



FEATURED STORY

BronxWorks 2023 Summer Youth Employment Program

In the New York City social services landscape, the end of summer is foretold by the graduating Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) cohorts, tens of thousands of the city's youth now equipped with new work experiences and skills. This summer, BronxWorks SYEP enrolled a total of 1,347 youth participants. SYEP is such an important and celebrated annual program for New York City, giving NYC's youth important skills as they prepare to enter the

working world.



[Read More About Our Summer Youth Employment Program](#)



STAFF PROFILE

ShaQuanna Cody-McGrew, Program Director, Youth Workforce Programs

When it comes to youth workforce programming, you would be hard pressed to find a more experienced and understanding provider than ShaQuanna Cody-McGrew. ShaQuanna's advantage comes not only from her many years providing direct services to vulnerable members of New York City communities, but also from her own lived experiences.

"I got my GED. I attended community college and went on to complete my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. My experience connects me to the participants in our programs."



[Read more about ShaQuanna's Story](#)

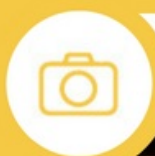


PHOTO ESSAY



First Citi Bike Community Bike Ride

Thanks to a grant from Citi Bike and Lyft, the BronxWorks Health Committee and Community Health Programs organized the first of four community group bike rides. Fifteen staff and guests set out on Citi Bikes for a 4.5 mile round trip, starting from St. Mary's Park, over the Willis Avenue Bridge, to Marcus Garvey Park, and back. Thanks to Citi Bike and Lyft for their partnership to provide healthy and fun activities for our staff and communities.



Middle School End-Of-Summer Carnival

BronxWorks middle school students ended the summer with a blast. On the last day of camp, students played soccer and basketball games, danced, and exhibited their art. Students also got to compete with each other in various video games in a gaming truck. The carnival was a great way to wrap up the summer as students get ready to step into the next school year.



Councilmember Sanchez Block Party

The Committee for Hispanic Children & Families and Bronx City Council Member Pierina Sanchez hosted a Block Party in Morris Heights last month! BronxWorks Older Adult Center and Community Health Programs participated in the fun, by leading arts & crafts, carnival games, Bingocize, health & wellness activities & lots more with our neighbors. The Block Party, was a fun-filled day for all!



Mayor Adams, NYPD Commissioner Caban, And Other NYC Leadership Visit Morris Older Adult Center

New York City Mayor Eric Adams visited seniors at the BronxWorks Morris Older Adult Center twice this month. On the first visit, Mayor Adams introduced recently-appointed NYPD Commissioner Edward Caban, a Bronx native.



On the second visit, the mayor held a town meeting-style event specifically for older

adults. The seniors discussed topics of concern with NYC leadership, including the NYPD Commissioner's office, the NYC Department for the Aging, Department of Transportation, Department of Finance, Public Engagement Unit, and Human Resources Administration. BronxWorks older adults enjoyed these opportunities to interact with their city leaders and express their thoughts, concerns, and questions.



Bronxchester End-Of-Summer Celebration

The BronxWorks Bronxchester Summer Camp program held a Picnic in the Park Summer Close Out event at Saint Mary's Park! Students got to enjoy a picnic with their fellow camp-goers and showed off their projects and performances they had worked on throughout the summer. Many students did group dances. Best of luck in the coming school year to all of our 2023 Summer Camp program students!



Jobs-Plus Takes Their Job Fair Outdoors

BronxWorks Jobs Plus hosted an outdoor job fair at the Betances Houses Courtyard. Community members and job seekers came and spoke with different employers from across New York City. BronxWorks takes pride in being able to uplift the community by offering events like this, providing and highlighting job opportunities for our neighbors.



Annual BronxWorks Staff Picnic

BronxWorks staff members and their families ended the summer in style with the annual staff picnic at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers. The picnic is an opportunity for the organization to come together as a whole and celebrate. BronxWorks staff enjoyed refreshments and food and indulged in activities from face painting and games to an open pool and water park. The picnic was superhero-themed to celebrate the heroic work that BronxWorks staff do each and every day.

Remembering Emily Menlo Marks



With great sadness, BronxWorks shares that our beloved and fiercely loyal board member, Emily Menlo Marks, passed away last week at the age of 85. For so many years and in so many ways, Emily made countless contributions to BronxWorks, the communities we serve, and the New York City settlement house community.

In June 2023, we sat down with Emily to discuss her history working in the nonprofit sector and to reflect on 50 years of BronxWorks. Click the video above for a brief excerpt from that interview.

Learn more about Emily Menlo Marks's contributions and legacy [here](#).



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