ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22
Mosholu Montefiore Community Center
Building gateways to success for 80 years.
MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE LEADERS

Dear Friends,

Eighty years ago at the height of World War II, a group of young Jewish immigrant mothers saw a pressing need to address the lack of childcare in our community. Mothers at that time needed to work to sustain their families while their husbands were off fighting the war. Self-assured and determined, they met the obstacles head on to create a thriving center that provided hope for many who walked through our doors. Today we still embody the same spirit of providing services that are lacking in our community. Their efforts, guidance and leadership over the years led to where we are today with five childcare centers, a multitude of afterschool programs and over 48 sites throughout the Bronx and Upper Manhattan.

A great deal has happened in eight decades, we have forged strong partnerships with foundations, city agencies, and government leaders to expand our network. We have made significant strides in the areas of Support Services, Workforce Development, Head Start, College Bound, Day Camp, and services for the aging.

As we look to the future, we are as adamant and committed today as our foremothers were to filling the void and providing vital social services that can transform the lives of our clients giving them a greater sense of independence and purpose. We tackled the pandemic and emerging food insecurity that affected all New Yorkers from all socio-economic backgrounds serving 3,000 families per month. We hope to mirror this level of success with our new housing initiative for young adults aging out of foster care, and seniors with limited income in the next 2-4 years.

We are incredibly proud of our rich legacy that has provided so many clients with a pathway to success. It is truly an honor to serve this amazing community. Here’s to 80 more years of outstanding service!

With gratitude,

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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.

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 for our employees. We provide innovative opportunities and high-quality education to all.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (2021 Pertinent Financial Data)

**SUPPORT, REVENUE AND GAINS**

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**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**ASSETS**

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**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

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**MMCC PROJECTED FUNDING**

JULY 1, 2022–JUNE 30, 2023

**PROJECTED REVENUES • 2022-2023**

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<td><strong>Total Revenue:</strong></td>
<td><strong>$36,141,496</strong> 100%</td>
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MMCC maintained financial stability for 6 consecutive years (3 are highlighted), each with increased services & improvements.
The 2022 camp season was extremely successful. With 590 registrations, and nearly 200 staff, campers from the Bronx, Manhattan, Westchester, and Rockland thoroughly enjoyed the summer experience. Moshulu Day Camp's extremely successful outreach efforts resulted in over 65 children from Manhattan, 73 from Yonkers, 27 from Westchester, 12 from Rockland County, and the remainder from the Bronx. Unlike many camps throughout the nation, Moshulu Day Camp was fully staffed with lifeguards. This is due to the fact that our staff created their own training program and worked throughout June to get a number of our former campers and staff certified.

The camp itself enjoyed various capital improvements in the last year, including repaving the basketball courts, creating pickleball courts, fixing various drainage issues, and changing the dock system from wood to PVC. These projects cost more than $250,000, which was funded through a capital grant from New York State.

590 Campers registered
The summer also included the opening of Explorer Day Camp for the first time in 3 years. Campers from our Summer Rising programs throughout the Bronx had an opportunity to visit camp and enjoy the outdoors at least one day each week. Our Summer Rising Program, which was funded by NYC, offered over 4,000 students a recreation program after the NYC Department of Education’s morning academic initiative.

A particular highlight of this past summer is the fact that we were able to develop and offer our staff a free 3-college credit course by doing hybrid classes in the evening and using their sessions as field work hours. This course was offered through the New York State Credit Recommendation Service, and the credits were obtained through Excelsior University. 18 staff members took part in this class, and many others are interested in doing so in the future. This course will be adapted and offered to afterschool and childcare staff during the school year.
The Child Development Center of MMCC has been providing comprehensive services to children and their families since 1942, even during New York City’s recent COVID-19 lockdown. This past fiscal year, we provided 100% in-person services for 356 children. We currently offer a FREE Extended Program for working families and families in school.

We also provided Housing Assistance, as well as workshops that included Parenting, Mental Health, ESL, Job Training, Child Development, Children with Special Needs, Immigration, Domestic Violence, Tax Services, and Emergency/Crisis Intervention to 355 families. We reached above 85% in 3 areas of our School Readiness Goals (SRG) as defined by Head Start, and 2 areas below 85%.

