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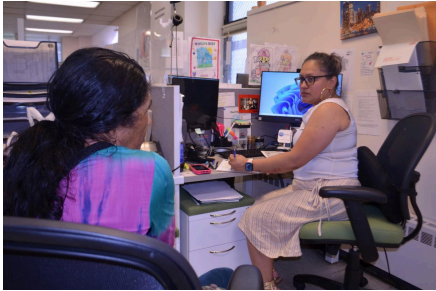
FEATURED STORY

BronxWorks Homebase Program: Keeping Our Neighbors Stably Housed

The BronxWorks Homebase program is an invaluable resource for thousands of individuals and families every year who are facing housing crises. Homebase is a city-wide eviction and shelter prevention program that provides various resources for those facing housing instability. BronxWorks Homebase provides services to five zip codes in the Bronx, including 10451, 10452, 10454, 10455, and 10456. BronxWorks supports residents in these communities with emergency housing concerns by assessing their individual circumstances and tailoring resources and approaches to their needs. Homebase assists those facing eviction and accumulating arrears, as well as other emergency situations such as unit repairs or quality-of-living concerns.

"When clients come in, they tell us their problem and we assess. Our goal is to ensure that families don't return or enter into shelter."

Juandy Paredes, Program Director, Homebase



Depending on each household's circumstances, Homebase can provide assistance with evaluating if they qualify for subsidies to assist with rent costs, writing advocacy letters for those who need repairs or must move to a safer unit, or applying to other available benefits. Each case is unique, and oftentimes the staff must adapt and come up with creative ideas to resolve these crises and ensure the clients preserve their housing.

IN 2025:

BronxWorks Homebase, along with other BronxWorks programs, supported 2,993 families with rental arrears assistance totaling over \$3.8 million.

Across the five boroughs, Homebase aims to serve 30,000 NYC households every year, with over a dozen service providers. BronxWorks accounts for a large part of that impact, as our Homebase program regularly surpasses the annual target of 3,600 households served. Homebase started as a pilot project at BronxWorks almost two decades ago. The program quickly demonstrated its impact and has continued to grow at BronxWorks and throughout the city ever since.

A major pillar of the BronxWorks mission is to provide shelter to our neighbors of all ages. Homebase is a significant aspect of the organization's work to support and preserve housing for the Bronx community. While not every single shelter entry can be prevented, Homebase helps thousands of households, many of them families with children, remain stably housed.



STAFF PROFILE

Daniella Garramone
Program Director, Homebase



Next month, Daniella Garramone will reach 10 years of working in the BronxWorks Homebase program. Daniella started her career at the organization in October of 2016 as a Case Management Supervisor, and by 2021 she became a Program Director. Daniella co-leads this vital program with more than 70 staff providing eviction prevention services to over 3,600 clients annually who are at risk of losing housing.

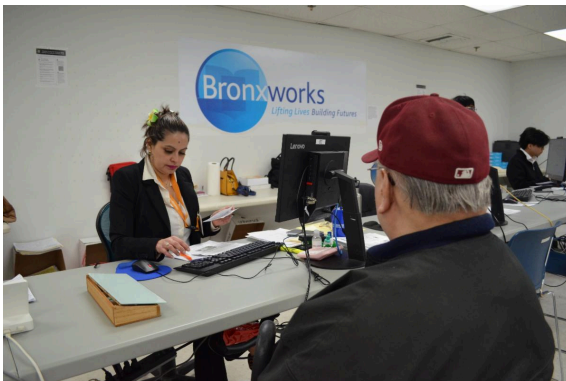
"We see the clients through the whole process, from the beginning when they come to us with a crisis, to the end where they're happy in their home".

[Learn More About Daniella](#)



DID YOU KNOW

BronxWorks Continues to Offer Tax Services for 2025 Filing



Did You Know? BronxWorks has extended our tax services to continue supporting those filing their taxes. BronxWorks Workforce Development department offers NYC Free Tax Prep services two times a week for those filing for 2022-2025. Our tax prep services are designed to support low-income individuals, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and limited English speakers, regardless of immigration or naturalization status. Our staff are IRS-certified tax preparers who guide individuals through the filing process, ensuring that they file with confidence and take advantage of tax credit opportunities when applicable. BronxWorks has been a provider of NYC Free Tax Prep services since 2007, and we are proud to continue offering these services to encourage financial empowerment within our community.



