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The BronxWorks June 2020 Newsletter

SPECIAL EDITION:
BronxWorks Employee Recognition

Vaishali Sharma, Department Director, Supportive Housing and Health Policy, receiving her 5 year recognition in 2015, with Eileen Torres, Executive Director. This year, Shali is acknowledged for her 10 years of service at BronxWorks.

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Staff Recognition & Milestones for 2019

Each year in the spring, the entire BronxWorks organization gathers for the annual staff meeting. The meeting brings together all team members from every BronxWorks location and department. During the meeting, the BronxWorks leadership team highlights agency accomplishments, shares news and updates, leads lively discussions, and most importantly, recognizes staff. BronxWorks staff are recognized during the meeting for notable contributions, professional milestones, and years of service.

Sadly, like so many other celebrations and traditions, the BronxWorks 2020 Annual Staff Meeting was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This newsletter is dedicated to the BronxWorks staff who would have been recognized.
### Staff Recognition for Years of Service

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**Click here to view recipients.**

Congratulations to staff who received their LCSW, LMSW, MSW, Bachelor or Associate Degrees in
Congratulations to all staff who were promoted in 2019!

Thank you to staff who assisted, helped, and/or planned the 2019 Picnic and 2019 End of Year Party.

Thank you to BronxWorks staff who provided Code Blue or Code Red coverage during dangerous weather conditions in 2019.

Staff Profile: Celebrating Staff of 25 & 20 Years

Below are photos and personal contributions shared from staff celebrating 25 and 20 years of service.

Joseph E. Smith III

Joseph has worked at BronxWorks for the past 25 years. He is currently a Case Manager for Comprehensive Services for Immigrant Families at the BronxWorks Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center. During his tenure, Joseph was able to obtain his Master's degree in Social Work from Hunter College.

Joseph is inspired by helping and working with families in his community. When Joseph is not at BronxWorks, he enjoys photography, theatre and film.

Maria Rivera
Maria Rivera, Department Director of Senior Services has worked at BronxWorks for over 20 years. Her accomplishments have been recognized by the New York State Assembly, the NYC Public Advocate, and various City Council Members. Maria spearheaded the BronxWorks Morris Innovative Senior Center, the first of its kind in the Bronx. Maria is inspired by BronxWorks ability to provide numerous services to the community. She believes in the BronxWorks mission and the work that the Agency does. Maria's personal passion is dancing and she often shares that at senior events and celebrations.

Kimberly Haynes

Kimberly Haynes, Program Coordinator, Children and Youth Department also celebrates 20 years with BronxWorks. "What has kept me at BronxWorks so many years is BronxWorks continual support of the families in this community. Over the years I have seen this community change ethnically and culturally. BronxWorks has never waived in their mission to feed, shelter, teach, and support." Kimberly says of her tenure at BronxWorks. For fun, Kimberly enjoys reading autobiographies and double dutch jump rope.

Additional BronxWorks Staff celebrating 20 years of service:
Maria Alvers
Counselor, P.S. 130
20 years of service

Niurka Silverio
Program Specialist, Emergency Needs Housing
20 years of service

Margarita Rosado
Shift Supervisor, Jackson Family Residence
20 years of service

Ivis Ortiz
Janitor/Porter, Jackson Family Residence
20 years of service
Recognizing our Maintenance Staff

Thank You to Our Maintenance Staff

BronxWorks would like to thank our Maintenance Staff who continue to work tirelessly throughout the pandemic and keep our environment clean and safe.

Did You Know?
The BronxWorks Farm Stand at 1130 Grand Concourse Opens Soon!
The BronxWorks Farm Stand at the Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center, 1130 Grand Concourse, will open Thursday, July 9. The farm stand will provide affordable, fresh, and local produce to the community. BronxWorks staff will be on-site providing recipes as well as conducting nutrition classes.

Mott Haven Farm Stand, a BronxWorks partnership, will open on Monday, July 6. For more information or how to become a volunteer please contact Shamika at 718-731-3114, ext. 1101.
This month BronxWorks created videos to commemorate Juneteenth and celebrate the importance of this holiday, as well as an informational video on the LGBTQIA+ Acronym. In addition, BronxWorks created a video that highlights efforts to keep our senior community connected during the COVID-19 crisis.

**Juneteenth**

BronxWorks - A History and Celebration of Juneteenth

**LGBTQIA+**

BronxWorks CAPP/SRAE - Where's your PRIDE: A Guide to LGBTQIA+

**BronxWorks Senior Programs**

BronxWorks Senior Centers - Keeping the Senior Community Connected
Photo Essay

Neelima Panoli, BronxWorks Leadership Council Member.

**BronxWorks Community Pantry**

BronxWorks Leadership Council Member, Neelima Panoli lent a helping hand and volunteered her time to the
CMCC After-School Virtual Class

BronxWorks Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center's After-School Program successfully transitioned to virtual programs the past few months. Earlier this month the program held their farewell zoom session for the school year.

Thank You to Local #3 IBEW

THANK YOU to Local #3 IBEW for donating $1,800 for our Community Food Pantry! BronxWorks is grateful for generous donations from the community to support our services.
BronxWorks Early Childhood Learning Center Virtual Graduations

**ECLC Graduates Virtually**
The BronxWorks Early Childhood Learning Center Program held their graduation ceremonies this month. ECLC teachers led the class and parents and they sang, viewed photos, and celebrated the years accomplishments.

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**Census**

BronxWorks is proud to be a NYC Complete Count Fund partner. Participate in the #2020census online or by phone. Participation is vital in these uncertain times. 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.

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**Support BronxWorks**
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.

DONATE

The Bronx communities we serve are also in need of many essential items. Diapers and wipes are among the items requested the most from our program participants. Click here to buy items from BronxWorks Emergency Needs List.

Donate Items off our Emergency Needs List

Good news! You can now support BronxWorks in the Amazon app on your phone!
Follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start donating
How to Activate AmazonSmile in the App:

Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device

Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'

Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process

Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon app to generate donations.

The 2020 TCS NYC Marathon has been canceled. BronxWorks would like to thank all of our supporters.

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