Our Main Building, Northside, and Van Cortlandt sites were accredited again by NAEYC. We also received 4 out of 5 stars from QUALITYstarsNY, a NYS-sponsored ECE quality rating system.

A Focus Area 2 Federal Review demonstrated that our Child Development Centers were in compliance with all the Head Start standards reviewed, including Fiscal.

356 Children enrolled
HEAD START | PRE-K FOR ALL

5 Centers

4 Star Rating
QUALITYstarsNY
With 2022 as the year Mosholu Montefiore Community Center (MMCC) celebrates its 80th anniversary (and what a fantastic 80 years of community service it has been), it seems fitting to recognize the incredible events of 1942 that established a magnificent center that over 35,000 now benefit and enjoy on a yearly basis.

The start of MMCC was humbling. A few women from the Norwood section of the Bronx formed a small group to help both the community and the war effort. There was nothing ostentatious about meeting in a basement apartment for over 6 years. What was amazing was the amount of work and community service these women accomplished to help all who needed assistance get the support they both needed and deserved.
In 1948, joining forces with both Associated Y’s, Montefiore Hospital provided some land in their parking lot on Dekalb Avenue, and in exchange for children’s programming, the Center was built. Even today, there is still shared programming between the hospital and MMCC.

Many changes have occurred over 80 years. Three wars, a walk on the moon, constantly changing neighborhoods, and many different services. MMCC has grown from humble beginnings to a force in service throughout the entire Bronx, Manhattan, and Westchester. The growth, quality of services, and dedication to always being ready to assist, remain some of the great hallmarks of MMCC.

...a few women meeting in a Bronx basement apartment...

YEARS

80

1942–2022
For more than 20 years, our College Bound Program has been increasing college access and creating a more level playing field for minority and low-income youth from inner-city communities by supporting their ability to gain college entrance. We assist with college and financial aid applications, college essays, selecting colleges and majors, and analyzing post-secondary goals. We also host college fairs and tours to introduce youth to local and out-of-state institutions and campus life, and allowing them to meet with admissions staff. Our services support both students and their families with information, especially parents of students who are the first in their families to go to college, as well as undocumented students who apply for DACA/Dream Act.

During the past school year and with strict COVID guidelines, the College Bound Program served 2,000 high school students and 200 adults. 300 Seniors had the most intense involvement, with 1,000 contact hours provided by our college counselors. 134 College Bound alumni, who were attending college, returned for additional counseling and assistance with financial issues.

College Bound partnered with our Youth Services program to offer college counseling to participants in several locations across the Bronx in partnership with Compass/SONYC and Boys and Girls Club. We were also able to help participants enroll in our Train & Earn program throughout the year.

96% of our 300 seniors applied to college and 97% of those who applied were accepted by one or more of the colleges of their choice. College Bound students were accepted to over 100 different colleges, including Columbia University, Syracuse University, New York University, and branches of CUNY and SUNY. Many students chose to go to colleges out of New York City and 50% even applied to colleges out of New York State.

In terms of students’ demographic background, virtually all College Bound students were from historically under-served minorities. About 40% were African American, 50% were Hispanic, 4% identified themselves as belonging to more than one race, and approximately 5% were White. More than 75% were the first in their families to attend college and more than a third were immigrants. About 90% came from low-income families.

- High school juniors who work with one of our staff members will plan on applying for college as seniors
- High school seniors who work with one of our staff members will apply to college and financial aid
- High school students who apply will gain admission to one or more colleges of their choice and receive a financial aid package
- Parents who participate in college planning workshops will indicate that the sessions provided useful information
After a challenging year and a half of navigating the COVID-19-pandemic, Family Choice persevered in keeping our participants safe while staying committed to supporting communities during times of challenges and crisis. One of the key accomplishments during July 2021- June 2022 was our ability to adapt quickly as we pivoted to implement virtual, in-person, and hybrid activities that allowed families to network and engage with each other. As a result, we were able to sustain and even increase our service levels.

