



The  
BronxWorks  
February 2024  
Newsletter



## FEATURED STORY

**BronxWorks Legal Services Department Helps Clients  
Navigate Complex Situations**

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The BronxWorks Legal Services Department has grown over the past decade to meet a rising need seen throughout the Bronx for reputable, honest, and accessible legal services. BronxWorks offers legal help with preparing and submitting applications for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, assisting with housing law and eviction cases, and providing legal services for victims of crimes and domestic violence survivors.

**“Clients oftentimes come to us in vulnerable positions and are very much in need of help. Our staff are embedded in the community and understand what some people are going through. They make every effort to first and foremost provide an honest analysis of each client’s case and to educate them on the services that are available to them.” - Arturo Lopez, Director of Legal Services**

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## STAFF PROFILE

### Arturo Lopez, Director Of Legal Services

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When Arturo started at BronxWorks in 2012 as an Immigration Attorney, immigration services was the only and primary legal service that we provided at that time. Now, Arturo is the Director of Legal Services overseeing a team of lawyers, paralegals, and case managers spanning across four legal services programs that include crime



victims, housing law, domestic violence, and of course immigration law.



**“After spending so much time working with clients, I really couldn’t picture myself in another field. The dedication I feel to helping our clients is the same dedication that all of the staff have in the Legal Services Department.”**

[Read More About Arturo](#)



## PHOTO ESSAY



### **Black History Month Celebrations at BronxWorks Older Adult Centers**

The BronxWorks Heights and Morris Older Adult Centers hosted their annual Black History celebrations for Bronx seniors! Those in attendance celebrated Black history, culture, and customs. The event also taught about important Black figures in

history and all took part in Negro spiritual singalongs. Many Black seniors also wore traditional clothing. The celebrations were planned and organized by the participants at the center.



### The 2024 NYC HOPE Count

Staff from BronxWorks once again participated in the Annual NYC Homeless Outreach Population Estimate, or HOPE Count. The BronxWorks Homeless Outreach Team and other BronxWorks volunteers spread out across the borough during the night of January 23/24 to count street homeless individuals. The annual count, carried out in partnership with NYC Department of Homeless Services and many other organizations, aims to capture the real effects of homeless services agencies like BronxWorks. The results of the count also affect the allocation of federal funds toward curbing street homelessness across the country.

Reporter Karen Yi from Gothamist/WNYC shadowed a BronxWorks team most of the night. Listen to the WNYC Radio story [here](#) and read the Gothamist article [here](#).





## New York Liberty Host Clinic For National Girls and Women in Sports Day

The New York Liberty returned to BronxWorks for another basketball clinic for girls in celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day! The girls received instruction from New York Liberty coaches and clinicians on various basketball skills. They also attended a special workshop focused on social-emotional learning.

After the clinic, the girls had the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion led by Liberty Assistant Coach Roneeka Hodges, BronxWorks Assistant Department Director Dina Brown, SUNY Student Athlete and American Dairy Association North East Dairy Farmer Maeve Robarg, and MMA Fighter & Rugby Player Phaidra Knight. The panel discussed a variety of relevant topics including the importance of mental health, the advantages of girls participating in sports, and healthy nutrition.

### Press Coverage

[News 12 The Bronx](#)

[Spectrum News NY1](#)

[PIX 11](#)

[Bronx Times](#)



## Visit From Austrian Minister For Social Affairs, Health Care, and Consumer Protection

BronxWorks was fortunate enough to host the Austrian Minister for Social Affairs, Health Care, and Consumer Protection, Johannes Rauch and his team at the BronxWorks Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center. Minister Rauch and his team spoke with BronxWorks leadership to learn more about the organization, as well as what types of programs and policies have been successful in our 50-year history. The Austrian delegation then toured our Community Center, checking out our pool, our classrooms, and our rooftop playground and garden.



## Community Engagement Workshop For River Commons

BronxWorks and Type A Projects hosted a Community Engagement Workshop for the upcoming River Commons development in the Bronx. Local residents answered questions about what they would like to see from a green space at



## SNAP-Ed Nutrition Class At Destination Tomorrow

BronxWorks SNAP-Ed Nutrition Educators held a nutrition class at Destination Tomorrow, the Bronx LGBTQ+ Center. The SNAP-Ed program seeks to promote health and prevent or postpone the onset of diet-related



the new multi-use development, which will include affordable housing units and BronxWorks offices.

diseases through providing nutrition education and obesity prevention services. The class discussed the difference between whole and processed grains, and attendees sampled a freshly prepared recipe.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

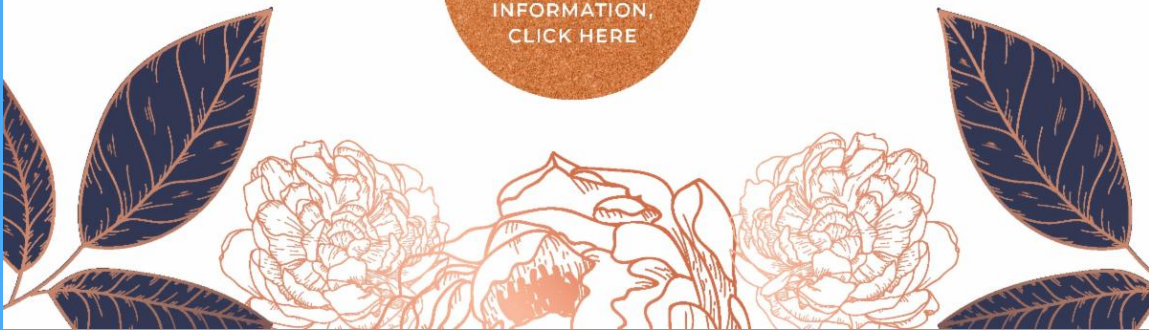


### BronxWorks Lifting Lives Gala

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Tickets and sponsorships available now! The **BronxWorks 2024 Lifting Lives Gala** will take place on **Thursday, May 9, 2024**, at the New York Botanical Garden. Join us for our biggest fundraising event of the year. [Learn more.](#)

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## PROM CLOTHING DRIVE FOR BRONX TEENS!

DRESSES, SUITS, & TIES MUST BE  
NEW, UNWORN, OR FRESHLY  
CLEANED AND IN DRY CLEANING  
BAGS. (NO SHOES PLEASE)

DONATION DROP-OFF:  
WEEKDAYS THROUGH APRIL 12, 10AM-4PM  
1130 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NY  
60 E TREMONT AVE, BRONX, NY

Or, purchase items off our wishlist:  
<https://bit.ly/3w0D10y>

BronxWorks is once again hosting a Prom & Graduation Clothing Drive to support students who may not have access to suits or dresses and accessories for these momentous events. Please donate new or lightly used dresses, suits, ties, and accessories. [Learn more about how to support this event.](#)



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