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The BronxWorks May 2019 Newsletter

BronxWorks 2019 Lifting Lives Gala Highlights
Benefiting Children, Families, and Seniors of the Bronx

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Mistress of Ceremonies Lisa Evers of HOT 97/FOX 5 charmed the crowd with Alex Soto, BronxWorks Training Coordinator during the Call To Action.

The BronxWorks Lifting Lives Gala, held on May 14 at the Grand Hyatt New York, proved to be our most successful Gala ever! BronxWorks hosted a memorable evening honoring some of the Agency’s most dedicated supporters. Special Ambassador Dwight “Doc” Gooden mixed and mingled with guests, and Lisa Evers of HOT 97/FOX 5 charmed the crowd as Mistress of Ceremonies for the second year in a row. The evening also featured an opportunity for guests to learn more about the BronxWorks mission while supporting children, families, and seniors of the Bronx. Thanks to many generous supporters, significant dollars were committed to our work.

Solomon Smart, Program Director at the East Concourse Senior Center, kicked off the evening’s program. “In 2018, over 6,000 seniors attended classes at BronxWorks Senior Centers. With your support, we will continue to expand our reach,” Solomon said.

Doc Gooden graciously spoke about his experiences as a child, an athlete, and now a father.

"I know the value of safe spaces to work and play, and the importance of encouraging under-served children to work hard and dream big," Doc said.
Directors, Tom Watson, Chair of the BronxWorks Board of Directors Development Committee and Board Member Mike DeAddio, the Gala's Diamond Sponsor. Mike spoke fondly of when he visited BronxWorks for the first time and his impressions of the Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center. Mike also shared how serving on the Board has inspired him personally.

An exciting Silent Auction was held in conjunction with Eagle Sports Promotions, which included unique packages, experiences, and valuable memorabilia. This year's "Wine Wall" was also a hit as attendees purchased wine to support BronxWorks. Each bottle was wrapped, so every purchase was a surprise!

The Gala’s Call to Action Video featured three program participants, including a senior, a mother, and a young adult. They shared memorable stories about how BronxWorks has supported them and had a positive impact on their lives.

Recognizing Leaders Who Support Bronx Communities

The honorees of the Lifting Lives Gala included Simon Stanaway, BronxWorks Board Member and CARR, A Xerox Company.

Roger Begelman, Chair of the BronxWorks Board, presented the first award to Simon Stanaway. "Simon brings a unique perspective and a commitment to collaboration to the Board. He is a committed supporter of the Agency's initiatives and has strong ties to the borough," said Roger. Simon’s six-year-old son, Dylan, attended the event and charmed guests with an appearance during the Call to Action.
Erica Coleman, General Counsel at BronxWorks presented the second award to CARR, A Xerox Company.

"BronxWorks is proud to highlight our partnership with CARR Xerox. We are also thankful to CARR employees for their support of many Agency events," said Erica.

Joseph Koury, President of CARR Xerox, accepted the award on the company's behalf.

Cheers to an exciting celebration of 47 years of lifting lives and building futures in the Bronx. You can still respond to the Call to Action by clicking below.

CALL TO ACTION

Special Thanks to Sponsors and Silent Auction Contributors
Thank you to the Silent Auction Contributors:


Thank you to BronxWorks Board Members Steve Axelrod, Marie D'Costa, and Joan Rosenthal; as well as BronxWorks Leadership Council Chair, Kate Machan, and Leadership Council Members Kristina Jerry and Oliver Dirks.

Finally, BronxWorks would like to thank The Bronx Design Group, our printing partner, and BronxNet, our partner in the production of the 2019 Call to Action video.
Did You Know?
BronxWorks Provides Supportive Services at Cooper Gardens

Did you know that BronxWorks provides supportive services at Cooper Gardens, the new St. Barnabas Wellness Care and Affordable Housing project?

Cooper Gardens is located in the Belmont section of the Bronx near St. Barnabas Hospital. The site opened in March 2019 and consists of two residential towers. BronxWorks will provide an array of supportive and case management services to 95 formerly homeless households, including 49 families with children.

