



Building  
communities  
one life  
at a time

## ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center

Our successful story through the pandemic.

# Our Service Communities

- Boys & Girls Clubs**

  - 1. MMCC Main Building
  - 2. Amalgamated Houses
  - 3. Co-op City
  - 4. Edenwald
  - 6. Beacon 86 Club
  - 7. Baychester Club

**Beacon Youth Centers**

  - 8. Beacon 8
  - 9. Beacon 86
  - 10. Evander Childs Campus Beacon
  - 47. Beacon 185

**Child Development Centers**

  - 1. MMCC Main Building
  - 11. Northside Annex
  - 12. Van Cortlandt
  - 13. Nora Feury C.D.C.
  - 14. Natly Esnard C.D.C.

**Cornerstone Youth Centers**

  - 4. Edenwald
  - 15. Boston Secor
  - 16. Fort Independence
  - 17. Gun Hill Houses
  - 18. Marble Hill
  - 19. Parkside
  - 20. Pelham Parkway
  - 21. Grant

**Learn & Earn & NDA HS Support**

  - 22. Bronx Lab School

**Empire Afterschool**

  - 23. P.S. 6
  - 24. P.S. 66
  - 25. J.H.S. 144

**Senior Centers**

  - 1. MMCC Main Building
  - 16. Fort Independence
  - 18. Marble Hill
- Afterschool Centers**

  - 1. MMCC Main Building
  - 7. Baychester Club
  - 26. P.S. 7
  - 27. P.S. 360
  - 28. P.S. 175
  - 29. KIPP

**Compass/SONYC**

  - 30. Bronx Community Charter School
  - 50. Baychester Middle School
  - 51. Bronx Alliance
  - 52. Capital Charter School
  - 31. Bronx Dance Academy
  - 32. Equality Charter School
  - 33. P.S. 20/M.S. 20
  - 34. P.S. 21
  - 35. P.S. 41
  - 36. P.S. 94
  - 37. P.S. 95/M.S. 95
  - 38. P.S. 153
  - 39. P.S. 160
  - 40. M.S. 19
  - 41. M.S. 244
  - 42. J.H.S. 144

**Educational Counseling Center**

  - 11. College Bound
  - 11. Family Choice
  - 11. Train & Earn
  - 11. Adult Literacy

