Festivities & Finish Lines
The BronxWorks 2016 Annual Gala & 5K Run/Walk

The June 2016 Newsletter

June was a busy month for BronxWorks, as we held two of our favorite yearly traditions! We extend a sincere thank you to all who supported and participated in the Annual Gala and the BronxWorks 5K! Browse the articles and photos below to see how we celebrated and supported our mission!

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Highlights of the Evening

The BronxWorks 2016 Annual Gala was a memorable evening honoring some of the community’s important contributors that support the BronxWorks mission. Yankees Roy White and Jeff Nelson were there to greet guests and Laura Behnke of ABC7 Eyewitness News charmed as Mistress of Ceremonies. Both new and longtime friends and supporters of BronxWorks turned out to honor and support the organization’s mission to Feed, Shelter, Teach and Support the Bronx community. Thanks to a generous matching gift contribution by lead sponsor Bridgehampton National Bank, BronxWorks was able to raise over $60,000 at the event in support of its work. You can still respond to the BronxWorks Call to Action by donating here.

The program portion of the evening featured appearances by BronxWorks program participants including the “Veggiecators”, a musical performance by Denise McClellan and a presentation by speaker Donnisha Wright. A competitive silent auction in cooperation with Eagle Sports Promotion sent many guests home with unique experiences and valuable memorabilia. Check out the photo essay below for some of the night’s attendees and memorable moments.

Honoring Those Who Serve Bronx Communities

The honorees of the 2016 Gala included Nixon Peabody LLP, New York Cares volunteers Beth Lehmann & Tamara Lipshie and SBH Health System.

Accepting for Nixon Peabody was Stacey Slater, the firm’s Pro bono partner. Nixon Peabody is the provider of pro bono legal services to BronxWorks and has also led a number of volunteer based activities to support the BronxWorks mission. Honorees Beth Lehmann & Tamara Lipshie are two longtime volunteers who run the BronxWorks Bedtime Stories program; reading to shelter children weekly for more than a decade. The third gala honoree, SBH Health System, is a longtime community health partner of BronxWorks, working to transform the future of healthcare in the Bronx. BronxWorks will be the social services provider of a supportive housing and medical project being developed by SBH.

BronxWorks extends warm congratulations to the 2016 honorees. Thank you for your dedication to the Bronx community!

Thank You to Our Sponsors and Supporters

BronxWorks received fantastic support from the companies, individuals and local businesses listed below.
The BronxWorks 5K Run/Walk

This past Sunday runners and walkers took their marks to dash through Van Cortlandt Park to raise funds in support of BronxWorks through the second annual BronxWorks 5K. The event was family friendly and featured fun activities for all ages including music, face painting, finisher medals, and fantastic prizes! This year the 5K surpassed last year’s fundraising and participation goals. If you missed the chance to support your favorite runner, you’re in luck as the fundraising deadline is not until July 10th -- you can support the 5K by visiting our BronxWorks 5K fundraising page.

Funds raised from the 5K will be voted on by the participants to support one of three important needs at BronxWorks. These potential areas of support include: the replacement of a van used to deliver meals from the BronxWorks kitchen to homeless families and seniors, the maintenance of the community center pool which is home to the champion BronxWorks Blue Waves swimming team, and support for youth art projects in the BronxWorks after school programs. Thanks to all the participants and supporters.
Photo Essay: Capturing the Best Moments

While it's easy to go on and on about these events, the best way to remember and showcase them is through capturing the best moments. Please check out our Facebook page to see more photos and the most recent professional shots!

Proudly Sharing a Story of Success

Donnisha Wright, pictured here with BronxWorks educator John Jacobs, shared her inspiring story of being the first in her family to attend college, thanks to her hard work, vision for a career in criminal justice and assistance from BronxWorks college prep programs.
One Of a Kind Memorabilia at the Silent Auction

Guests were able browse and bid on extremely rare and unique items at our silent auction including original artwork from local artists, Cuban cigars, tickets to special NYC events as well as a large collection of autographed sports and entertainment memorabilia provided by Eagel Sports Promotions.

Veggiecators Inspire Again

Two representatives of the BronxWorks "Veggiecators" program returned to this year's Gala with an update on their successful work of educating peers on the importance of a balanced and healthy diet. They shared their passion for making fresh food a
work of educating peers on the importance of a balanced and healthy diet. They shared their passion for making fresh food a practical part of daily life and reminded all Gala attendees to select a hearty portion of vegetables at the buffet!

The Thank You that Means the Most

Two of our 2016 Honorees, Beth Lehmann and Tamara Lipshie, received an extra special thank-you gift from the children at a BronxWorks family shelter who have been part of the Bedtime Stories reading program: copies of their favorite book "Where the Wild Things Are" with personal notes from the children written on the inside cover.
The BronxWorks 5K Finishers

Over 40 runners crossed the finish line in victory after a hot and sunny 5 kilometer race on Sunday. While the fundraising contest held some tight competition, a true BronxWorks team spirit was in the air for the event. Congrats on a great race to all who participated and many thanks to all the 5K supporters!

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