We exceeded our projections by serving 237 families (compared to 189 families last year) including 56 children with special needs as indicated by an IEP or other documentation, 7 children waiting to be evaluated, as well as children without special needs. We offered a total of 818 program sessions (compared to 362 last year). We improved service delivery and administration by using Daxko & Dropbox software to manage cases, record case notes, and create reports. The Family Advocate keeps track of each family’s outcomes.

We continued to collaborate with schools and organizations. We referred families to YAI, and AHRC, for psychological and psychosocial evaluations to start the OPWDD eligibility process. This year we created a partnership with District 75 schools and parent coordinators who have referred families to us.

District 75 provides highly specialized instructional support for students with significant challenges, such as Autism spectrum disorder, significant cognitive delays, emotional disabilities, sensory impairments, and multiple disabilities. During this time, families also contacted us to help them complete applications for emergency broadband internet, as they were struggling with internet-access or connectivity issues at home. The emergency broadband program has allowed families to use the electronic devices provided by their children’s schools.

Many of our partner schools requested that we provide workshops to support parents’ and families’ mental health. We worked with MMCC’s Train & Earn social worker to offer several mental health workshops that focused on pandemic fatigue, general stress, anxiety, and coping mechanisms. We provided education and information for families to help them cope with the various challenges caregivers have been facing during the pandemic.

Family Choice has been actively participating in the weekly virtual Disability Task Force with UJA, where many agencies share the services provided to people with disabilities from children to adults. On this platform, we receive other information and services that are available, which we’re able to share with our families.
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The MMCC Workforce Development Department was established in 1998 to address the needs of local teens who attended the MMCC Teen Center evening programs. Over time, the Teen Center had been losing its older members to the streets, where they could hustle and make quick bucks, eventually leading to incarceration for many of them.

In response, we created an Auto Mechanics program where students would learn how to fix cars using the agency vans in our parking lot. As the program broadened into computer repair and security alarm systems, MMCC secured two $25,000 grants to help expand the program.

Today, the Workforce Development Department has grown in scope, size and budget, thanks to funding from the NYC Department of Youth & Community Development. The department began based on a need to give young people options to become financially independent. By 2015, the department served 398 students per year in its workforce programs. This past fiscal year, the department served 543 students in Workforce and 1,987 students in Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and Work, Learn, Grow (WLG).

Our goal for the future is to continue on our mission to get community members into the workforce with all of the tools and confidence needed to realize their educational and career goals. We aim to do this by leveraging resources, allowing us to expand programming for adults 25 and up, and provide new and relevant career tracks in areas of health care, finance, social services, and more.

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)
- 1,554 SYEP participants, ages 16-21 completed employment readiness and paid internships.
- 433 Career Ready Participants in grades 9-12 completed employment readiness, paid internships and Project Based Learning activities.

Work, Learn, Grow
- 90 participants in grades 9-12 completed internships and employment readiness.

NDA High School Support Program
- 43 students in grades 9-12 completed academic enrichment, college, and career exploration activities.
- 15 of these students completed a paid internship and 30 of these students achieved academic grade gains.

Learn & Earn Program
- 66 juniors and seniors enrolled in the program.
- 33 completed work readiness activities, 37 completed paid internships.
- 33 students graduated high school and went on to college, 6 received college scholarships.
- 66 participants received measurable skill gain.

Train & Earn Program
- 85 students enrolled & completed work readiness activities.
- 61 Students received a Servsafe Food Handlers certificate.
- 42 completed paid internships.
- 4 Students received a Customer Service certificate.
- 5 were enrolled in college.
- 5 were enrolled in another training program.
- 8 were placed in jobs.
- 65 participants received measurable skills gain.
- 2 participants received a high school equivalency diploma.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS

NDA Opportunity Youth Programs - NDA 7 and NDA 8
• 54 students were enrolled.
• 50 completed paid internships.
• 30 were placed in jobs or enrolled in another training program.

Work Progress Program
• 45 participants enrolled.
• 36 participants completed internships.

