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# BRONXWORKS OFFICE LISTINGS

Children & Youth **Carolyn McLaughlin** 

**Community Center** Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) Program; After-School, Summer Camp & Teen Programs; Early Childhood Learning Center; Foster Care Prevention; Aquatics 1130 Grand Concourse Bronx, NY 10456 (718) 508-3040

### **Betances Cornerstone**

**Community Center** 547 E. 146th Street Bronx, NY 10455 (718) 585-5040

### **Classic Cornerstone**

**Community Center** 286 E. 156th Street Bronx, NY 10451 (718) 665-1300

### Saint Mary's Park Cornerstone **Community Center** 595 Trinity Avenue Bronx, NY 10455 (718) 618-7478

Pyramid Cornerstone

**Community Center** 884 Washington Avenue Bronx, NY 10451 (718) 618-0224

### Early Childhood Learning Center

1472 Montgomery Avenue Bronx, NY 10453 (347) 590-8955

### PS 130 After-School Program

750 Prospect Avenue Bronx, NY 10455 (646) 946-8211

### Mott Haven Charter 170 Brown Place Bronx, NY 10454 (718) 292-7015

### Third Avenue After-School

Program 500 E. 165th Street Bronx, NY 10456 (718) 618-0066

### Adlai Stevenson High School,

YABC Program 1980 Lafayette Avenue Bronx, NY 10473 (917) 816-3391

### Jill Chaifetz Transfer School

778 Forest Avenue Bronx, NY 10456 (718) 402-2429

## Bronx, NY 10454

(347) 391-4776 PS 42 After-School Program

South Bronx Prep

360 E. 145th Street

## 1537 Washington Avenue Bronx, NY 10456

(347) 590-0640

### Bronxchester Houses 520 E. 156th Street

Bronx, NY 10455

# (718) 640-5075

Frederick Douglass Academy III 3630 Third Avenue Bronx, NY 10456 (718) 508-3075

### IS 313 & IS 339 Community Schools

1600 Webster Avenue Bronx, NY 10457 (718) 508-3185

### Administrative Office

Development, Fiscal, HR, Training 60 E. Tremont Avenue Bronx, NY 10453 (646) 393-4000

### Chronic Illness

**Positive Living** 151 E. Tremont Avenue, 2nd Floor Bronx, NY 10453 (718)731-6300

### **Care Coordination Program**

630 Jackson Avenue Bronx. NY 10455 (917) 763-1323

### Community Health

Services 1130 Grand Concourse Bronx, NY 10456

Workforce Development, Adult Education, Income Support Services, Tax Preparation (Seasonal) 550 E. 142nd Street Bronx, NY 10455 (718) 993-8880

### **Family Residences**

Nelson Ave Jackson Ave Willow Ave BronxWorks Family Sanctuary

### Immigration Services

1130 Grand Concourse Bronx, NY 10456 (718) 508-3040

60 E. Tremont Avenue Bronx, NY 10453 (718) 731-3114

### Woodstock Terrace

890 Trinity Avenue Bronx, NY 10456 (718) 508-3089

### **Townsend Avenue**

1477 Townsend Avenue Bronx. NY 10452 (718) 588-3836

### Eviction Prevention

Homebase SHPI 1130 Grand Concourse Bronx, NY 10456 (718) 508-3040

630 Jackson Avenue

**Townsend Avenue** 

Bronx, NY 10452

Avenue St. John

Bronx, NY 10455

935 F 179th Street

Bronx, NY 10460

(929) 496-7631

& Safe Haven

800 Barretto Street

Bronx, NY 10474

(646) 393-4070

(Referrals only)

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The Pyramid Safe Haven

Jerome Ave Men's Shelter

Westchester Ave Safe Haven

(929) 252-7015

(718) 588-3836

1477 Townsend Avenue

630 Southern Boulevard

Homeless Services

Homeless Outreach Team;

