



FEATURED STORY

Join us for the BronxWorks 2026 Lifting Lives Gala On Tuesday, May 12, at 583 Park Avenue

Mark your calendars on May 12 for a night of celebration and inspiration!

The Lifting Lives Gala is our largest event of the year and supports a variety of programs uplifting the Bronx community. We are so excited to come together with our stakeholders to celebrate the Bronx, share our participants' incredible stories of resilience and growth, and recognize the dedication of our staff, board, and key partners.



Funds raised at the 2026 Lifting Lives Gala will help us implement lasting progress for our neighbors in need. As our biggest source of unrestricted funding, the gala supports our efforts to adapt to evolving needs and to invest in the long-term growth of our community.



Our programs provide consistent and reliable resources to address immediate challenges, and we also strive to break the cycle of poverty that affects thousands of Bronxites. By providing financial empowerment and career training, addressing housing instability through prevention and aftercare services, supporting educational success for all ages, and more, we are investing in a stronger future for our participants and the borough as a whole.



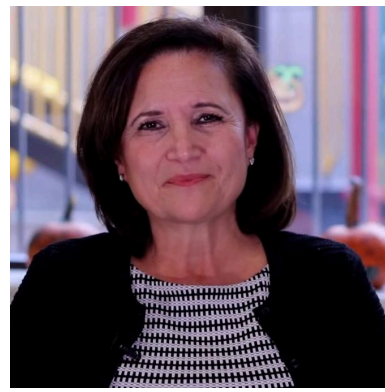
This work would not be possible without key supporters like you. Please consider making a contribution to the Lifting Lives Gala and help us build a brighter future for the Bronx. [Make your commitment today!](#)



This year, we are fortunate to honor two stakeholders committed to uplifting the Bronx:

Barrett Feldman
*BronxWorks Board Member
Principal
PSF Projects Architecture D.P.C.*

Susan Camerata
*Principal and Chief Financial Officer
Wavecrest Management*



Barrett has been a dedicated member of the BronxWorks Board of Directors for over six years and she is the Chair of the Facilities Committee. Barrett is a founding Principal of PSF Projects Architecture, a woman-owned, award-winning firm, where she leads the practice's nonprofit, educational, and research work. She has been a trusted advisor for the organization as we maintain dozens of facilities and implement capital improvements at key sites.

Susan has dedicated her career to managing and improving affordable housing in New York City. As a leader in a family-owned business that is responsible for the homes of low-income families, her passion is evident in the personal involvement she takes in Wavecreset properties and communities. She actively participates on community boards, develops strong relationships with residents, and personally liaises with community organizations and social service partners, like BronxWorks, to tailor programs and resources to the unique needs of the residents.

Our honorees share in our vision for a stronger Bronx community, and we are thrilled to recognize their commitment to lifting lives throughout the borough.



Lynda Lopez
Midday Anchor at 1010WINS

The 2026 Lifting Lives Gala will begin at 5:30pm with a cocktail reception, followed by a seated dinner and program starting at 7:00pm. During the program, you will hear from BronxWorks leaders, current and former participants, and other stakeholders of the Bronx community. We are thrilled that **Lynda Lopez, Midday Anchor at 1010WINS, will be our Special Guest at this year's Lifting Lives Gala!** Lynda has been a committed supporter of BronxWorks and as a Bronx native, she will share her story and her perspective on the organization's impact.

The event will also feature a silent auction with exciting items and experiences! Stay tuned for additional details and announcements! Follow us on social media to remain up to date on the Lifting Lives Gala.



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BronxWorks sincerely thanks the following donors for their generous and continued support of our mission for the BronxWorks 2026 Lifting Lives Gala.

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STAFF APPRECIATION

HAPPY SOCIAL WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH!



Thank You to BronxWorks Social Workers!

This Social Worker Appreciation Month, BronxWorks is proud to recognize our social work staff who are committed to supporting those in need. Every year, the BronxWorks Social Work Committee hosts an Appreciation Breakfast to celebrate the hard work of social workers throughout the organization. Dozens of staff from a variety of programs came together to enjoy a shared meal and participate in activities to get to know one another. Everyone had the opportunity to share experiences, inspirations, and motivations for their work.

During the breakfast, staff were asked to share why they became a social worker. Here are some of their responses:

"I saw the great need in the unhoused population, and I went back to school to improve myself as a professional to have the skills and tools to help improve people's lives."

"I wanted to be a social worker because a social worker saved my life. I wanted to do the same for my community."