**SYEP School-Based Sites**

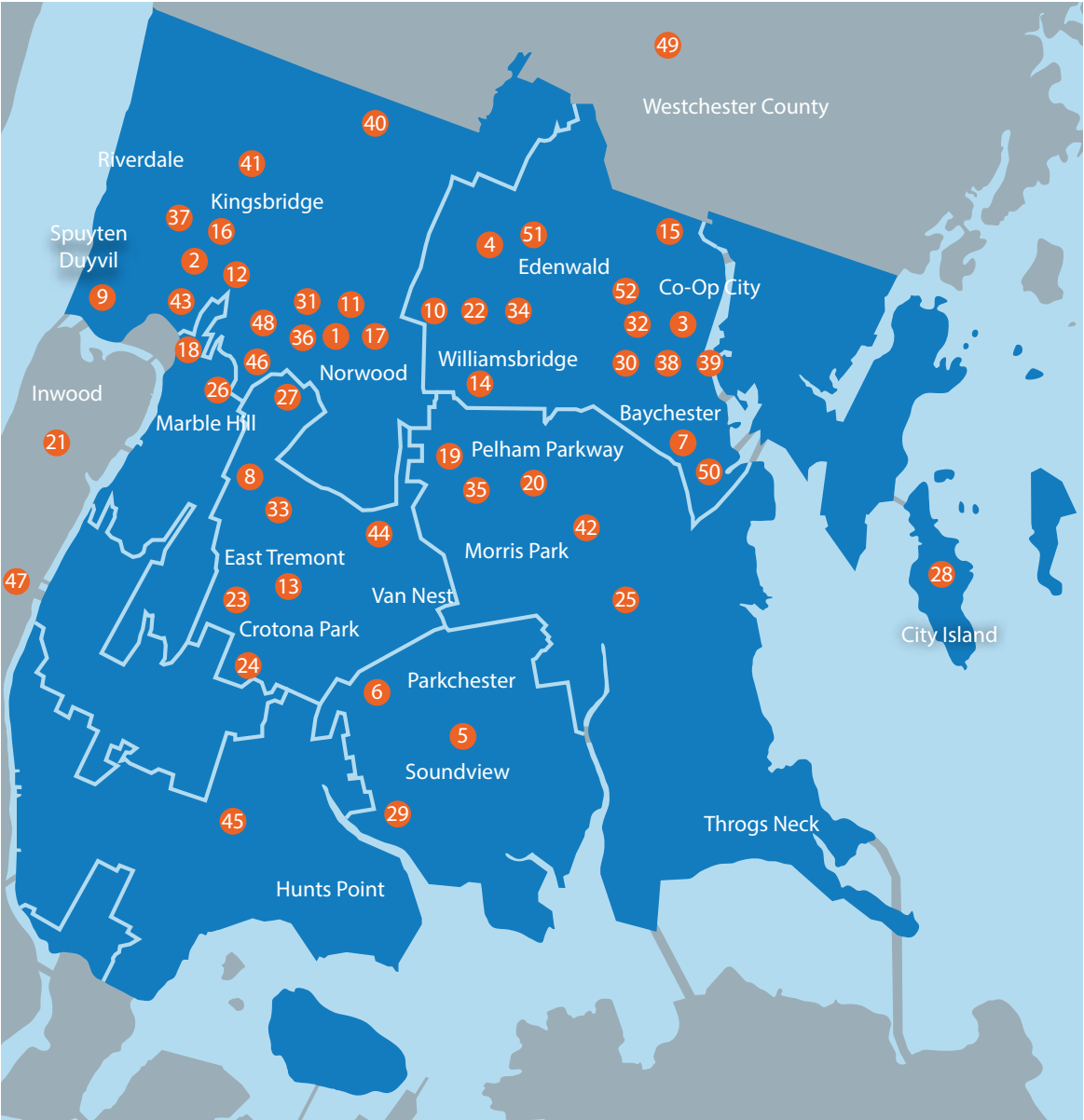
  - 43. Bronx School of Law & Finance
  - 44. Fordham Leadership Academy
  - 45. HERO (Health, Education & Research Options H.S.)
  - 46. Marie Curie High School

**Workforce Education Center**

  - 48. Advance & Earn

**Yachad Program**

  - 49. Pleasantville Community Synagogue





## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Friends,

It has been a year of reflection. As an agency, the pandemic taught us many lessons on how we envision the future. Out of the chaos and trauma, came the spirit of renewal that helped us reaffirm our commitment to social justice, mental health, and racial equity. The psychological and social remnants of the pandemic caused us to look deeper within our agency to find real solutions that will create a lasting impact on the community. We looked inward and asked ourselves the tough questions that come with self-analysis. What we found is the passion to do more and place ourselves in a position as change makers. The investment in human capital was at the epicenter of this cultural shift.

We established a board driven Diversity and Inclusion Committee. The group is comprised of board members and a staff representative. Our goal is to bridge the communication between the board and the MMCC community, thereby providing a platform of engagement and a source of innovative ideas. The issues of mental health and wellness have been at the forefront of our meetings. We enlisted the expertise of a psychologist, who is well-versed in the areas of anxiety-depression, bereavement, grief, loss, and vicarious trauma. As an agency, we have implemented Trauma Informed Care (TIC) workshops to address the needs of our clients and staff. This approach allows us to recognize the signs and symptoms, and integrate the principles of TIC through policies and procedures.

Our long-standing partnership with UJA brought about the Advancing Racial Equity Grant. The goal of the project is to advance the dialogue about the racial and economic disparities that is prevalent in our society. We are working with the MMCC Youth Coalition to find meaningful answers, and engage in substantive conversations that deal with core societal issues.

Throughout this journey, we've learned that this is an evolving process. There isn't a point of arrival, but a source of understanding. In order to create sustainable change, we must be in a constant state of learning and emotional development. Passion, Purpose, and Progress is the very essence of the MMCC mission. We thank the community, staff, and Board of Directors for being willing to do the work and stand firm despite the obstacles.