The Living Room Drop-In Center

Bronx. NY 10455

(347) 704-0001

(718)731-6300

151 E. Tremont Avenue Bronx, NY 10453 (347) 721-9874

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**Bronxchester Community Services** 725 St. Ann's Avenue Bronx. NY 10455 (718) 640-5075

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Bronx, NY 10472 (646) 457-1458

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(Offices for residents only) Twin Parks West **Community Services** Twin Parks West Houses Highbridge Houses Franklin Houses

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### **Townsend Avenue**

1477 Townsend Avenue Bronx. NY 10452 (718) 588-3836

### Avenue St. John

630 Southern Boulevard Bronx, NY 10455 (929) 252-7015

### **Stratford Towers**

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### West Farms Office

935 E 179th Street Bronx, NY 10460 (929) 496-7631

### Hunts Point Multi-Service Center

630 Jackson Avenue Bronx, NY 10455 (718) 731-3114

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### **Twin Parks South East**

2111 Southern Boulevard Bronx, NY 10460 (929) 475-6288

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### Services For Seniors

Morris Older Adult Center 80 E. 181st Street Bronx, NY 10453 (718) 933-5300

### E. Roberts Moore Older **Adult Center**

515 Jackson Avenue Bronx, NY 10455 (718) 665-5559

### East Concourse Older Adult Center

236 E. Tremont Avenue Bronx, NY 10457 (718) 731-6300

### Twin Parks West Older

**Adult Center** 

355 E. 183rd St. Bronx, NY 10458 (347) 270-1710

### Soundview Older Adult Center

391 Bronx River Avenue Bronx, NY 10473 (917) 633-5951

### **River Park Residence NORC**

**Senior Services Office** 30 Richman Plaza Bronx, NY 10453 (718) 299-2670

### Woodstock Terrace NORC

**Senior Services Office** 890 Trinity Avenue Bronx, NY 10456 (347) 269-8218

### Sedgwick Social Club

1553 University Avenue Bronx, NY 10453 (718) 901-5014

### Supportive Housing

The Brook Bronx, NY 10455

**Cooper Gardens** Bronx, NY 10457

Park Haven Bronx, NY 10454

**Bronx Point** Bronx, NY 10451

**HUD Scattered Site Stable Homes to Health** Bronx, NY 10455

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# 2023

# **Dear BronxWorks Friends and Family,**

Thank you for browsing through our 2023 Report to the Community. As we reflect on the 50th Anniversary of BronxWorks, we are proud to highlight our recent accomplishments while also recognizing half a century of growth to support the Bronx community. BronxWorks, previously known as the Citizens Advice Bureau, started as a walk-in office to provide assistance with eviction prevention and access to benefits for Bronx older adults. Since our inception in 1972, BronxWorks has continued to expand with the needs of the community and help individuals and families improve their economic and social well-being. From toddlers to seniors, we feed, shelter, teach, and support our neighbors to build a stronger Bronx community.

In our 50th year, the organization served more than 64,000 Bronx residents from over 60 locations with 1,000+ staff throughout the borough. We kicked off this milestone with a reception in December 2022 and continued the celebration throughout 2023 with our 50th Anniversary Gala, BronxWorks Day, the reopening of the BronxWorks Pool, and many more incredible events. To share just a few of our accomplishments from 2023: our eviction prevention programs supported 6,929 individuals and 507 households with rental arrears to remain stably housed; we engaged 9,644 people in healthy eating and nutrition activities; a total of 614 students received assistance with the transition from high school to college, and 1,742 youth were placed into internships or summer jobs; our Access to Benefits programs offered assistance to over 1,690 people that led to the acquisition of public benefits worth \$2,043,513.

In addition to reflecting on our accomplishments, we also reflected on the rich history that led the organization to be what it is today. Our work is made possible by the leadership of the Board of Directors, the invaluable commitment of our staff, and the engagement we receive from foundations, corporate partners, individual donors, community leaders, and countless other stakeholders.

Thank you for reading this issue of our Report to the Community.



