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# NEWSLETTER

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This has been an eventful winter so far. Our Outreach team is growing and the leadership team is building up some momentum. Everyone has been stepping up and the support from the Boston community has been really encouraging

## GRATEFUL THANKS

We want to thank **Maya** and **Sharat Vasan** for their donation of food. We are thankful for having people like them supporting our work.

## VOLUNTEERS

**Laura & Stara**

Thanks for going above and beyond the call of duty for so many months.

## A BUNCH OF THANKS

To **Norah Connolly**, and her students, **Shamady**, **Phoebe**, and **Melissa**, from the W. S. Parker Middle School in Reading Massachusetts. For their special interest in and project highlighting StandUp for Kids.

## SUPER THANKS

Thanks so much to Rachel Gorham, a pre-kindegarden schoolteacher who organized a clothing drive for us at her school for Christmas.

## OUTREACH NOTES

Outreach has been a struggle. Most usual gathering places are too cold and icy for kids to hang around. We have been adapting schedules and doing our best to always be there for the kids.

Some great news: one of the kids got her GED, a boy found employment as a cook, and another young woman has found supported housing working with Shelter, Inc. Isn't that fantastic?

## TRAINING EVENTS

On February 13-15 national trainer Mike Uca-Dorn came to train a great group of volunteers. For some, this was their first training. For others, it was their second, and after the weekend we could happily welcome Ben and Ashley to the Outreach team.

### UPCOMING TRAINING!

On March 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> we will have more Orientation and Training sessions. Come to know more about how you can help homeless kids and youth. More information at:

<http://www.standupforkids.org/local/massachusetts/Boston/>

## THE BIG PLANE FROM VIRGIN

Rick Koca was in town for the Virgin America launch party and award ceremony. He invited us out to take part in receiving a \$8,333 donation from Virgin!

See a picture of the big red plane shaped check at the web:

[www.standupforkids.org](http://www.standupforkids.org)