With gratitude,

Arthur Rubinstein  
President

Rita Santelia, LMSW  
Chief Executive Officer

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### Umbrella Organizations

Boys & Girls Club of America  
Human Service Council  
UJA-Federation of New York  
United Neighborhood Houses of Greater NY

### Corporations and Foundations

1199 Hospital Workers Union Child Care  
Benenson Foundation  
Charles Hayden Foundation  
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)  
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The Pinkerton Foundation  
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Whole Foods Foundation

## Government Agencies

Human Services – Administration for Children  
and Families (ACF)  
NYC Department for the Aging  
NYC Department of Consumer Affairs  
NYC Department of Education  
NYC Department of Youth &  
Community Development  
NYC Human Resources Administration-  
Department of Social Services  
NYS Department of Children & Family Services  
NYS Department of Labor  
NYS Dormitory Authority  
United States Department of Health  
United States Federal Government -  
Head Start and No Child Left Behind

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# MMCC Management



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# BUILDING COMMUNITIES ONE LIFE AT A TIME

MMCC has been a vital community resource in the Bronx for 80 years. In 1942, women wanting to join the war effort reached out to Jewish Philanthropies of New York for childcare funding. From those humble beginnings, MMCC has grown to serve more than 35,000 preschoolers, school-age children, teens, adults and senior citizens through more than 50 free or affordable support, enrichment, education, and recreation programs. Our committed and well-trained staff consistently guides and nurtures people of all ages – often on an individual basis and frequently when they have no other place to turn.

## MISSION

Our MISSION at MMCC is to improve the lives of Bronx and Manhattan residents through humanitarian efforts. We reach out to a rich tapestry of cultures, opening gateways to success in our quality programs and services. We help the individuals we serve build self-confidence and self-sufficiency.

## VISION

Our VISION at MMCC is to ignite new pathways of growth and expansion through our commitment to humanity, equity, and diversity. The proven methods in our services and programs help our individual clients flourish and grow.

## OUR CORE VALUES



### INTEGRITY

We deliver the services we have promised, doing business with transparency and consistency. Our relationships with one another and with our clients are based on honesty, trust and accountability.



### COMMUNITY/FAMILY

At MMCC, family and community come first. We are sensitive to all cultures and religions, to LGBTQ+ needs, to the feedback of our communities, and the families of our clients.



### KINDNESS/ COMPASSION

At MMCC, we provide services with respect and compassion, recognizing that every individual is unique.



### GROWTH

We at MMCC believe in, and promote, personal and professional growth, not only for our clients, but also our employees. We provide innovative opportunities and high-quality education to all.

# Financials

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (2020 Pertinent Financial Data)

| <b>SUPPORT, REVENUE AND GAINS</b>       | <b>2018</b>         | <b>2019</b>         | <b>2020</b>         |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Foundations and Contributions           | \$2,502,139         | \$1,965,059         | \$3,395,464         |
| Government Support                      | \$25,294,129        | \$26,569,767        | \$26,883,314        |
| Investment Income                       | \$2,451             | \$8,564             | \$8,439             |
| Program Fees                            | \$1,856,832         | \$1,813,076         | \$1,813,076         |
| <b>Total Support, Revenue and Gains</b> | <b>\$29,487,420</b> | <b>\$30,356,469</b> | <b>\$32,256,068</b> |

| <b>EXPENSES</b>             |                  |                    |                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Program                     | \$27,070,824     | \$26,698,066       | \$27,370,086       |
| Management and General      | \$1,307,540      | \$1,792,726        | \$2,396,618        |
| Fundraising                 | \$127,759        | \$72,269           | \$68,174           |
| Total Expenses              | \$28,506,123     | \$28,563,063       | \$29,834,878       |
| <b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b> | <b>\$981,297</b> | <b>\$1,793,406</b> | <b>\$2,421,190</b> |