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**EILEEN** TORRES Chief Executive Officer **BronxWorks** 



**ROGER** BEGELMAN Chair BronxWorks Board of Directors







# HIGHLIGHTS

# **BRONXWORKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

BronxWorks kicked off our 50th Anniversary celebrations on December 7, 2022 with a special event at the Hard Rock Cafe Yankee Stadium. The event brought together friends, staff, board members, and community leaders to commemorate half a century of serving the Bronx. Guests mingled and enjoyed dinner together as they reflected on the evolution of BronxWorks from our beginnings as the Citizens Advice Bureau in 1972. This event marked the beginning of a year of celebration, and the organization continued to honor this milestone anniversary throughout 2023 with events such as our 50th Anniversary Gala and BronxWorks Day.

# **BRONXWORKS DAY**

BronxWorks held the BronxWorks Day Celebration in September of this year! Long-term partners, stakeholders, community leaders, and friends gathered for the three-part event that included the long-awaited ribbon cutting for the newly renovated indoor pool at the Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center (CMCC), a tour of select BronxWorks offices and locations, and an evening cocktail reception in the CMCC gymnasium. Thank you to all who celebrated BronxWorks Day with us and experienced a glimpse of some of the services BronxWorks provides every day!

# **BRONX POINT RIBBON CUTTING**

BronxWorks participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Bronx Point development project in October of 2023. Home of The Hip Hop Museum, Bronx Point is a multi-use development project that includes affordable housing units, public space components, retail space, and more. The ribbon cutting ceremony marked the opening of 542 housing units and waterfront park space open to the public. BronxWorks will provide social services, including on-site supportive housing and an Early Childhood Learning Center, to residents of Bronx Point. BronxWorks is proud to contribute to transformative community developments alongside our amazing partners as we work to build a better future for the Bronx.

# 50 YEARS SUPPORTING THE BRONX COMMUNITY SUPPORTING THE

# 1970s — THE FORMATIVE YEARS

- Citizens Advice Bureau opens, providing walk-in services for seniors including housing, food stamps, and other public assistance (1972)
- First major city government contract for minor repair services for seniors
- Carolyn McLaughlin named Executive Director (1979)

# 1980s ——— **STEADY GROWTH**

- Open two more walk-in-offices in the Bronx
- CAB incorporates
- HIV/AIDS Education & Outreach Services offered

# 1990s ——— **RAPID EXPANSION AND** SURGING GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

- CAB becomes a settlement house, joins UNH
- Merger with Girls Club of New York; acquired flagship building at 1130 Grand Concourse
- Growth of Homeless Outreach; drop-in center established
- Two Family Shelters opened at Nelson and Jackson Avenue
- Three sponsored senior centers
- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) begins









# 2000s ——— **PROGRAM AND INFRASTRUCTURE GROWTH**

- Expansion of Senior programs, Homeless Outreach, shelter services, youth services
- Homebase, Single Stop launched
- Opening of new administrative building; rebranding to BronxWorks

# 2010s \_\_\_\_\_ **GEOGRAPHIC EXPANSION AND CHANGING OF THE GUARD**

- Eileen Torres named Executive Director (2014)
- Expansion of health and nutrition initiatives
- Opened Supportive Housing programs; Expanded Workforce Development programs; started programming at Cornerstones and Community Schools
- Services expanded to Soundview/Bruckner area and throughout north and east parts of the borough

# 2020s ——— AN ESTABLISHED BUT NIMBLE INSTITUTION

- Budget surpasses \$100 million; over 60,000 people served each year; 1,000+ staff positions
- Anchor institution during the pandemic; pivoted guickly to provide emergency services, including increased focus on emergency food
- Expanding position in supportive housing and other key revitalization projects









# **COOKING CLASS AT MEN'S SHELTER**

Residents of the BronxWorks Jerome Avenue Men's Shelter (JAMS) participated in a cooking and nutrition class as they prepared to move into permanent housing. Led by BronxWorks Community Health Programs, the class learned how to make a stir-fry. The men all received a set of pots and pans as well as a bag of groceries to help them prepare for independent living in their new housing.



