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City Kids hosts Surf Camp for Boston Asian Youth Essential Service

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Shown are: Stephen Whalen, Nicholas You, and participating youth from Boston Asian YES.

Hampton, NH City Kids, a Boston youth education nonprofit, hosted a Surf Camp for teens from Boston Asian Youth Essential Service (Boston Asian YES) at Hampton Beach. City Kids is a nonprofit founded by City Realty Group managing partners Stephen Whalen and Fred Starikov to spark intellectual curiosity in the children of Boston and beyond by providing them with unique experiences and valuable educational resources. The organization hosts two surf camps each summer at Hampton Beach to provide Boston youth with a fun learning and bonding experience during the school break.

Boston Asian YES is a Chinatown-based nonprofit with a mission to inspire Asian youth to discover and actualize their greatest potential. The organization serves youth from Chinatown and various Boston neighborhoods, as well as Malden and Quincy. Boston Asian YES was founded in 1975 in response to the emerging needs and interests of Asian youth who did not have access to services, resources, and opportunities. Boston Asian YES primarily serves low-income immigrant Asian youth, ages 12-21, who face language and cultural barriers, challenges at school, at home, and within the community.

City Kids teamed with Cinnamon Rainbows Surf Company of North Hampton, NH, to host the surf camp. Cinnamon Rainbows provided expert instructors to show the excited Boston teens how to surf during a beautiful day at Hampton Beach.

“Providing teens with fun experiences when school is out during the summer is very important to their overall development,” said City Kids co-founder Stephen Whalen. “Our mission at City Kids is to provide youth with unique experiences that inspire them to pursue their intellectual curiosity. It’s wonderful to see the kids get more and more excited as they learn to surf together.”

Boston Asian YES provides services and programming to support, enrich, and prepare youth for success, challenges, personal development, and leadership. The organization provides language and culturally appropriate services for the primarily Asian immigrant youth population. Collectively, YES staff speaks 4 dialects of Chinese and Vietnamese, and have significant experience working with youth.

City Kids seeks to leverage new technologies to provide kids with powerful tools to follow their educational curiosity. In addition to its own programs, City Kids regularly supports community events in Boston and beyond.

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