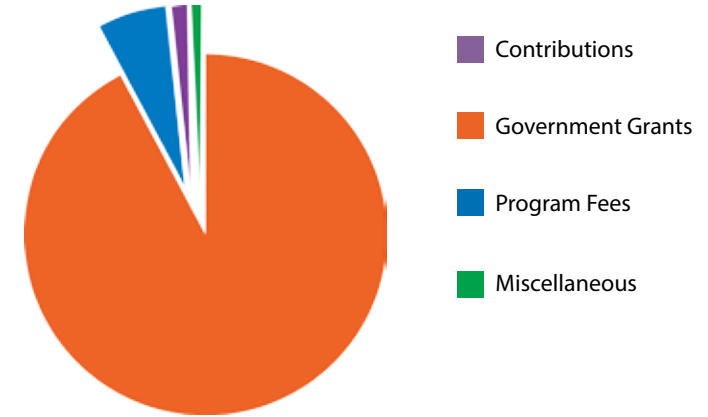
## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

| <b>ASSETS</b>                          |                    |                     |                     |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments | \$1,327,123        | \$ 3,495,909        | \$ 3,490,027        |
| Other Assets                           | \$5,751,471        | \$ 8,129,190        | \$ 8,287,766        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                    | <b>\$7,078,594</b> | <b>\$11,625,100</b> | <b>\$11,777,793</b> |

| <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>       |                    |                      |                      |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| General Liabilities                     | \$3,019,640        | \$ 4,573,274         | \$ 4,100,307         |
| Net Assets:                             |                    |                      |                      |
| Unrestricted                            | \$3,295,575        | \$ 5,258,420         | \$ 6,459,643         |
| Restricted                              | \$763,379          | \$ 1,793,405         | \$ 1,217,843         |
| Total Net Assets                        | \$4,058,954        | \$ 7,051,826         | \$ 7,677,486         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b> | <b>\$7,078,594</b> | <b>\$ 11,625,100</b> | <b>\$ 11,777,793</b> |

## MMCC PROJECTED FUNDING

JULY 1, 2021–JUNE 30, 2022



## PROJECTED REVENUES - 2021-2022

|                            |                     |             |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Contributions/Fundraising: | \$428,326           | 1.35%       |
| Government Funding:        | \$29,227,133        | 92.31%      |
| Program Fees:              | \$1,978,583         | 6.25%       |
| Miscellaneous Income:      | \$27,400            | 0.09%       |
| <b>Total Revenue:</b>      | <b>\$31,661,712</b> | <b>100%</b> |

**For 5 consecutive years (3 are highlighted), each with increased services & improvements, MMCC maintained financial stability.**

# Pandemic Prominence

MMCC was able to operate normally during the pandemic because of the steady, stalwart, and incredible work of the **maintenance department** at every one of our facilities. They kept our areas and deliveries open and on time, and exceeded city, state, and federal health guidelines. MMCC would not have been successful without their **110%** involvement and commitment.

With our full operations running so well, we became a **COVID-19 vaccination site** once vaccines became available. MMCC partnered with Brooklyn-based Rossi Pharmacy to distribute **150** free Moderna vaccines April 1 and 29, 2021. All spots were reserved within 48 hours and all doses were administered on both dates.

Remarkably, many of the people who came to us for help, along with those who witnessed firsthand that MMCC was fully operational, often inquired how they can assist. It was a new sense of many wanting to help others in a desperate time of need. MMCC always had volunteers at the center performing multiple tasks, but the numbers and scope kept growing. As a result, MMCC's new, fully operational **Volunteer Program** was established in April, along with a brand new program coordinator. A team was put together, a professional consultant was hired, and within a few short months, MMCC had placed over **75** volunteers throughout the entire agency, with many more applications arriving. This new, successful program has already been funded for the next fiscal year.