# **IN THE NEWS**

# **BRONXWORKS WORKING WITH LOCAL VENDORS TO PROVIDE HEALTHY FOOD OPTIONS**

BronxWorks SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Program has worked with local Bronx vendors and markets to promote healthy food retail. BronxWorks staff worked with store owners to add signage and promotions for fruits and vegetables, provide onsite cooking and nutrition education, and spread awareness by organizing discussions with community partners throughout the Bronx. Featured in media including CBS New York, WXTV Univision 41



# SUMMER FARM STANDS OPEN AGAIN

BronxWorks Farm Stands opened again in 2023 from July to November at Padre Plaza Park in Mott Haven and at the Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center. BronxWorks partners with local farmers to offer a wide array of fresh produce at affordable prices. Both farm stands were able to keep their prices the same as 2022 to maintain accessibility to fresh and nutritious foods. Farm stand customers are also encouraged to participate in nutrition and cooking workshops to receive health bucks, which they can then use to purchase produce. BronxWorks Farm Stands accept cash, EBT/SNAP, and other coupons and incentives.

Featured in media including News 12 The Bronx, Bronx Times, NY1 Noticias

# BRONXWORKS AWARDED GRANT BY GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO MAKE LOCAL FOODS MORE ACCESSIBLE

Governor Kathy Hochul awarded over \$40 Million to 102 organizations throughout the state, including BronxWorks, through the New York Food for New York Families program, which aims to provide a boost to New York farmers, increase communities' access to local foods, and further strengthen New York's food system. With this funding, BronxWorks has implemented programs and events that purchase New York-grown food products and distribute them to underserved communities.



# Select BronxWorks locations distributed **39,881 grocery bags** containing approximately 287,000 pounds of food

IN 2023

Select BronxWorks programs served

# FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

Many volunteers and volunteer groups have joined us at the BronxWorks Community Food Pantry, held biweekly at the Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center. Volunteer assistance is vital as the pantry offers participants a variety of grocery items and options. Volunteers also help bag fresh produce and keep the pantry stations well-stocked.



"The food pantry is great, especially with how expensive the basic food basket is right now. Prices are very high...It helps complement our own household pantry." — Mirna C., Program Participant

# that were used by vulnerable households to prepare approximately **239,000 meals throughout the year.**

# 429,146 meals to vulnerable Bronx residents.



# **IN THE NEWS**

# **BRONXWORKS AWARDED \$5 MILLION BEZOS DAY 1 FAMILIES FUND GRANT**

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BronxWorks was awarded \$5 Million from the Bezos Day 1 Families Fund Grant to help Bronx families find safe shelter, housing, and stability. This uniquely flexible grant will help expand our efforts in serving as a critical lifeline to families experiencing homelessness, who represent more than a quarter of the homeless population nationally. BronxWorks will use the Day 1 Families Fund Grant to support efforts to rapidly rehouse families that are homeless due to domestic violence and engage those households with comprehensive services including workforce support. Featured in media including Forbes, CBS New York, NYN First Read, Crain's New York Business

# **BRONXWORKS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING RESIDENTS FEATURED IN "FEELING HERE" ART EXHIBITION**

The Boricua College Art Gallery partnered with BronxWorks for "Feeling Here", a group art exhibition featuring BronxWorks participants connected with our Supportive Housing and Adult Shelter programs. The gallery featured dozens of art pieces, including paintings, drawings, sculptures, mixed media, and decoupage.

The exhibit was curated by BronxWorks Artist-In-Residence Francis Palazzolo and ran for the month of May. BronxWorks Activity Coordinators like Francis at our Safe Havens and Family Shelters give residents opportunities to communicate and collaborate through various artforms. Some BronxWorks residents progressed so far in their creative practice that they also taught classes in their art medium of choice.

Featured in media including City Guide Magazine, New York Social Diary



# FAMILY SANCTUARY BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

Children living in the BronxWorks Family Sanctuary were given new backpacks stuffed with back-to-school supplies ahead of the 2023-24 school year! The BronxWorks Family Sanctuary shelter opened in 2022 to assist with migrant families seeking asylum in the United States and houses nearly 90 families. The backpacks and supplies were provided by Volunteers of America and the New York Public Library.

