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The BronxWorks March 2020 Newsletter

BronxWorks Responds to COVID-19

All Hands on Deck! Anca Dragomirescu, BronxWorks Human Relations Director, volunteers at the food pantry at the BronxWorks Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center on March 28.

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A Letter to the Community from the Executive Director

Eileen Torres, Executive Director of BronxWorks, penned a letter to the community addressing BronxWorks continued commitment to live our mission and support our Bronx neighbors during the COVID-19 crisis. View complete letter here.

BronxWorks Program Updates

Many BronxWorks locations and programs are deemed essential services and remain open, including our 24-hour facilities. BronxWorks is committed to the safety of our staff and the communities we serve. For the most current program updates, please contact your BronxWorks location or email info@bronxworks.org for updates and information or visit here.

BronxWorks Senior Center staff distribute Grab & Go meals to participants.
BronxWorks staff remains committed to assisting our Bronx neighbors during these very uncertain times. The BronxWorks Emergency Fund helps some of the most vulnerable communities in New York City during the COVID-19 crisis.

Please make a gift of any amount to help BronxWorks provide essential services to Bronx residents with the greatest need: the homeless, children, seniors, immigrants, and individuals with significant health challenges.

To donate now text joinbronxworks to 76278 or visit here.

No act of generosity is too small to make a difference.

We need your help NOW. Join BronxWorks! We call on all people of goodwill to support the work of dedicated BronxWorks staff. Please make a gift today.

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2020 Census

Complete the Census by Phone:
- English: 844-330-2020
- Spanish: 844-468-2020
- French: 844-494-2020
- Arabic: 844-416-2020

For more information please contact Alida Quinones-Reyes
(347) 835-0262
Alreyes@bronxworks.org

Visit: BronxWorks.org
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As a partner, we will be working to help our community members find the best method to complete the census. Visit here for more information or contact Alida Quinones-Reyes at alreyes@bronxworks.org or 347-835-0262. members find the best method to complete the census.

Staff Profile: Dominique Jackson

Dominique Jackson, Case Manager at Twin Parks West, Highbridge and Franklin Community Services, began her BronxWorks career in 2011. Before her career path with BronxWorks, Dominique was enrolled in the BronxWorks YAIP (Young Adult Internship Program). She graduated YAIP in 2010 and shortly after was informed of an opening at the Agency.

Dominique recalls her interview for an Outreach Worker position, "I walked in prepared, and confident. YAIP gave me the tools and knowledge for going on interviews."

In Dominique’s position in the Workforce Development Department at BronxWorks, she focuses on community outreach and recognizing programming needs of residents. BronxWorks offices at Twin Parks West, Highbridge, and Franklin provide varied services to the residents of the developments. She stresses the importance of outreach work with the community. During the COVID-19 crisis Dominique is working remotely, connecting with residents via phone. In addition to working remotely, she has made emergency food deliveries to support the residents critical needs.

When Dominique is not hard at work at BronxWorks she loves to spend time with her children. She enjoys doing educational and fun activities with them. Dominique is pursuing her Bachelor of Arts degree from Lehman College in Human Services. Her personal passion is dance and the arts.

Did You Know? March is...
Did you know that March is...National Social Work Month, National Reading Month and Women's History Month?

While we are currently living amongst the COVID-19 crisis, BronxWorks recognizes National Social Work Month, National Reading Month and Women's History Month.

Earlier in March, the BronxWorks Social Worker Committee held a breakfast and painting event for our team of social workers. (Click here for photo [here](#).) BronxWorks also introduced a book drive which is currently on hold (Stay tuned for more details). Last but not least, BronxWorks also celebrates Women's History Month and we are especially proud of our determined female leaders.

Marjorie Jeannot, Director of BronxWorks Willow Avenue Family Residence.

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**Photo Essay**

Carolyn Pelzer (center, sitting) surrounded by her BronxWorks colleagues.
A Joyous Celebration of 27 years at BronxWorks

A retirement party was held early this month to celebrate Carolyn Pelzer. Carolyn retired from her position as a case manager at the BronxWorks Living Room / Safe Haven. Thank you to Carolyn for her tireless service to the homeless population.

Celebrating National Social Work Month

On March 10, the BronxWorks Social Workers Committee held the annual breakfast in honor of National Social Work Month for all BronxWorks social workers. Everyone enjoyed breakfast and a very special painting class.
Dr. Linares (center) and Sophia Zayas (2nd from right), New York State Governor's office, joined by BronxWorks staff (left) Arturo Lopez, Shalima McCants, Julie Spitzer and Scott Auwarter (far right).

**Commissioner Linares Presents at CMCC**

Dr. Guillermo Linares, President of New York State High Education Services Corporation, presented New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Budget 2020 at BronxWorks. He was joined by Sophia Zayas, Bronx Representative to the Governor's office.

**Saturday Food Pantry at CMCC**

On March 28, the BronxWorks Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center held their Saturday pantry. The BronxWorks staff are highly dedicated especially during the COVID-19 crisis to help our Bronx neighbors. Click [here](#) for more photos. Click here to view news coverage of the pantry from [News 12](#) and [NY 1](#).
**Regional Enrichment Center**

Children tend to their remote learning assignments at the Regional Enrichment Center located at the BronxWorks Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center (CMCC). Regional Enrichment Centers provide childcare for New York City Healthcare and other essential workers.

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**Ways to Give**

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