



## 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### FEED

- Our pantries operated throughout 2021, providing about 933,000 pounds of food with a value of about \$1,750,000 to about 5,900 households a month with about 19,300 persons. As a result, low-income households were able to prepare about 870,000 meals.
- We provided 129,947 meals to individuals most vulnerable to hunger, including children, persons with chronic health conditions, previously homeless persons, and seniors.
- Our two farm stands, which were operated by youth, provided 10,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to households in neighborhoods in Bronx Community Districts 1 and 4 deemed “food deserts.” The youth engaged over 1,000 neighborhood residents. They conducted 40 healthy eating workshops and distributed 796 food samples.
- Over 1,900 persons participated in 290 nutrition education workshops, cooking demonstrations, or healthy shopping tours. Over 1,400 copies of our nutrition education newsletter were distributed to older adults, while there were 261 healthy eating social media posts that received 3,451 likes.

### SHELTER

- A total of 197 previously homeless adults were placed into permanent or supportive housing. This includes 82 who had temporarily resided at the Jerome Avenue Men’s shelter, 60 who were placed by the Homeless Outreach Team, 26 who were at the Pyramid Safe Haven, 19 at the Living Room, and 10 at the Westchester Avenue Safe Haven.
- Our family shelters placed 142 families with about 400 persons into permanent housing. The Jackson Avenue Family Residence and the Willow Avenue Family Residence each placed 55 families into permanent housing, while the Nelson Avenue Family Residence placed 32. There were about 500 families with 1,045 persons who resided at the shelters during some point in 2021.
- The Brook, Cooper Gardens, and Park Haven apartment complexes provided 464 units of supportive housing to about 500 persons. Staff provided ongoing case management, mental health, financial management, and family reconnection services as required.
- As the lead organization for the Bronx Rental Assistance Network, BronxWorks led a collaboration that enabled over 7,600 low-income Bronx households with about 19,000 persons to receive over \$87.3 million in rent arrears help via the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).

- Through a network of longstanding housing counseling and eviction prevention programs supported by several city and state government agencies, BronxWorks helped another 6,400 persons remain stably housed. Partnerships with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) and property management companies helped over 600.
- BronxWorks opened the Park Haven complex in November 2021, which has 178 units of affordable housing, including 50 for previously homeless individuals or families. In May 2021, we broke ground on Bronx Point, which will provide 542 units of affordable housing and 81 units of supportive housing.

## **TEACH**

- Over 250 children participated in early learning programs, including early learning centers that serve families in neighborhoods in Bronx Community Districts 4 or 5, shelter-based early learning programs, and the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPPY) program.
- Over 800 elementary or middle school-aged children participated in after-school or summer camp programs based in schools or community centers, with many participating in STEM or STEAM enrichment activities. Another 660 middle school or high school-aged youth received help with the transitions from middle school to high school or high school to college, with over 120 high school seniors accepted to at least one college.
- Cornerstone community centers based in or near NYCHA complexes engaged over 1,400 young people in a variety of academic enrichment, career exploration, and technology skills development activities throughout the year. Over 50 youth participated in Learning Lab activities, while 1,104 participated in the Summer Youth Employment program. This includes about 470 youth ages 14 or 15 who participated in community service projects.
- The Jill Chaifetz Transfer School (JCTS) graduated 49 youth, with the majority being accepted to college or a post-secondary skills training program. All 210 JCTS students received academic enrichment, career exploration, and life skills coaching support.
- As the lead organization for three Community Schools programs that served four schools, BronxWorks engaged 978 young people and a smaller number of parents or guardians. The Community Schools initiative focuses on improving student attendance and maintaining a healthy learning environment.

## **SUPPORT**

- In 2021, our income tax preparation assistance program processed 6,501 returns that led to \$8,092,293 worth of refunds. The program helped 1,259 filers secure Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) payments that totaled \$1,957,631.
- There were 5,115 households that enrolled in a health insurance plan as a result of navigator assistance from BronxWorks. Over 5,000 neighborhood residents received COVID vaccinations as a result of our outreach and education efforts, while about 14,600 persons received COVID-related emergency support

- Over 14,000 persons received benefits and entitlements or information and referral service help via a walk-in office or senior center. Over 6,250 immigrants secured legal assistance, help with learning English, or support to prepare for the citizenship exam.
- Over 3,300 seniors received case assistance, mental health supports, telephone reassurance, or other supportive services. Over 200 persons received crime victim or elder abuse assistance.
- Nearly 1,400 persons received a mental health screening through a BronxWorks partnership with the Montefiore Medical Center, while 370 persons with an impairment received support to maintain their wellbeing.
- A total of 272 persons received care coordination services, while 647 persons from families at risk of foster care intervention received needed services. Mental health, case management, and other services were provided to 187 persons who were previously homeless or transitioning to permanent housing.
- Close to 700 persons received financial literacy and money management counseling, while over 750 who lived in public or other subsidized housing received supports to enter and attain success in the workplace. We placed 183 adults into jobs, provided internships to 707 adults or youth, and engaged 205 non-custodial fathers to help them improve their workforce outcomes, parenting skills, and child support payment capacity.