# FEP WINTER HOLIDAY PARTY

During the 2023 holiday season, the BronxWorks Family Enrichment Program (FEP) celebrated the holidays with a Winter Wonderland Party at the BronxWorks Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center gymnasium. Families enjoyed food, holiday music from a DJ, and presents generously donated by Nixon Peabody, a global law firm based out of New York City. BronxWorks FEP helps to prevent the placement of children into the foster care system by providing parenting classes, counseling, and other services to strengthen families and the community.

IN 2023

**164** previously homeless families were placed into permanent housing **365** previously homeless adults were placed into permanent housing

"Apartment viewings are one of my favorite parts of the job-being there for people's first viewing, seeing how they can envision a future for themselves and their families in their permanent home."

> -Marina Weiss, Program Coordinator, BronxWorks Park Haven Supportive Housing







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# **AQUATICS PROGRAMS REOPENED**

After an extensive series of improvements and renovations, the indoor pool at the BronxWorks Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center reopened in September 2023! BronxWorks is thrilled to offer swim lessons and aquatics programs to our communities, and we partnered with Asphalt Green and Physique Swimming to help us get people back in our pool and learn the vital skill of swimming. Asphalt Green provides swim lessons to local elementary and middle schools during school hours as part of their physical education programming. Physique Swimming provides swim lessons to BronxWorks programs and offers classes open to the public throughout the week. BronxWorks is incredibly thankful to our partners for their assistance in providing one of the few community swimming resources in the area to our Bronx neighbors.

# MGM GRAND/EMPIRE CITY CASINO FUNDS BRONXWORKS STEM PROGRAMMING, INCLUDING THE BIOBUS FOR **BRONXWORKS YOUTH**

BronxWorks was the recipient of a grant for \$30,000 from MGM Grand/Empire City Casino to fund STEM programming for BronxWorks youth participants. This grant has provided our youth participants with engaging activities in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields, including a visit by the BioBus. The BioBus program is an initiative focusing on inclusion in the scientific community and building interest in STEM fields for students. Youth participants in our summer camp programs boarded the mobile science lab to conduct STEM experiments and learn how science is a part of their lives. Campers had a chance to experiment with microscopes and learn more about microscopic structures, as well as how

different parts of our environment make the life cycle go round!



"BronxWorks made me grow smarter over the years and made me the kid I am today. They taught me how to swim. I didn't know how to swim in the beginning. Now I'm one of the best swimmers in the program." —Yahir, Program Participant

# **HIPPY READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY**

The BronxWorks Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) Program celebrated Read Across America Day on March 2. Typically celebrated on Dr. Seuss' birthday, parents and children had fun making Green Eggs And Ham, as well as other art projects. Families also took time to read together. HIPPY is a home-based early childhood development and parent education program that gives parents the tools to be their children's first teachers.

# **CAFE VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR**

The BronxWorks Center for Achieving Future Education (CAFE) program held virtual panels for current high school and college students exploring different college major career paths and fields of study. Professionals from across multiple vocations, including business, psychology, and computer science, spoke to students about their college experiences and shared tips and encouragement as the students prepare to take the next step in their lives.

IN 2023

# **IN THE NEWS**

BronxWorks is proud of our strong affiliation with the NY Knicks and the NY Liberty. Both teams provided clinics for BronxWorks students throughout the year.

# Knicks Legend John Starks and Jr. Knicks Team Up With BronxWorks To Host Basketball Clinic For BronxWorks Middle School Children

Featured in media including PIX11, ABC 7 Eyewitness News, News 12 The Bronx

# **New York Liberty Held Basketball Clinic For BronxWorks Middle School Girls**

Featured in media including Spectrum News NY1, NY1 Noticias. Bronx Times. PIX11

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263 youth received assistance with the transition from middle school to high school. **614** youth received assistance with the transition from high school to college.











