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The BronxWorks

2019 Lifting Lives Gala

Benefiting Children, Families and Seniors of the Bronx

Mark your calendar!

The BronxWorks 2019 Lifting Lives Gala takes place on May 14, 2019 at The Grand Hyatt New York at 6:00pm.
Please join BronxWorks as we celebrate our efforts to Lift Lives and Build Futures, recognize our distinguished honorees, and raise funds to support the children, families and seniors of the Bronx.

For more information about the Gala, or to purchase tickets, journal ads or sponsorships, please visit our website!

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Introducing The Honorees

Every year, we raise a glass to celebrate BronxWorks and our partnerships with extraordinary corporations and individuals who help us serve Bronx community members. This year, BronxWorks will honor Simon Stanaway, Member, BronxWorks Board of Directors; and CARR, A Xerox Company.

Simon Stanaway

Simon Stanaway is a partner at Ernst & Young (EY) in New York City. He currently leads the Americas Mobile Talent and Workforce Enablement group within EY’s People Advisory Services (PAS) practice. Simon was born and raised in the United Kingdom. He completed his BSc (Hons) from Birmingham University (UK) and his Post Graduate Diploma (Management) from Newcastle University in New South Wales, Australia.

Simon joined the BronxWorks Board of Directors in 2014. Before moving to Croton-on-Hudson in Westchester County, Simon lived in Riverdale in the Bronx with his wife, Veronica Nkwodimmah, and their son, Dylan, aged 6. The Bronx is where they first lived after marrying, and it is where Veronica first arrived in the US as a child from Nigeria. In addition, Dylan was born in the Bronx.

"My family and I have strong ties to the Bronx. I joined the BronxWorks Board of Directors to help the Agency provide..."
"For the past five years, Simon has been an active and dedicated member of the BronxWorks Board of Directors," said Roger Begelman, Board Chair. "Simon is a leader among his colleagues on the Board and a strong supporter of BronxWorks initiatives," he added.

CARR, A Xerox Company

BronxWorks is pleased to highlight our partnership with CARR, A Xerox Company, which provides the Agency's printing and office solutions. Established in Great Neck, New York, CARR began serving small businesses in 1937 as a typewriter dealer. The company's products now include printers, copiers, scanners, among other technology. CARR has been recognized for its work on behalf of over 50 non-profit organizations, such as BronxWorks.

CARR recently opened an office dedicated to Bronx-based organizations and non-profits, such as BronxWorks. Anthony J. Falciglia, Bronx Branch Manager, CARR, is a Bronx native and resident. He was excited to add BronxWorks to his portfolio.

"I'm grateful for our partnership with BronxWorks because serving my community is important to me," said Anthony.

CARR employees are strong BronxWorks supporters and frequently participate in various Agency events, such as the 5K and The Dip Against Homelessness. "CARR employees are dedicated to our mission and have an enthusiastic presence at BronxWorks events. We look forward to celebrating with them at the Gala," said Eileen Torres, BronxWorks Executive Director.

Special Ambassador:
MLB Legend Dwight "Doc" Gooden

BronxWorks is pleased to announce that Dwight "Doc" Gooden, legendary Major League Baseball pitcher, will join The 2019 Lifting Lives Gala. Doc played for the New York Mets for ten years and helped the team win the 1986 World Series. He then went across the river to throw a no-hitter and earn two more World Series rings in 1996 and 2000 with the New York Yankees. Doc also played with the Cleveland Indians, Houston Astros, and Tampa Bay Rays. In a career spanning 430 games, Doc, also known as "Dr. K", posted a win-loss record of 194-112 and over 2,200 strikeouts.

Doc was born in Tampa, Florida and played minor league baseball until he joined the New York Mets in 1984. His stellar pitching record earned him the prestigious "Triple Crown of Pitching" title in 1985 after 24 wins, a 1.53 Earned Run Average and 268 strikeouts. Doc was inducted into the Mets Hall of Fame in 2010.

Although he battled substance abuse issues throughout his career, Doc has been sober for quite some time. The father of seven children, Doc considers himself to be first and foremost a family man and "a Met at heart." Doc enjoys giving back to the community. He is a supporter of
Dwight "Doc" Gooden was inducted into the Mets Hall of Fame in 2010.

"I couldn't pass up an opportunity to support children, families, and seniors of the Bronx. I have strong ties to this community," said Doc.

As Special Ambassador, Doc will greet our guests and take some photos at the Step and Repeat. We also look forward to Doc sharing insights and experiences during the program.

A special thanks to Bruce Eagel from Eagel Sports Promotions for arranging Doc's appearance.

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Lisa Evers, Mistress of Ceremonies

BronxWorks is thrilled to welcome Lisa Evers back to the podium as the Mistress of Ceremonies for The 2019 Lifting Lives Gala. Lisa is a television news reporter for FOX 5 at 5, 6, & 10pm in New York, and Host and Executive Producer of Street Soldiers, which was recently nominated for an Emmy Award. BronxWorks was proud to host two episodes of the Emmy-nominated series on the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) at our Pyramid Cornerstone Community Center in 2018; click here to watch "NYCHA Crisis Town Hall," filmed in February and click here to watch "NYCHA: What's Changed" filmed in November.

