



The  
BronxWorks  
October 2023  
Newsletter



## FEATURED STORY

**Exciting Partnerships With the Misty Copeland Foundation, Asphalt Green, and Physique Swimming**

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BronxWorks students and families participate in programs with the Misty Copeland Foundation and Physique Swimming.

It is busy season at BronxWorks! But then again, when is it not? We have some exciting programming and partnerships that started in October and are continuing into the new year. In this issue of our newsletter, we wanted to share with you our excitement for three amazing partnerships that are bringing swim and dance lessons to the children and families of our communities.

BronxWorks has partnered with the Misty Copeland Foundation BE BOLD Program to bring ballet and dance classes to four of our after-school programs. We also could not be more eager to bring back swim lesson and aquatics programs to our communities, so we've partnered with Asphalt Green and Physique Swimming to help us get people back in our pool.

[Read More About Partnerships](#)



## SPECIAL PROFILE

### Vanessa L. Gibson, Bronx Borough President

As we reflect on our partnerships, BronxWorks would be remiss if we did not highlight our long-standing relationship with Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson.



Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson has been one of the most important champions for the residents of the Bronx throughout her career as a New York State Assembly Member, New York City Council Member, and now serving as the first female and first African American Bronx Borough President. BronxWorks recently sat down with Borough President Gibson to talk about her relentless drive to work for the people of the Bronx.



[Read More From Borough President Gibson](#)



## PHOTO ESSAY



### The 2023 BronxWorks 5K

The rainy weather didn't dampen the return of the BronxWorks Annual 5K!

Dozens of runners and walkers came out in costume to Saint Mary's Park for the BronxWorks Monster Mash Hunger Dash 5K Fun Run & Walk. Participants together raised over \$20,000 for BronxWorks programs combating food insecurity in the Bronx. Thank you once again to everyone who braved the elements to run and walk! [See more pictures here.](#)



### **Jr. Knicks Basketball Clinic**

The New York Knicks hosted a Jr. Knicks basketball clinic for our middle-school children this month. Nearly 100 students came to the newly renovated gymnasium at the BronxWorks Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center and worked with Jr. Knicks training staff and coaches to improve their game and basketball skills! Knicks Legend John Starks also participated in the event imparted important knowledge and words of encouragement to all in attendance.

#### **Press Coverage**

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[News 12 The Bronx](#)

[ABC 7 Eyewitness News](#)





## Bronx Point Ribbon Cutting

BronxWorks staff and Executive Director Eileen Torres joined our partners at L+M Development Partners, Type A Projects, and elected officials to cut the ribbon on Bronx Point, a new multi-use building opening in the South Bronx! Bronx Point will house to the Universal Hip-Hop Museum, as well as 542 new affordable housing units, with 82 reserved for formerly homeless residents. BronxWorks will provide social services for those units and will also run an early childhood learning center on the ground floor.



## PwC Halloween Pizza Party

Thank you to PwC for helping us kick off Halloween celebrations yesterday for BronxWorks students at 1130 Grand Concourse with amazing costumes, exciting games, and lots of treats! BronxWorks sends a big thank you to our partners at PwC for their continuous support and enthusiasm for this special tradition.



## Jackson Avenue Family Residence Children Meet Willow

Children and families living at BronxWorks Jackson Avenue Family Residence met Willow, a cuddly bunny character that introduces children to healthy food and cooking.



## BronxWorks Positive Living at Destination Tomorrow's Lilac Ball

October is LGBTQ+ History Month! BronxWorks Positive Living programs supported the Lilac Ball, a Kiki Ball event hosted by Destination Tomorrow, the Bronx LGBTQ+ Center, recognizing LGBT Spirit Day. Spirit Day was created



The workshop, held in partnership with Family Cook Productions brought young children and their parents together to learn about healthy eating habits and fun cooking activities to do together!

to support LGBT youth who face bullying. Program staff were on hand to provide information about HIV testing, harm reduction programs, and to connect with people living with HIV & AIDS who may need referrals to other services.



### **BronxWorks Senior Olga L. Turns 100!**

Olga L., a senior at the East Concourse Older Adult Center, celebrated her 100th birthday! An Ecuador native, Olga came to U.S. in the mid-1970s as a widowed mother of four children. Her philosophy on life is to confront what is in front of you, and then continue forward. As a mainstay of the East Concourse Older Adult Center, it was such a joy to celebrate Olga's centennial together with all her friends!



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Support our #TeamBronxWorks runners in the upcoming 2023 TCS New York City Marathon! Our five runners are all New York City residents running to support BronxWorks Children & Youth programs. We are so close to our team goal! [Support our runners here.](#)

There are other ways you can support BronxWorks.

- Make a contribution to our mission [on our website.](#)
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