PHOTO ESSAY



Students Prepared For Back-to-School Season With School Supplies Donations

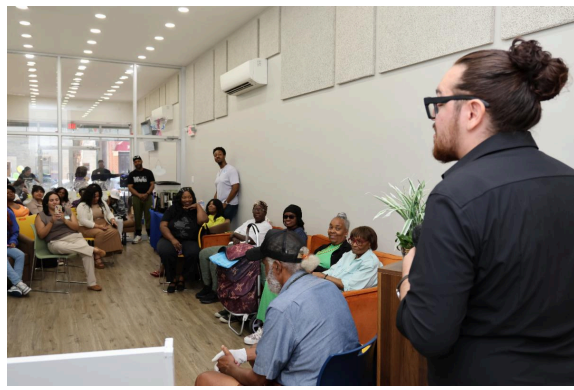
Students across several BronxWorks youth programs were thrilled to receive backpacks and other back-to-school supplies, thanks to our generous donors. BronxWorks strives to ensure that our students are prepared and excited for the new school year and have the resources they need to thrive. We could not make this happen without contributions from friends like you. Thank you to everyone who supported BronxWorks with back-to-school donations this year!

In-kind donations are especially important this time of year, as children begin the school year and with the holidays right around the corner. You can donate items directly to BronxWorks by purchasing items from our [Emergency Needs Wishlist](#).



BronxWorks Living Room Celebrates Labor Day With a BBQ

Staff, clients, and community members came together for a barbecue to kick off Labor Day weekend at the BronxWorks Living Room Drop-In Center. Everyone enjoyed great food, good conversation, and fun activities to celebrate the long weekend.



UPTOWN Family Enrichment Center Celebrates Soft Launch

The UPTOWN Family Enrichment Center (FEC) held their Soft Launch Opening at the end of the summer, celebrating one year since the center's establishment in the Williamsbridge community of the North Bronx. UPTOWN FEC offers family-friendly programming throughout the week that is shaped by the participants and encourages building connections among neighbors. The center strives to be a welcoming neighborhood space where community members of all ages can find support, resources, and fun activities. At the Soft Launch, community members learned more about the center's offerings, received school supplies and other giveaways, and enjoyed fun group activities and games.

The UPTOWN Family Enrichment Center is operated by BronxWorks in partnership with the New York City Administration for Children's Services (ACS) as part of a citywide effort to strengthen families and build community connections. Learn more about the UPTOWN FEC at uptownfec.org.



Older Adults Enjoy Plant-Based Food Tasting

Older adults at the BronxWorks Morris Older Adult Center enjoyed a plant-based food tasting in partnership with NYS Department For The Aging (DFTA). The participants enjoyed canoas, or stuffed plantains, for lunch and discussed the ingredients and nutritional value of the meal. As the funder of our older adult centers, DFTA provides guidelines for the meals provided at the centers, and this event was part of their efforts

to expand and enhance their plant-based menu offerings. Thank you to DFTA for joining us at Morris and for sharing some new and delicious meals with our community members!



BronxWorks CEO Eileen Torres Recognized By City & State New York 2026 Latino Trailblazers List!

To kick off Hispanic Heritage Month, BronxWorks CEO Eileen Torres was recognized on CSNY's Latino Trailblazers List for her strong leadership and longstanding advocacy for the community. Congratulations, Eileen, on this wonderful recognition!

[View the full list here.](#)



*Douglas Harrison, pictured on the panel on the far left.
Photo Credit: NYC Nonprofit News*

BronxWorks Sr. Procurement Manager Douglas Harrison Joins Panel on Inclusive Procurement

BronxWorks Senior Procurement Manager Douglas Harrison represented the organization at the New York Equitable Economies Coalition's (NYEEC) Inclusive Procurement panel. Doug joined The Mayor's Office of Nonprofit Services (MONS) Executive Director Minguez and other leaders in related industries. The panel discussed the importance of diversifying City vendors to support both local nonprofits and small businesses in the procurement process.

[Learn more about the panel and its resources here.](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

The BronxWorks 5K Is Back!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
ORCHARD BEACH, BRONX, NY



Join us on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24** at **ORCHARD BEACH** in the Bronx for the BronxWorks Monster Mash Hunger Dash 5K! Support our work as we fight food insecurity in the Bronx!

Early Bird Prices are available for a limited time! We offer family ticket bundles! [Buy your tickets now!](#)

Can't make it on October 24? [Support a fundraiser!](#) All 5K participants are encouraged to fundraise to support our efforts combatting food insecurity. There are prizes available for our top fundraisers!

Thank you to our 5K Major Sponsor:



SUPPORT THE BRONXWORKS 5K MONSTER MASH HUNGER DASH!



WAYS TO SUPPORT



Support #TeamBronxWorks in the TCS 2026 NYC Marathon!

BronxWorks is proud to once again be a charity partner for the TCS NYC Marathon this year. As a charity runner, members of #TeamBronxWorks each have a goal of raising \$3,000 for BronxWorks Children and Youth programs. [Support our runners here!](#)

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

- [Make a Monetary Gift.](#)
- 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.

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