Born in Chicago, Lisa honed her broadcast skills in hard news reporting at CNN & ABC Radio Networks and 1010 WINS. She specializes in crime, terrorism, political and urban cultural issues, as well as music. Lisa was the first TV reporter to bridge the gap between hip hop and mainstream news with recording artist 50 Cent's exclusive TV interview for FOX 5.

Lisa has been recognized for her community-focused efforts. She co-founded Hip Hop Votes, which is a voter registration and empowerment non-profit, led relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and Hurricane Sandy in New York, and hosts youth empowerment summits. Lisa was also the first Black Belt Magazine "Woman of the Year."

Lisa is dedicated to bringing light to issues affecting under-served individuals, and she is pleased to contribute her time and talents to support BronxWorks.

"I'm honored to once again serve as the emcee for The BronxWorks 2019 Lifting Lives Gala. BronxWorks provides critical services to community members in need, and The Gala is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and support the Agency's work," Lisa said.
BronxWorks welcomes Gordon Miller, our new Chief Financial Officer (CFO), to the Agency. Gordon will provide executive leadership over the Agency's finances, including financial planning. Gordon has an MBA from the University Massachusetts Amherst and a bachelor's degree from Adelphi University.

In his new role, Gordon will build on his years of professional experience in both the private and nonprofit sectors. Most recently, Gordon served as Director of Finance at the Jewish Child Care Association (JCCA), a child welfare and mental health services organization. Gordon joined BronxWorks earlier this month and immediately hit the ground running. He has already attended a BronxWorks Board Meeting and the Annual Staff Meeting.

Gordon grew up in Queens and currently lives in Long Island. He is committed to giving back to his community and spends time mentoring youth. Gordon also is passionate about voter registration and participates in local outreach.

"I'm excited for this opportunity with BronxWorks, which will allow me to use my experience to help the Agency serve under-
Join us at the BronxWorks 2019 Lifting Lives Gala and you will have the opportunity to meet other BronxWorks staff members!

BronxWorks staff member Teanika Chamberlain, Program Director of the Special Exit and Prevention Supplements and Rapid Re-Housing Programs at the 2018 Annual Gala Silent Auction table.

BronxWorks staff member Alex Soto, Training Coordinator at the 2018 Annual Gala greeting guests.

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**Did You Know?**

**2019 Annual Staff Meeting**

Did you know that the BronxWorks held its Annual Staff Meeting on Thursday, March 21?

Hundreds of BronxWorks staff members came together over three sessions to learn about the Agency’s accomplishments of 2018 and plans for 2019, including the Quality Assurance Initiative *(featured in the September 2018 Newsletter)* and the new Cornerstone Learning System, a software program that features online training courses. Staff also enjoyed a video featuring program participants and their success stories. [Click here to view video](#)

After a series of team building exercises, colleagues who have worked at the Agency for three years or more were recognized. The meeting was held at Billy’s, a Bronx venue near Yankee Stadium, and was a great opportunity for staff to reconnect with each other and look forward to the rest of 2019.

[Click here for more pictures](#)
New York Community Trust Leadership Fellows Dean's Conversation with Wes Moore

On February 25, Tashaka Wynter, BronxWorks Assistant Department Director, Children & Youth attended a special event at Baruch College for current and former New York Community Trust (NYCT) Fellows. Tashaka served as a NYCT Fellow in 2016. Wes Moore, CEO of The Robin Hood Foundation and Patricia Swann, Senior Program Officer, NYCT gave an engaging presentation.
Fresh Food Box Returns to BronxWorks

Thanks to a partnership with GrowNYC, BronxWorks is once again offering Fresh Food Box subscriptions at the Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center at 1130 Grand Concourse. Every Thursday from 2 - 6pm, participants can pick up a weekly supply of fresh produce, recipes, and nutritional facts for $14.
The Equity Project Charter School Volunteers for BronxWorks

On Thursday February 28, staff from The Equity Project (TEP) Charter School enthusiastically spent their day volunteering at the BronxWorks Heights Senior Center. Volunteers served dinner, played bingo, and led an energetic Zumba exercise class.

Swim Lessons for Jill Chaifetz Transfer School Students

BronxWorks is proud to offer swim lessons to program participants of all ages. The Agency now holds weekly swim classes at the Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center (CMCC) for high school students from the Jill Chaifetz Transfer School (JCTS).

Thank You to Our Early Gala Sponsors!
For more information about the Gala or to purchase tickets, journal ads, or sponsorship opportunities, please visit our website or contact Elizabeth "Bessie" Taliaferro at 646-393-4004 or etaliaferro@bronxworks.org
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