A Message from the Executive Director

As we say goodbye to winter, we warmly welcome the arrival of spring – a time of new beginnings. JAS is thrilled to be engaging our work to empower our communities. This includes our newly-launched Financial Capability Program, which is underway helping our newest residents and other low- to moderate-income community members by providing free tax services, avoiding costly tax preparation fees. Additionally, a new grant from the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority will allow us to begin construction on some of our high-priority affordable housing units. As we embark on new programs and improve our existing ones, I am proud of the positive impact JAS continues to have on the community members we serve.

50 York Street
Construction Updates
This is your chance to follow official updates on the building's progress. Visit www.justastart.org and click on the "50 York Updates" button along the top of the front page. We're working hard to replace the 16 affordable units lost in the December 2016 fire, and will post regular updates to minimize disruption to the neighborhood. You can also post comments or questions, and you will get a response from a JAS staff member.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Cambridge Fair and Affordable Housing Open House: April 29, 2017
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Cambridge Ridge and Latin School Main Café
Includes games, discussions, presentations, and outreach. Get your housing questions answered by organizations serving Cambridge, including JAS.

CRA Invests in JAS
JAS received $540,000 of funding from the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (CRA) for the installation of solar power systems in JAS buildings. This is part of a larger strategic project which includes the renovation of 96 units and new construction of 16 units at 50 York Street, replacing those damaged by the December 2016 fire. The CRA grant will specifically impact 16 units across 9 buildings. JAS is grateful to ensure a public safety benefit to both JAS residents and the surrounding neighborhood.