



BronxWorks Youth and Adults Connect Through Intergenerational Programming



Participants and staff celebrate completion of the program session with an awards ceremony.

BronxWorks youth and adult participants have the opportunity to make connections

through intergenerational programming (Intergen) provided at several BronxWorks locations. The goal of Intergen is to bridge the gap between generations by creating a comfortable environment where participants can gain familiarity and challenge their preconceived notions, revealing the common concerns, passions, and interests between neighbors of all ages.

Recently, participants from BronxWorks E. Roberts Moore Older Adult Center and youth from BronxWorks St. Mary's Park Cornerstone Community Center celebrated the end of the program session with a party and awards ceremony! The children and seniors came together once a week to enjoy different activities and create bonds with their neighbors. Before enjoying pizza and receiving awards, the participants shared a salad that was made with vegetables they grew together in the E. Roberts Moore Center Garden!



Youth participant leads cooking class on a traditional family meal with other participants.

BronxWorks also offers intergenerational activities at the Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center for youth and adults enrolled in various BronxWorks programs. Participants have the opportunity to choose the lesson topics so they can share what is important to them, and they work with staff to facilitate the workshops. Together, the Intergen cohort completed cooking classes, technology classes, get-to-know-you activities, arts and crafts, and more.

"We've been where [young people] have been before. It might be a little different, or a lot different depending on where you came from. We just talk to each other, and I like when we can build relationships."

Rosemary Ofili, BronxWorks Participant

Intergenerational programming is offered at various BronxWorks locations through a partnership with United Neighborhood Houses (UNH), the New York Civic Engagement Commission, and the Eisner Foundation. Over the last decade, UNH has supported settlement houses to develop and implement strengths-based programs that instill later life with purpose by recognizing older adults as a skilled and valued resource to their communities. In collaboration with BronxWorks, UNH created a video highlighting some of our intergenerational programming and the positive impact it's had on our participants. [Click here to watch the video.](#)

For more information about Intergenerational Programming, [visit our website.](#)



STAFF PROFILE

LaVonne Smith, LMSW, Residence Director, Willow Ave Family Residence



LaVonne Smith is a Bronx native who has worked to support the New York City community her whole life. LaVonne came to BronxWorks in 2005 in search of a career related to her sociology degree. After spending time as the Operations Coordinator at multiple BronxWorks locations, she worked to earn her Master's in Social Work. Last year LaVonne was promoted to Residence Director at the BronxWorks Willow Avenue Family Shelter.

“I really do enjoy it. I like the interactions with the clients, and I’ve made good relationships at BronxWorks. I’ve always worked with wonderful people here... I can call my colleagues and ask for input on any situation. And I think that’s the great thing about BronxWorks.”

[Read More About LaVonne](#)



PHOTO ESSAY



The 2024 BronxWorks Farm Stands Season Has Begun!

BronxWorks Farm Stands are open to the public once a week from July to November! BronxWorks partners with local farmers to provide fresh produce at affordable prices. In addition, we offer cooking demonstrations and other nutrition education resources. The BronxWorks Mott Haven Farm Stand is open on Wednesdays at Padre Plaza and the BronxWorks Community Farm Stand is open on Thursdays at 1130 Grand Concourse. We accept cash, EBT/SNAP, and other coupons.

[Click here to view recent press coverage of BronxWorks Farm Stands.](#)



BronxWorks Students Awarded DHS Scholarships

The NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) sponsored the 2024 Future Leaders event, where graduating seniors experiencing homelessness were invited to apply for scholarships. At the event, the scholarship winners were announced, and BronxWorks is proud to share that three of the eight students selected were students in our family residences!

[Click here to view press coverage.](#)



BronxWorks Hosts Tables at TLC Resource Fair

BronxWorks recently participated in the NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission's Resource Fair event. Staff had the opportunity to share program resources with Bronx residents and connect with other community partners in attendance.



Seniors Showcase Sewing Projects

The BronxWorks Morris Older Adult Center Seniors have participated in sewing classes for the past few months. Together, they've learned how to make aprons, hats, pants, and other apparel. Recently, all the seniors came together to showcase their completed projects and admire each other's hard work!



CAFE Hosts Laptop Giveaway for Students

The Center for Achieving Future Education (CAFE) program celebrated their participants attending college with a laptop giveaway! Students were asked to write a college essay and submit their transcript and recommendation letters to

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apply. Eight students were awarded a laptop to assist with their college studies. Good luck to all graduating seniors!



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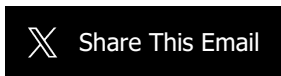
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