



BronxWorks Participants Share Their Stories

During this time of year, BronxWorks has the opportunity to share inspiring stories of our community members who are working to uplift their lives and build a better future. Thanks to their efforts, the dedication of our staff, and the support of stakeholders like you, BronxWorks continues to live our mission everyday to **FEED, SHELTER, TEACH,** and **SUPPORT** the Bronx community.



Chiffon

BronxWorks Participant and Parent

"I go to work, I'm a single mom.



Alice

BronxWorks Participant

"Going to BronxWorks is very

This is what this community needs, a center like this that cares, that helps the students... They also helped me with financial problems and everything. They're there to listen and they give me advice, they lift me up."

important to me. It's better than staying home, doing nothing. You come here, you do exercise. It really helped me. I feel better... I'm really, really happy coming here."



David

BronxWorks Participant

"We're all faced with challenges. Life is so unexpected; you got to make sure you're good before you're good to everybody else."

Sandra

BronxWorks Parent

"It is one of the best decisions that I have ever made as a parent, bringing them here [to BronxWorks]."

Rosanna

BronxWorks Participant

"A lot of people and friends and family say to me, 'You need to take a class for social work because you are helpful.' I like to help the people; I feel that I was born with this."

This giving season, please consider making a donation to BronxWorks benefiting programs that uplift the Bronx! With your support, BronxWorks can continue to provide our extensive range of programs and services that empower our neighbors to create a better future for themselves.

[**Learn More About The BronxWorks Year-End Appeal**](#)



STAFF PROFILE

New Senior Leadership at BronxWorks

BronxWorks has welcomed several new leadership staff in recent months, as we continue to evolve the organization's internal structure to adapt to the needs of our community. Read on and click the link below to learn more about Najma Ali, Jennifer Anderson, and Christopher Francis.



Najma Ali
General Counsel

Najma Ali joined BronxWorks in July 2024 as General Counsel. In this position, Najma oversees legal and compliance matters for the organization. Najma comes to BronxWorks with several years of experience working as legal counsel for the City of New York in various capacities, often working to support social services similar to those at BronxWorks.

Jennifer Anderson
Controller

Jennifer Anderson joined BronxWorks in September 2024 as the new Controller. In this position, Jennifer leads a team to monitor and maintain the financial health of the organization, overseeing the budget, payroll, and other finances. Jennifer has substantial experience in financial leadership positions within the nonprofit sector in the New York area.



Christopher Francis, Ph.D.
Chief of Staff & Strategy

Christopher Francis, Ph.D., joined BronxWorks in September 2024 as the organization's first Chief of Staff & Strategy. In this role, Chris works closely with senior leadership to drive strategic planning, special projects, and program evaluation. Before joining BronxWorks, Chris spent several years overseeing and strategizing budget decisions for the State of California's budget to help serve under-represented communities.

[READ MORE ABOUT THE NEW SENIOR LEADERSHIP STAFF](#)



DID YOU KNOW

BronxWorks Teen Battle Chef Final Battle



The BronxWorks Teen Battle Chef program showcased the incredible culinary skills of 15 BronxWorks South Bronx Prep After-School program students. The young chefs split into two teams and competed for eight weeks with different recipes. Their collaborations taught teamwork and leadership skills, cooking techniques, and healthy eating habits. Their Final Battle took place on December 9, where the two teams competed to make the best tacos. The final dishes were judged by staff from BronxWorks Middle School Programs and staff from South Bronx Prep. Congratulations to all participants for their creativity and hard work! Thank you to our esteemed judges for participating in the event and thank you to Family Cook Productions for providing the curriculum.



PHOTO ESSAY



Thanksgiving Brunch for Bronx Older Adults

BronxWorks held our first annual Thanksgiving Brunch for older adults! Over 70 seniors from several BronxWorks Older Adult Centers attended the brunch to celebrate the holiday with their community and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. Attendees also enjoyed various games and musical entertainment provided by DJ LP. Thank you to all the volunteers who attended to help prepare and serve food! Special thanks to Stew Leonard III Water Safety Foundation for generously donating side dishes and dessert!

Click here to see media coverage of the event: [ABC 7 Eyewitness News New York](#)



ECLC Multicultural Day

The BronxWorks Early Childhood Learning Centers (ECLCs) once again celebrated Multicultural Day! ECLC students, families, and staff came together to share their culture and heritage through food, traditions, and activities! This highly-anticipated

event provides an opportunity for families from all backgrounds to celebrate their heritage and the diversity of the Bronx!



BronxWorks End-of-Year Staff Party

BronxWorks staff celebrated the holiday season together at the Annual End-of-Year Staff Party, hosted at Billy's Sports Bar in the Bronx. Staff from across the agency attended and had a great time enjoying food, drinks, and the dance floor together!



Jr Knicks Clinic

For the second year in a row, BronxWorks welcomed the Jr Knicks to host a basketball clinic for our middle school participants! Those in attendance had the opportunity to hear advice from Knicks legend Larry Johnson before participating in circuit drills. Thank you to the Knicks for their continued support of our students and to Larry Johnson for his uplifting words!



After-School Participants Learn Outdoor Skills

BronxWorks after-school participants at PS 130 had the opportunity to learn various outdoor skills, including tent building! PS 130 has partnered up with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's After-School Conservation Club to introduce students to outdoor recreational activities and important skills, such as fishing, camping, wildlife observation, composting, and more.



UPCOMING EVENTS



BronxWorks LIFTING LIVES GALA

SAVE THE DATE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN



Save the Date! The BronxWorks 2025 Lifting Lives Gala will take place on Wednesday, May 7! We are excited to once again return to the New York Botanical Garden to host our gala and we hope to see you there! Stay tuned for more updates to come by [subscribing to our mailing list](#).



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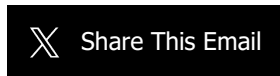
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