**150**  
MODERNA  
VACCINES

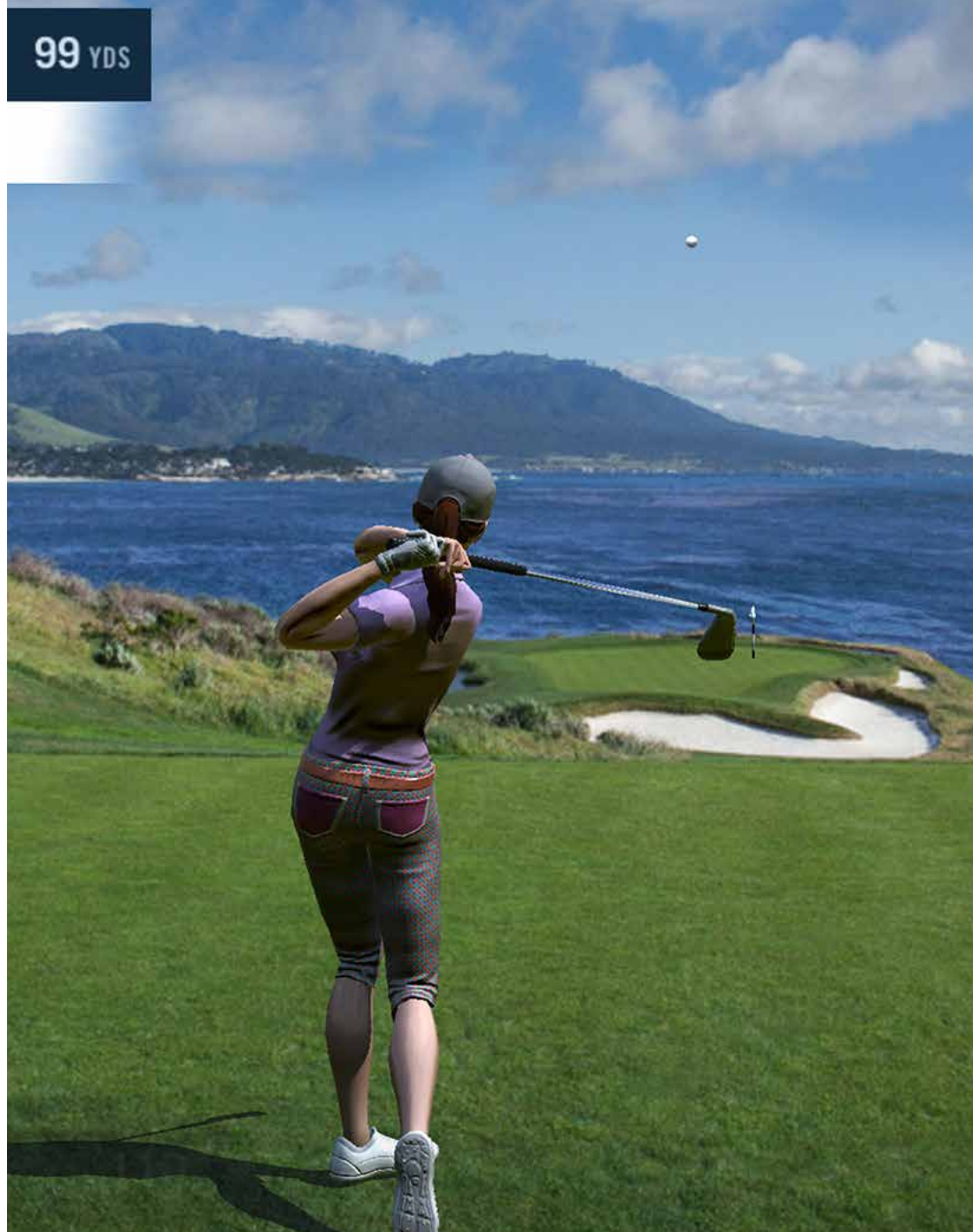
**75**  
NEW  
VOLUNTEERS



# Momentous Events



After raising **\$35,000** for our **6th Annual MMCC Golf Classic**, scheduled for September 14, 2020 at Old Oaks Country Club in Purchase, NY, we had to cancel the week before—due to COVID concerns. Instead, we offered our golfers and sponsors the opportunity to play at the renowned **Pebble Beach Golf Links**, albeit in a **virtual** format created by *World Golf Tour*, the #1 top rated 3D online sports game, as seen on NBC Sports, Golf Channel, DirecTV, & Fox Sports. We created an 8-week format that allowed golfers to compete against each other in online tournaments and win prizes.



Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, we hosted our first ever **Virtual Gala** that took 6 months to prepare. Our theme was “gratitude” and our honorees were renowned professionals in their respective industries.

**Melissa Bindra** is the Director of Development for Camber Property Group overseeing NYC real estate projects focusing on mixed income multifamily housing, affordable housing, and workforce housing development. She is currently working with MMCC on the development of affordable housing sites in Soundview and Valentine Avenue, as well as a new Child Development Center site on 180th Street.

**Stephen Ritz** is the founder of the **Green Bronx Machine** and author of the best selling book, *The Power of a Plant*. He developed an indoor farming educational curriculum, which is now implemented, not only in his schools in the Bronx, but in over 500 schools across the United States, as well as in schools in the United Arab Emirates and Qatar. With his students, Stephen has grown more than 100,000 pounds of vegetables, and in the process, increased school attendance from 40% to 94 % and created thousands of jobs for NYC youth.