"I believe everyone should have opportunity and support to live their best life. Providing support, being an advocate to remove obstacles and open doors for others, to create greater opportunities in people's lives, and to instill hope, provides my life with greater and deeper meaning."

BronxWorks is grateful for the dedication and passion of our social workers.



DID YOU KNOW

BronxWorks Annual Prom & Graduation

Drive Returns!



Did You Know? Every year, BronxWorks collects formal attire for our Prom & Graduation Drive benefitting Bronx students! Throughout the spring, you can donate new or gently used and laundered formal clothing to support teens with upcoming milestone celebrations. For many students, prom and graduation are once-in-a-lifetime events, and everyone deserves to feel prepared and confident for these exciting occasions.

When you are doing your spring cleaning this season, please consider donating formal clothing to the BronxWorks Prom & Graduation Drive!

More details about the drive, drop-off locations and times, and item requirements can be found at bronxworks.org/prom2026.

Check out the 2025 BronxWorks Prom Drive:

[Fox 5 New York | BronxWorks Hosts a Prom and Graduation Clothing Giveaway](#)

[PIX11News | BronxWorks helps ease financial burden of prom season](#)

[PIX11News | The Monica Makes It Happen Podcast: Eileen Torres and Dina Brown](#)



PHOTO ESSAY



Congratulations to Betty Ann Tamaisar for her Recognition on the City & State New York Above & Beyond: Women List!

Congratulations to our Vice President of Workforce Development Betty Ann Tamaisar for receiving a City & State New York Above and Beyond: Women Award! Betty is the driving force behind BronxWorks workforce development successes. Her tireless advocacy and community-centered approach shape programs that uplift our communities.

[Click here](#) to see the CSNY Above and Beyond: Women List.



Congratulations to Felicia Rickett-Samuels for her Recognition as an HR.com Top Women CHRO Leader!

BronxWorks is proud to congratulate Felicia Rickett-Samuels, Vice President of Human Resources at BronxWorks, on being named one of HR.com's Top Women CHRO Leaders. The award highlights HR leaders who lead with purpose, think strategically, and make a meaningful difference for their teams and workplaces.

[Click here](#) to view the full list of award-winners.



BronxWorks Advocates for Human Service Workers at the State Capitol

BronxWorks staff joined hundreds of other human service workers in Albany for the Human Services Advocacy Day at the state capitol this month. Across two days, staff met with several elected officials to call for a larger investment in all State-contracted salaries for human services programs. Thank you to everyone who joined BronxWorks in Albany and to those who emailed legislators from home. BronxWorks is proud to

continue fighting for better funding for our programs and staff alongside human services workers throughout the state.



BronxWorks Staff Participate in Annual HOPE Count

BronxWorks staff came together to support New York City's annual HOPE Count, or Homeless Outreach Population Estimate Count. Volunteers from throughout the city assist in gathering an estimate number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the city. As a leader in homeless outreach and other services in the Bronx, BronxWorks staff step up every year to participate in the count. Groups of volunteers are assigned sections of the city to canvas throughout the night. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted the count this year!



BronxWorks CEO Eileen Torres Speaks on Panel for Women's History Month

BronxWorks CEO Eileen Torres joined other female leaders in the Bronx as a panelist for Lincoln Hospital's Women's History Month event. Eileen spoke alongside Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson and The Doe Fund CEO Jennifer Mitchell, emphasizing the importance of women in leadership and their role in shaping the future of our city. BronxWorks is so proud to have such a powerful female leader in the community as our CEO.



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Support #TeamBronxWorks in the TD Five Boro Bike Tour!

On Sunday, May 3, #TeamBronxWorks will ride through all five NYC boroughs alongside cyclists around the world! Our team is raising money to support BronxWorks programs for children living in our family shelters. Every dollar you give helps create brighter futures for Bronx youth.

Support our fundraisers [HERE!](#)
Learn more at bronxworks.org/biketour.

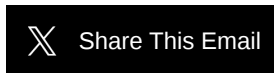
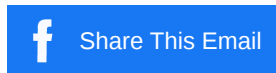
Here are some other ways you can join BronxWorks and support our mission this year:

- [Make a Monetary Gift.](#)
- Support our third annual [Prom & Graduation Clothing Drive](#) benefitting Bronx teens!
- Donate essential goods directly to Bronx residents in need through our [Emergency Needs Wishlist.](#)

- For more ways to support, please visit www.bronxworks.org/support-us.

You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Bluesky](#), and [X](#) for exciting updates.

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