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Busy spring for REFA

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Boston, MA REFA has been busy this spring prepping for upcoming events and programs. The next education program about valuations in the commercial real estate market will be on Tuesday, June 20th, 12:00 P.M., at 101 Seaport Blvd., PwC. The panel will be moderated by Andrew Alperstein, Real Estate partner, CPA, CRE, FRICS, PwC.

Please save the date for the following annual REFA Events:

REFA Charitable Golf & Tennis Tournament | Monday, July 17th | Dedham Country & Polo Club

REFA Summer Panel | Wednesday, August 2nd | Location: TBD

REFA Gala | Wednesday, October 4th | Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport

REFA Emerging Leaders are well underway in their mentor program and met in April for networking and to hear from John Meagher, head of capital markets, Rhino Capital. Meagher provided insight into his career, how he grew the Rhino platform, and provided viewpoint on the current market conditions. The Emerging Leaders also gathered at 125 High St. for our first executive insight of the year featuring Jon Davis, founder & CEO of the Davis Companies. Davis shared his story on how he got to where he is today and what it takes to form a business such as Davis. Thank you Tishman Speyer for hosting the event.

REFA's DEI committee recently hosted an open discussion on the history of black banking given the recent focus on SVB and the stability of smaller banks in our communities. Materials discussed were excerpts from the book, *The Color of Money* by Mehrsa Baradaran, a primer interview with the author on the Karen Hunter Show, and the film, *The Banker*. To expand REFA's DEI efforts, we have also teamed up with the Builders of Color Coalition (BCC). Learn more about the BCC and their upcoming events at www.buildersofcolor.com.

Did you know that REFA is committed to giving back to the Greater Boston Community and has 2 charitable partners? Learn about FamilyAidBoston: FamilyAid Boston is the leading provider of solutions to family homelessness in Greater Boston, empowering parents and caregivers facing homelessness to secure and sustain housing and build strong foundations for their children's futures. Our second charitable partner, Breaktime, is geared to break the cycle of homelessness by equipping young adults with the job and financial security they need to establish housing security. Learn more on their websites, www.familyaidboston.org and www.breaktime.org.

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