We also honored our entire **MMCC Staff COVID Superheroes**, who throughout the pandemic, devoted themselves to serving our children, seniors, and all of those who pass through the doors of all MMCC sites, making their lives healthier and happier!

Thanks to our host and auctioneer, **Reggie Rivers**, a broadcaster, author, motivational speaker, auctioneer, and former NFL Denver Broncos NFL Man of the Year, we raised **\$150,000**, of which \$50,000 was matched by UJA Federation of New York.



# Mosholu Montefiore Community Center cordially invites you to our Virtual Gala

Gratefully Honoring



**Melissa Bindra**  
Affordable Housing  
Executive



**Stephen Ritz**  
Founder  
Green Bronx Machine



**MMCC Staff**  
COVID  
Superheroes

**January 26, 2021**

Six o'clock in the evening

Featuring former NFL Denver Bronco Reggie Rivers  
as our Host & Auctioneer



# Mosholu Day Camp

**Mosholu Day Camp** was a phenomenal success and a hallmark to all of the programs operated at MMCC during the year. Despite all the odds of operation due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, especially in the New York City area, **camp 2020** successfully opened with **155** children and ended with **201** children with remarkably **zero cases of covid**. Having a Leadership team for several years and tremendous support from within the entire Agency helped considerably.

There were only 35 camps in the Tri-State area that operated a full season program in 2020. MMCC was one of 7 camps with zero COVID cases and was the first day camp in 2021 to receive a New York state camp permit.

Through the inspection process, the NYC Department of Health used the MMCC camp operations as their guidelines for safe camp operations. Aspects included 6 feet space accommodations, alternating activities to allow for cleaning, handwashing protocols with stations all throughout camp, and mask rules on buses.

Despite that fact that NYS Department of Health was very late in issuing the certificates of occupancy to open, combined with the difficulties of setting up the actual physical camp, **camp 2021** was not only a huge success, it was a model for day camping throughout the United States, and a shining example of the service and quality of successful programming offered by MMCC despite very challenging hindrances.

The success of the 2020 camping season brought some optimism to planning for 2021 but there were many obstacles to face. Enrollment grew amazingly from 201 to **475** registered by June 1, 2021. There were new health department guidelines coming every other day, hiring staff was far more difficult because of the sheer numbers, and expanding the number of buses and drivers proved very difficult.

The 2021 camp season ended with **606** enrolled children, **zero cases of COVID exposure**, and every CDC guideline followed. Having the same leadership team in place tirelessly working with finesse and expertise, along with the sound backing of MMCC management, made the summers of 2020 and 2021 very positive and successful years for children. These children needed an opportunity to get out of their homes and socialize, learn new things, and enjoy everything that camp offers.

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COVID CASES  
2020 & 2021

201

CAMPERS  
IN 2020

606

CAMPERS IN  
2021



# Child Development Center

**The Child Development Center of MMCC** has been providing comprehensive services to our families continuously, even during New York City's lockdown due to COVID-19. We provided complete **virtual services** for both our children and their families. We have used multiple virtual curriculum and platforms like *Creative Curriculum Cloud*, *Dojo*, *Google Meet*, *ABC Home Curriculum*, *Hatch School-Home Curriculum*, and *Shine On Families*, just to name a few. We remained open Mondays thru Fridays from 8am to 5pm. Our teachers taught daily, and family workers worked with families daily to make sure that they had their needs met during the lockdown. As a result, we were able to complete our School Readiness Goals (SRG) Outcomes Report.

Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences were conducted. Learning Materials were mailed to families and sometimes, staff members dropped off food to some of the families who could not come safely to our MMCC Food Pantry. Our MMCC coordinators, nurse, and mental health professional were also available for support - both remotely and in person. Our professional development activities were on schedule and conducted virtually. Our families also received training on a virtual basis on topics, such as *nutrition*, *COVID-19 safety*, and *curriculum use*. The Policy Council and Board remained active, as meetings were held on remote platforms.

After the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and NYS/ NYC DOHMH released the Health and Safety Reopening Guidelines, our Child Development Center of MMCC team was able to create safety plans designed for each of our 5 centers to make sure that our staff, children, and families were safe.



