



FEATURED STORY

Support Bronx Families and Children Through the Year-End Giving Season

With the Year-End Giving Season in full-swing, there is no better way to support critical programs for Bronx families and children than making a gift or donation to BronxWorks. During this Year-End, we are focusing on the bright futures of the Bronx, our families and our youngest neighbors, the children and students in our programs. The opportunity to break the cycle of generational poverty in the Bronx is right now, and there is no greater way to make an impact than supporting the families and children that are working hard and striving to build a better future for themselves and their communities.

BronxWorks is proud to offer access to high-quality educational and youth development, family wellness and parenting programs. We're even more proud of the families and students in our programs who meet each day with a belief in themselves that they are empowered to make their dreams come true. In this issue,

we would like to share stories of hope taking place every day in our programs. As you plan your year-end giving, consider a gift to BronxWorks and support these important programs.



Quincy J. comes to BronxWorks to build a better future for daughter Soraya.

[Read More About Quincy and Soraya](#)



Tia C., a young mother, brings her son Damari to BronxWorks to give him a head start on his education.

[Read More About Tia and Damari](#)



Mirna C. and her family have come to BronxWorks for early childhood learning, parental support, swim lessons, and more.

[Read More About Mirna and Her Family](#)



BronxWorks After-School Programs Provide New And Exciting Opportunities For Bronx Youth Like Kendall and Luis.

[Read More About Students Like Kendall and Luis](#)

There are many ways to support BronxWorks programs throughout the Year-End Giving Season. You can:

- **Purchase a holiday gift** off of our [wishlist](#) for a BronxWorks participant
- **Support our Leadership Council** [holiday gift drive](#)
- **Or make gift** directly to our programs by visiting our [website](#) clicking below

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STAFF PROFILE

Jumoke Fatukasi, Lead Teacher, ECLC

Jumoke Fatukasi immigrated to the Bronx from Nigeria two decades ago. In Nigeria, she was working as a journalist, but coming to the United States, she had to change jobs. In her role as the Lead Teacher of the BronxWorks Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center (CMCC) Early Childhood Learning Center, Jumoke has found a purpose of the utmost importance.

“When I got to this I country, I saw the difference in education here and back home. I said, let me see how I can help, especially with migrant families. Because the teaching is different here from our countries, children and parents can have trouble adjusting, so I wanted to help educate the children and the parents.”



[Read More About Jumoke](#)



PHOTO ESSAY



Capitolis Holiday Party for Early Childhood Learning Center

Staff from Capitolis continued their annual tradition of throwing children and families in our Early Childhood Learning Center a holiday party! Capitolis staff provided each student with a wrapped gift and helped serve pizza to the families. Santa even paid a visit to the children! For more pictures [click here](#).



#TeamBronxWorks at the New York City Marathon

Thank you and congratulations, once again, to our #TeamBronxWorks marathon runners! This year, our five 2023 #TeamBronxWorks runners raised a total of \$13,775 for vital programming for Bronx children & youth! Thank you Angelo Matos, Abbey Ring, Lauren Hollender, Stany Leblanc, and Carolyn Rachofsky, for your hard work and determination this year, and congratulations on finishing the marathon! Congratulations as well to Jessica Espinosa, who raised money for BronxWorks in 2022 but ran in this year's marathon!



Cooper Gardens Parent & Me Creative Day

Families living in BronxWorks Cooper Gardens Supportive Housing came together for a Thanksgiving-themed Parent & Me Creative Day. Parents and their children did arts and crafts centered around gratitude. Our staff at Cooper Gardens provide supportive social services and community events like these to formerly homeless families living in permanent housing in the complex.



Citi Bike Community Rides with BronxWorks

BronxWorks Community Health Programs and the BronxWorks Health Committee collaborated with Citi Bike/Lyft to host four Community Bike Rides across the Bronx this year. The program was designed to promote a culture of health and wellness at BronxWorks and in the communities we serve. Community Health Program Specialist Raymond Schwabacher said, "As health-conscious staff members at an organization largely devoted to improving health outcomes for those we serve, we like to practice what we preach. This grant gave us an opportunity to do just that, and in a manner that was visible to our staff and beneficial to ride participants." The group bike rides brought staff and participants together for a fun and healthy activity and to take in the different neighborhoods and natural beauty of the Bronx.



ECLC Multicultural Heritage Day

The BronxWorks Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) once again celebrated the rich cultures within our organization at their annual Multicultural Heritage Day. Participants had the opportunity to learn about the traditional art, music and food of their classmates and teachers while celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday.



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Save the Date

The BronxWorks 2024 Gala

May 9, 2024

**The New York Botanical Garden
2950 Southern Blvd
Bronx, New York**

Save the Date! The **BronxWorks 2024 Gala** will take place **Thursday, May 9, 2024**, once again at the New York Botanical Garden. [Learn more](#).



WAYS TO SUPPORT



The 2023 BronxWorks Year-End Appeal



Support programs for
Bronx children & families!

Here are some ways you can join BronxWorks and support our mission this year:

Purchase a holiday gift off of our [wishlist](#) for a BronxWorks participant, including children and families.

The BronxWorks Leadership Council is once again collecting holiday gift donations for middle school-age students! [Learn more here](#).

You can also [donate directly to the Year-End Appeal](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X/Twitter](#) for exciting updates.

For a full list of ways to give to the Year-End Appeal, [visit our website](#).

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