# FIRST ANNUAL PROM DRESS GIVEAWAY

BronxWorks Children & Youth programs hosted the first annual Prom Dress Giveaway just in time for New York City proms! BronxWorks distributed about 100 dresses to middle & high school seniors, and suits were also available for those who needed them. Mothers also had the chance to pick out a dress to attend graduation ceremonies!

# **INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

Elementary school-age students from BronxWorks Saint Mary's Park Cornerstone Community Center After-School Program and seniors from BronxWorks E. Roberts Moore Older Adult Center participated in intergenerational programming throughout the year. During the warmer months, children and seniors together learned how to plant seeds for flowers and fruit. Once the seeds sprouted, they were planted in the E. Roberts Moore Older Adult Center garden. Intergenerational programming is offered through a partnership with UNH and the Eisner Foundation at various BronxWorks locations.





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# **BRONXWORKS PROVIDES FREE HIV TESTING AT WALGREENS**

BronxWorks Positive Living programs teamed up with Walgreens, Greater Than HIV, and other nonprofits in June to provide free HIV testing to New York City residents in recognition of National HIV Testing Day. BronxWorks Positive Living programs are a collection of comprehensive services providing case management and health education, harm reduction, and transmission prevention to individuals living with HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses.



# **ESOL HERITAGE DAY**

Dozens of students from BronxWorks English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes gathered at the BronxWorks Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center to celebrate their diverse heritage. Multiple countries across the globe were represented, including the Dominican Republic, Ivory Coast, and Russia. Students gave presentations about their native countries and discussed their culture, food, flags, and government. BronxWorks offers ESOL classes in three locations as well as in some of our older adult centers.

IN 2023

1,346 immigrants received legal assistance from BronxWorks. BronxWorks successfully assisted 6,597 persons enroll in health insurance. Free income tax preparation was provided to 6,144 people, enabling them to secure \$6,150,982 in refunds.



# **IN THE NEWS**

# **BRONXWORKS RECEIVES \$5 MILLION FROM NIH FOR COMMUNITY RESEARCH PROGRAM**

BronxWorks received a grant of \$5 million over ten years from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This NIH Grant, distributed to 26 organizations throughout the country, supports community-led research programs to study ways to address the underlying social determinants within communities that impact health, such as access to healthy food, employment opportunities, quality healthcare, and more. The BronxWorks-led Healthy and Livable Bronx Partnership (HLBP) will engage key public housing and childcare community partners to identify strategies for positive health outcomes for children and families living in poverty. The project aims to increase access to affordable and reliable childcare for Bronx families in public housing. Access to childcare is critical to family economic stability, parents' ability to work, and children's growth and development. *Featured in media including Crain's New York Business, NYN Media First Read* 

"Having been in Workforce since 2015, our department is always concerned about how prepared our participants are with job readiness skills. SYEP [and other youth workforce programs] impart those skills and experiences on youth at a very early age. When they are adults looking for jobs, they already have an understanding of what it takes."

—ShaQuanna Cody-McGrew, Program Director, BronxWorks Youth Workforce Programs

# **BRONXWORKS YOUTH WORKFORCE HIRING EVENT**

BronxWorks Youth Workforce programs hosted a series of Hiring Events and Job Fairs. These hiring events were open to all ages but focused on providing job opportunities to adults ages 18-24 in the Bronx. Organizations from across New York City spoke with and in some cases hired interviewees on the spot. Events like these give adults who are just entering the workforce the chance to connect with employers and jumpstart their



# SPECIAL EVENTS



# **BRONXWORKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA** May 18, 2023 | New York Botanical Garden

BronxWorks held our 50th Anniversary Gala on May 18 at the New York Botanical Garden. We enjoyed a wonderful evening, with cocktails served outside overlooking the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory and live music by Tres Gatos, followed by dinner in the Garden Terrace Room.



