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