Staff Profile: Karen Montanero

Karen Montanero, Case Management Supervisor at BronxWorks, has worked at the Agency for five years. She recently earned her Master’s degree in Social Work from Hunter College, which will serve her as she continues working with Bronx community members in need. Karen currently helps families residing in homeless
Karen Montanero, BronxWorks Case Management Supervisor at Cooper Gardens.

Shelters adjust to permanent housing at the new St. Barnabas Wellness Care and Affordable Housing project. The housing development, which is also known as Cooper Gardens, is located in the Belmont section of the Bronx near St. Barnabas Hospital. Karen has been instrumental in launching BronxWorks supportive services in the residence, which recently opened.

In her role as Case Management Supervisor, Karen connects program participants to an array of social services, such as employment resources and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits (food stamps), among other supportive services. She also manages a team of case managers at the residence.

Karen's favorite part of her job at BronxWorks is working directly with community members.

"I enjoy developing a rapport with program participants and building relationships with them," Karen said. "It's inspiring to support individuals as they develop a sense of autonomy and advance in their lives."

Karen's first role at BronxWorks was at the Brook, a residence which offers permanent housing to individuals with chronic health conditions and formerly homeless community members. Karen was a Case Manager at the Brook, where she developed her skill set in social work and harm reduction. Karen still returns to the Brook to check in and visit with the residents.

Karen is excited about her new role as Case Management Supervisor, which allows her to work with families. As a licensed social worker, Karen is now more prepared to work with vulnerable family members, including children, who have experienced homelessness.

Karen continued her role at the Brook while pursuing her master's degree at Hunter College, and she is "incredibly grateful" for the flexibility and support she received from BronxWorks.

"Going back to school was challenging, but my degree will help me assist community members as they overcome obstacles and move forward."

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Photo Essay
Second Saturdays at St. Mary's Park Kicks Off
On May 11, the BronxWorks Healthy & Livable Mott Haven Partnership kicked off the fourth year of Second Saturdays in St. Mary’s Park, a series of 6 monthly events. Community members enjoyed a variety of family-friendly activities, including fitness classes, health screenings, arts activities and performances.

BronxWorks Youth Participates in AIDS Walk
IS 313 & IS 339 Community School students and BronxWorks program participants raised funds to
BronxWorks Hosts Crown Her Prom Dress Event at the Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center
On May 4, BronxWorks hosted the Crown Her Prom Dress Event for 8th grade, 12th grade, and High School Equivalent (HSE) graduating females. Participants enjoyed make-up tutorials, raffles, and received complimentary prom dresses as they prepared for their prom and graduation.

Novartis Volunteers at the Heights Senior Center
Volunteers from Novartis spent their day at the BronxWorks Heights Neighborhood Senior Center. The enthusiastic group prepared lunch, facilitated activities, and assisted with other essential tasks.
Join members of the BronxWorks community to hear Carolyn McLaughlin read excerpts from her new book, "South Bronx Battles: Stories of Resistance, Resilience, and Renewal." Carolyn is the former Executive Director of BronxWorks.

Thursday, June 13, 2019
11:00am - 1:00pm

Carolyn McLaughlin Community Center
1130 Grand Concourse

RSVP
For the 11th year in a row, BronxWorks is thrilled to be a charity partner at the TCS New York City Marathon on Sunday November 3, 2019. The New York City Marathon is the world's biggest marathon, with more than 52,000 finishers in 2018. Each year, a group of BronxWorks staff and supporters gather to cheer on the runners on the big day, rain or shine!

BronxWorks is currently looking for team members to run the 2019 TCS NYC Marathon. Each team member commits to raising at least $2,500 to support BronxWorks programs for low-income Bronx children and youth, including afterschool programs, academic tutoring, and college prep, among others. Click below to learn more and sign up!

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BronxWorks will hold its Annual 5K this Fall!

More details to follow.
For more information about the 5K, please email info@bronxworks.org

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