The Gala honored two key stakeholders in the BronxWorks community: Douglas M. Tween, Partner at Linklaters LLP and Member of the BronxWorks Board of Directors; and The Monadnock Family of Companies, including Monadnock Construction and Monadnock Development. Doug Tween has been an invaluable member of the BronxWorks Board of Directors since 2015 and sits on the Risk and Governance Committee. He has provided steady guidance and support to help us focus and grow the organization's impact. We were also delighted to honor Monadnock, who shares in our mission of providing stable and affordable housing to underserved communities. BronxWorks partnered with Monadnock to develop new supportive housing complexes which provide dozens of individuals and families with permanent stable housing.



The event was hosted by Master of Ceremonies Seth Meyers, Emmy Awardwinning writer, comedian, and Host of NBC's Late Night With Seth Meyers. We are incredibly thankful to Seth for helping us celebrate our 50th Anniversary. We were also joined by New York City Mayor Eric Adams and Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson, who both share in our vision to build a better future for the Bronx community.

Thank you to everyone who supported the BronxWorks 50th Anniversary Gala! This night could not have been possible without the countless sponsors, partners, donors, and BronxWorks staff who contributed to making this event an incredible success! Special thanks to our Champion Sponsor Orsted, Advocate Sponsors Doug & Suzanne Tween, Bruce Phillips & Joan Feeney, and Christian & Ting Lee, and all of our sponsors and donors who helped us raise funds for children and families of the Bronx.

# **#TEAMBRONXWORKS IN TD FIVE BORO BIKE TOUR**

On May 7, 2023, riders for #TeamBronxWorks cycled over 40 miles of car-free streets for the TD Five Boro Bike Tour! #TeamBronxWorks riders committed to raising a minimum of \$750 each for children's programs at our shelters for homeless families. Through the efforts of our riders, #TeamBronxWorks raised over \$15.000!

With the funds raised, our family shelters were able to take over 100 residents on the highly-anticipated summer trip to the American Dream mall in New Jersey. Families spent a fun-filled day at the DreamWorks Water Park and Nickelodeon Universe amusement park, enjoying the various rides and attractions the parks had to offer.

# **BRONXWORKS 5K FUN RUN**

BronxWorks held our annual BronxWorks 5K Fun Run/Walk Monster Mash Hunger Dash again in October at St. Mary's Park. Staff and participants were invited to dress up in their best costume! Together, participants raised over \$20,000 for BronxWorks programs combating food insecurity in the Bronx!

# **#TEAMBRONXWORKS IN NYC MARATHON**

Since 2009. BronxWorks has had a team of runners in the TCS New York City Marathon raising money for BronxWorks Children & Youth Programs. This year, our five #TeamBronxWorks runners raised a total of \$13,775 for vital programming for Bronx children and youth! Thank you to everyone who raised money for BronxWorks for your hard work and determination, and congratulations on finishing the marathon!











## **MARCH 2023**

NY Botanical Garden recognizes 4 women difference-makers, including BronxWorks Executive **Director Eileen Torres** Featured in News 12 The Bronx

### **MARCH-APRIL 2023**

Knicks, HUB International announce final 'City Spirit' award recipient, BronxWorks Executive Director Eileen Torres Featured in Bronx Times, NBA.com

### **APRIL 2023**

BronxWorks VITA & NYC Free Tax Prep offers free tax preparation services to the Bronx community ahead of Tax Day

Featured in News 12 The Bronx

### **APRIL 2023**

UNF and Humana Expand Meals on Wings Program to Lehman College; BronxWorks working with college to identify recipients and deliver meals Featured in Lehman College News Center

### **APRIL 2023**

**Tiempo: BronxWorks Executive Director Eileen Torres** and Nutrition Assistant Crisbelly Contreras talk 50 Years of BronxWorks and Shop Healthy Initiative Featured in ABC7 New York

### **AUGUST 2023**

Bronx program that helps senior citizens avoid eviction hopes City Council re-invests; Seniors Homelessness **Prevention Program** Featured in CBS New York

## **SEPTEMBER 2023**

**BronxWorks Pool Ribbon Cutting** Featured in PIX11, News 12 The Bronx, NY1 Noticias

### **OCTOBER 2023**

L+M Development Partners, Type A Projects, BronxWorks, & The Hip Hop Museum Cut the Ribbon at **Bronx Point** Featured in News 12 The Bronx, The City, Fox 5 New York,

Harlem World Magazine, Urbanize New York, 6sqft

### **NOVEMBER 2023**

The Bronx development at the intersection of sustainability and affordable housing - Cooper Gardens Featured in Wells Fargo Stories





For additional press coverage stories, please scan this QR code to visit our website.