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MMCC CHILD  
CENTERS

495

CHILDREN &  
FAMILIES



Child Development Center is NAEYC  
Accredited Early Learning Program



# Support Services

The **Support Services Department** offered services that were vital to the community during the pandemic. Services like *SNAP*, *Healthy Families*, and *VITA Tax* saw an increase in demand. Each of these programs worked tirelessly to provide services to the community, both virtually and in-person. Combined, they served over **8,000** individuals and families during fiscal year 2020-21.

Our **Senior Centers** provided grab and go meals to over **200** seniors a week during the height of the pandemic. They also provided weekly wellness calls and virtual programming to keep the seniors connected and engaged.

**Test and Trace** program provided personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to over **6,000** individuals through their street outreach program. They attended events and promotions to personally hand out masks and hand sanitizer to the community at large. They also provided literature regarding testing, testing locations, and vaccinations once they became available.

Our **OASAS** program provided services through a **hybrid** combination of in-person and virtual programming. Since they had a huge presence in some of the Alternative High Schools and Afterschool programs, the ability to provide those services created challenges once the pandemic sent schools to virtual learning. However, we adapted to create solutions, such as *Zoom Classes*, *virtual seminars and workshops*, so the preventive services were still available to those who needed it. We exceeded our target numbers in both age demographics (12-17 years old and 18-21 years old) in servicing close to **200** individuals combined in both demographics.

The program which served the most people was our **MMCC Food Pantry**. MMCC's Food Pantry was a new program that was just getting started as the pandemic began. The need for pantry services increased each month during the early days of the pandemic, as food insecurities became an issue for a great many individuals and families - some of whom had never used pantry services in the past. The Pantry served over **23,000** individuals and over **15,000** families during fiscal year 2020-21. During the height of the pandemic we averaged serving **3000** individuals and families a month.

In May 2021, we were awarded a contract in partnership with Bronxworks and Montefiore Hospital to provide enrollment service for the **Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)**, which we began in June 2021. We anticipate serving over **1000** Bronx families through this program





JL  
Test & Trace  
Corps

# College Bound & Family Choice

**Family Choice and College Bound** remained open to serve our participants during the 2020-21 fiscal year. While we remained flexible, we continued to achieve progress towards our goals. School buildings closed once again and this canceled our in-person educational activities and we were forced to deliver classes virtually. However, we kept moving, adapted quickly, and got creative to ensure our families' needs were being met by keeping them engaged and connected to services within the community.

**College Bound** serviced a total number of **660** participants. **257** students applied to college and **129** committed to a college. We offered a wide range of services, such as providing individual and group counseling for all high school grades, assistance in applying for financial aid, and counseling students who were not applying for college, but were interested in learning about trade schools and the military. College Bound also built financial aid workshops (English & Spanish) which were offered to students and parents, hosted virtual information sessions with CUNY, SUNY, and private colleges, and built college awareness and career workshops for all grades. During the summer, our college counselors followed up with graduating seniors at our partner schools to ensure that students had everything in place for successful matriculation to college. For the students who did not apply for college, we are ready to refer them to any work readiness programs within our agency.

**Family Choice** focuses on the needs of families of students with special needs, obtaining an IEP for their child, helping them understand how this process works, and how it will affect their child's education moving forward. Family choice also works with families who require additional support and extra assistance in identifying appropriate middle and high schools, academic supports, and referrals to concrete services, based on their individual needs.

**213** families have received services from Family Choice during the 2020-21 fiscal year, such as attending virtual workshops, and helping families work towards identifying services with the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).



**660**

COLLEGE BOUND  
STUDENTS

**129**

COMMIT TO  
COLLEGE

**213**

FAMILY CHOICE  
FAMILIES



# Youth Programs

**Learning Labs** were our newest programs created to provide a childcare option for parents who cannot rearrange their work schedule to match school hybrid models. We have **9** Learning Labs being housed in our Cornerstone locations. Each of the labs is set to host 30 students per day and since each school has different students coming on different days, each day at a learning lab also has different children. The learning lab hours are 8am-3pm and there is an opportunity for students to stay past 3 if they want to join the Cornerstone Afterschool program. Students are assigned to us by the Department of Education.

