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Brick Raises \$15,000 for YouthBuild Boston with Brickleball

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Shown are the 1st and 2nd Place winners (from left): Brian Hellrigel & Matthew Ferdenzi (WB Engineers + Consultants) Jordan Elster (Innovation Studio) and Daniel Metzdorf (The Steele Group).

Boston, MA Brick, a partnership dedicated to the design, technology, and execution of projects in architecture and interior design, held its first pickleball tournament – a.k.a., Brickleball – and raised \$15,000 for YouthBuild Boston (YBB).

YBB offers hands-on training and skill building to prepare underserved young people for jobs in the design and construction industry. YBB's mission is to empower and assist underserved young

people from the Boston area with the essential social, vocational, academic, and life skills necessary to navigate a positive pathway to self-sufficiency and neighborhood responsibility. Brick selected YBB as the recipient of the first Brickleball tournament to support their mission to empower youth and strengthen neighborhoods.

“YouthBuild Boston is so very grateful for the opportunity to team up with Brick and all of our industry partners for a very successful event,” said Brian McPherson, executive director at YouthBuild Boston. “Everyone who came to participate, spectate or to generously donate has made a lasting impression and significant impact on the lives of underserved youth in our community. Thank you so much!”

Brickleball was held at PKL, a 22,000 SF pickleball venue in Boston with five competition-level indoor courts, shuffleboard and cornhole, two bars serving craft beer, cocktails and award-winning eats, and lots of spots to lounge and watch the games. Over 100 attendees, including 20 pickleball teams, were in attendance. Congratulations the tournament winners!

1st Place: Daniel Metzdorf (The Steele Group) and Jordan Elster (Innovation Studio)

2nd Place: Brian Hellrigel and Matthew Ferdenzi (WB Engineers + Consultants)

3rd Place: Eric Shabshelowitz and Jack Lavanchy (Cabot & Company)

“We’re so grateful to everyone that came out to Brickleball. The exuberant, innovative, and charitable spirit of Boston’s AEC industry was really palpable in the room,” said Abigail Hammett, AIA an associate principal at Brick. “That unique energy is why we opened Brick’s new office here (in my hometown!) and it’s truly exemplified by YBB. Their work touches all aspects of our industry and provides incalculable benefit to the community. We just feel very lucky to be able to support the mission of an organization that represents the very best of this city.”

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