# **BronxWorks Supports the #JustPay Movement**

BronxWorks united with our partner and colleague organizations throughout the City on the #JustPay Campaign. Spearheaded by Human Services Council (HSC), the #JustPay Campaign is a movement of nonprofit services workers, leaders, policy experts, community members, elected officials, and other supporters fighting for livable wages for human services workers.

On May 25, 2023, over 500 BronxWorks staff joined with over 5,000 nonprofit human services workers from dozens of organizations for a "Day Without Human Services" #JustPay rally. BronxWorks and other New York City nonprofits closed most of their programs for a day and rallied at City Hall to demand New York City Mayor Eric Adams add a COLA (cost of living allowance) and multiyear compensation plan for nonprofit human services workers into the FY24 New York City Budget.

Nonprofit human services workers are among the lowest paid in the city, making about 71% of what government employees make for the same role.\* The low pay grade is frequently written into the city contracts that fund the programs.

The human services contract workforce employs over 80.000 workers and is staffed predominately by workers of color (75%) and women (70%).



On June 22, hundreds of human services workers once again descended on City Hall as City budget negotiations came to a close on July 1. Multiple City Council members, including Speaker Adrienne Adams, Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala, and Council Member Althea Stevens, joined in calling on Mayor Adams to add the COLA and multiyear plan for nonprofit human services workers into the City budget. The rally followed an overnight rally where executive directors and executive staff camped out near City Hall all night. BronxWorks Chief Financial Officer Gordon Miller represented the organization. BronxWorks wants to thank Michelle Jackson, Executive Director of HSC, for her leadership throughout this campaign.



We are pleased to say that in March of 2024, Mayor Adams and the New York City Council announced that the City budget will include a 9.27% COLA for human service workers over the next three years!

\*Source: Human Services Council, www.justpayny.org/facts-and-research



# **Women of color** constitute 55% of this **Workforce**, and roughly two-thirds of all full-time human services workers had earnings below the City's near-poverty threshold.\*

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BronxWorks, Inc. Consolidated Statement of Accounts

Unrestricted Net Assets from Operations Year Ended June 30, 2023

# **Earned Revenue**

Government grants	\$113,749,443
Program service fees	\$2,401,401
Medicaid	\$816,395
Investment income	\$508,761
Other revenues	\$563,222
Total Earned Revenue	\$118,039,222

# **Public Support**

Total Public Support	\$6,187,693
Net assets released from restrictions	\$2,704,113
Contributed services	\$420,927
Foundation grants and other contributions	\$3,062,653

# TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE \$124,226,915

# **2023 OPERATING EXPENSES**

# **Program Services**

BronxWorks programs Services for the elderly Homelessness/prevention/relocation Homeless Shelters Supportive housing Health programs Children and youth Workforce development Family shelters for the homeless BronxPoint Project **Total Program Services** 

# **Supporting Services**

Management and general

Fundraising

**Total Supporting Services** 

# **TOTAL EXPENSES** \$121,673,595

# **NET ASSETS**

FY 2023 Beginning of year: **\$21,575,065** End of year: **\$24,128,385** Change in net assets: **\$2,553,320** 



# **FISCAL YEAR 2023**

\$10,156,857
\$3,499,082
\$35,226,410
\$23,066,941
\$3,628,538
\$2,745,800
\$12,444,685
\$3,102,557
\$5,870,477
\$9,904,968
\$109,646,315

\$11,170,520 \$856,760 \$12,027,280

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