Our **Virtual Saturday Program** ran in both Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 and registration was better than we expected with **150** participants. We offered various classes for 6 weeks. We contracted with Manhattan College to use their students as academic tutors for small groups, and are working with the Bronx Ensemble of the Arts to offer various music, art and theater classes.

Our **SONYC and COMPASS Afterschool Programs** continued to serve more than **3,000** students. Compass elementary programs have run both virtually and in-person, while SONYC middle schools were only virtual, returning to in-person programming in March 2021. Our staff worked to develop programs that personalized the experience virtually, and creatively came up with competitions, parties, and events for kids to take part in. Once the kids returned to in-person school, our programs picked up where they left off and the kids engaged in the needed socialization, while still getting assistance with their homework and taking part in fantastic afterschool enrichment programs.

MMCC operated **8 New York Cornerstone Housing Authority Community Centers** in the Bronx and Manhattan. The program served more than **3,500** elementary, middle and high school students during after school, evenings, and weekends programming. Cornerstone activities provide teens with arts, sports, lounge and game rooms, fitness and weight rooms, and young adults with GED and ESL services.

We also operated **4 Beacon Youth Centers** in our community serving more than **5,000** participants. Programs are instrumental in keeping young people safe, as they are open Monday through Friday. Beacon programs provide a wide range of services and activities, including academic, leadership, health, employment, recreation and enrichment.

During the 2020-21 fiscal year, MMCC managed **6 Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)** in the Bronx, serving more than **2,500** children and teens.





# Workforce Development

## Learn and Earn

During the 2020-21 fiscal year, MMCC assisted **99** low-income high school youth with career development and vocational training skills to help enter the workforce through career exploration, internships, and job placement. Out of these 99 students, **66** were in-school participants (juniors and seniors at Bronx Lab High School) and **33** were follow-up participants, who were assisted with secondary education along with employment search and retention. In terms of outcomes, **63%** of our participants either entered college or employment. Due to the pandemic, programming continued to remain virtual.

## NDA High School Educational Support

MMCC provided **25** high school freshman and sophomores at Bronx Lab High School with academic intervention, social, and academic supportive services.

## Train & Earn

MMCC serviced **48** young adults, who are unemployed and out-of-school, with skills training, such as culinary training and advanced training opportunities in CUNY schools, to enter the workforce. **43** participants achieved a credential in Food Handlers and a Measurable Skills Gain. **20** participants completed their 175-hour paid internship successfully. Zoom information sessions are conducted every Friday and our participants have attended **3** virtual job fairs.

## Advance & Earn

MMCC served **89** young adults between the ages of 16-24 by providing high school equivalency (HSE) classes remotely and **47** young adults between the ages of 21-24 with obtaining credentials and CDL permits for careers in the transportation industry. This also included paid internships.

MMCC held **10** virtual open houses for community-based organizations (CBOs), as well as virtual special events, such as Spirit Week for scholars and staff to showcase their creativity and talents.

- **65** Scholars become certified in National Retail Foundational Customer Service with **30** having a sub-focus in COVID customer service.
- **21** scholars made math gains, whereas **17** made reading gains through virtual and in-person learning camps.
- As the DMV limited its accessibility due to COVID, we still had **7** youths receive their Commercial Driver's License (CDL), **9** received their CDL Permit, **10** received their Driver's License, and **3** received their Learner's Permit.
- **7** Scholars received their High School Diploma, while more than **30** have tested and are awaiting scores. This was a challenge because most TASC testing centers were closed or at very low capacity for testing.
- MMCC also partnered with **Girl Vow** and **Black Spades New Direction** to collect and distribute food to the community in an effort to increase civic engagement opportunities for students, while targeting at risk youth for positive engagement.

## Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

This year has been a record year for the SYEP program. We exceeded the projected amount of applications set by DYCD and enrolled **2,218**, as we remain one of the top-ranked providers in NYC. We have partnered with over **160** businesses and companies across the city and in various industries to provide real-world working experiences for our youth.

**63%**  
ENTERED  
COLLEGE OR  
WORK

**48**  
YOUNG ADULTS  
TRAIN & EARN

**89**  
YOUNG ADULTS  
ADVANCE &  
EARN

**2218**  
ENROLLED AT  
SYEP



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