

# **A BETTER CHANCE OF ANDOVER AND THE ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENT "OPENING DOORS" EXHIBIT**

**Visit Andover Historical to view "*Opening Doors*" created  
by A Better Chance of Andover to celebrate the  
organization's 50th anniversary**

ANDOVER, MA — A Better Chance of Andover, as part of a year-long, 50th Anniversary celebration, has partnered with the Andover Historical Society to host an exhibit highlighting the civil rights struggles of the past 120 years and how the movement inspired townspeople and led to the launch of Andover's ABC program. The exhibit will run from March 10 through June. A private opening reception will be held on March 10 from 5-7 pm. Register [here](#).

In 1967 Andover voted to take action against racial injustice and educational inequality through the bold decision to pilot an innovative educational non-profit model, A Better Chance (ABC), in the high school. ABC brings students from underserved communities to live and attend school in both private secondary schools and in excellent public community-based schools. Today, A Better Chance of Andover is the oldest continuously run Community School Program in the United States.

The exhibit brings to life both the ABC student experience and the Andover residents who worked tirelessly to support them and make the program a success. It is gleaned from 50 years of photos, organizational archives, and oral history. The journey of the past 50 years has been rewarding and challenging, controversial and coalescing, powerful and empowering. This exhibit pays tribute to it all.

The Andover Historical Society gathers and shares the unique stories of Andover to help build a connected and engaged community. Preserving the past, educating for the future, and connecting with the community since 1911. The 1820 Amos Blanchard house, library and archives at 97 Main Street is Andover Historical's home base, open Tuesdays through Saturdays 10am to 4pm. Visit [www.andoverhistorical.org](http://www.andoverhistorical.org).

**For more information on A Better Chance of Andover's 50th anniversary year of celebration, visit [www.andoverabc.org/50th](http://www.andoverabc.org/50th).**

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