

Nini Meyer
Co-Founder & CEO
Positive Tracks
603.643.5009
nmeyer@positivetracks.org

POSITIVE TRACKS EXPANDS WITH BOSTON OFFICE

Boston, MA: Positive Tracks is thrilled to announce the official launch of its Boston office and the addition of two new staff members. Located at 200 Portland Street, this office will be in addition to the headquarters in Hanover, NH. The new location was chosen and necessitated by a strong program and partnership presence throughout the greater Boston area, and the new staff is expanding upon programming currently being implemented throughout the region and nationally.

Rachel Wood has joined the Positive Tracks Boston team to support the [Challenges Program](#) and work directly with youth to champion change through sport. Founder of the Summit Soccer Academy and former professional soccer player for the Boston Breakers, Rachel brings a wealth of knowledge in youth-based athletics and the transformative power of sport. *“Positive Tracks’ mission to use sports and movement to create social change and empowerment are goals close to my heart. As a former professional athlete, coach and motivational speaker, I have worked to achieve these same objectives.”* Rachel graduated from the University of California at Irvine with a degree in psychology and social behavior.

Nakia Navarro joins Positive Tracks Boston as the Community Organizing Director and brings over 10 years of nonprofit leadership experience, including an extensive background in nonprofit management and developing community investment strategies. Before working at Positive Tracks, Nakia was a Program Director at the New England Grassroots Environment Fund, a regional fund investing in the cross-section of environment and social justice. In addition, she worked as the New England Regional Director at Let’s Get Ready, a nonprofit providing college access and success resources within low resourced communities. *“Positive Tracks offers a unique and much needed resource for our Nation’s youth. This position allows me to not only witness but support the brilliance youth employ to lead change in their communities.”* Nakia holds a BA in Public Administration from Winthrop University, a MA from Tufts University in Urban Environmental Public Policy, and a certificate in Global Communications from the University of Salamanca. Nakia has developed a [Core Strength Curriculum](#), designed to help youth dig deeper into fundamental issues surrounding causes they choose to champion and will be leading Positive Tracks’ newly formed [Sweat Labs](#).

Positive Tracks is a national, 501 (c)(3) with offices based in Hanover, New Hampshire and Boston, Massachusetts. Our mission is simple: We help youth *make change* using the power of athletics. We believe that service and athletics blend to create powerful leadership experiences that positively shape the lives of young people and the communities they live in.

###