NDA Adult Literacy Program
• 100 students enrolled (79 in Adult Basic Education, 17 in High School Equivalency classes).
• 44 students made grade gains.
• 5 received a high school equivalency diploma.

Advance & Earn
• 148 students enrolled.
• 95 participated in work readiness.
• 12 students received a drivers license.
• 27 received a Customer Service credential.
• 13 received CDL (commercial drivers license) permits & 4 received CDL licenses.
• 51 completed internships.
• 34 were placed in jobs.
• 4 were enrolled in college.
• 14 students obtained an HSE (high school equivalence).
Food Pantry
We were able to expand our Food Pantry services by developing the Mobile Pantry, as well as the Weekend Backpack program. Through these services, we were able to provide 33,648 families with over 168,000 lbs. of food. In addition, during Thanksgiving and Christmas, we distributed over 1,000 turkeys and whole chickens, along with all the fixings, so families could enjoy a holiday meal. The need for food security continues to grow, especially during these difficult economic times.
SNAP
For this fiscal year, the NOEP (Neonatal Orientation & Education Program) target was a total of 610 clients applying for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Benefits. However, the total amount of in-person contacts that we gave information to was 2,569, and we prescreened an additional 1,203 clients to see if they would qualify for SNAP. Thanks to discretionary funding from NYC Council Member Eric Dinowitz, we were able to hire a part-time outreach worker.

VITA Tax Prep
MMCC’s free tax services were able to help more than 3,000 people coming from different boroughs of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut in various area of taxes, which included, filing, amending, ACTC (advance child tax credit), ITIN (individual tax identification number), and with the economic impact payment, also known as stimulus check. The MMCC free tax program has proven to the community that it can be a valuable asset by helping many volunteers and part-time workers understand the rules and regulations about income tax.

ESOL
Our English Speakers of Other Languages program had 151 participants this fiscal year. The program continues expand and we anticipate eclipsing the 200-participant mark in 2023.

NDA Healthy Families
NDA Healthy Families in Neighborhood Development Areas 7 & 12 combined served 850 participants in this past fiscal year. This exceeded our targeted goal of 159 combined families in both NDA’s. We also participated in the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), where we assisted over 9,000 applicants. In addition, we were able to assist over 50 Families with financial assistance through the NY Times Neediest Families Initiative and Gerstner Foundation.
YOUTH SERVICES

The Youth Services Department hosts, among others, 11 SONYC middle school programs, 7 Compass Elementary School programs, and 8 Cornerstone programs. These city-funded programs offer nearly 6,000 students a variety of services and activities, including afterschool programs, summer camp, career awareness, civic engagement, community building, arts and recreation, health and fitness.

MMCC operates 4 Beacon Youth Centers in our community, serving more than 5,000 participants that include youth, adults, and seniors. Programs, such as afterschool, organized sports, performing arts, skills-building, community events, family nights, and summer camp are instrumental in keeping youth safe.

During this past fiscal year, MMCC also managed 5 Boys & Girls Clubs of America in the Bronx, serving more than 2,000 children and teens.

Our Empire programs, which are funded by New York State, allow nearly 700 students afterschool activities. Our newest endeavor deals with moving into the world of Community Schools. At Community School 86 we provide services to the 800 students at the school, as well, as Friday food pantries that offer over 200 parents bags of food every other week. Other activities at the Community School include school supply distribution, the establishment of a mental health clinic, parent workshops, and so much more. Our newest Community School, PS 368 in Hamilton Heights focuses on Social Emotional Learning and expanded hours programing, which will include summer camp for the students. At PS 368, we will provide services of over 300 students and their families.

MMCC launched the Restorative Justice Program, aimed at youths ages 12-21, that focuses on strengthening and rebuilding communities and families affected by crime. Through our efforts, we educated 250 youth on the effects of crimes and its consequences. Activities concentrated on accountability, promoted social-emotional growth, and support behaviors in the community.

We received several grants for two new 21st century programs. One is primarily focused on afterschool services for 200 students, and the other on enriching the current academic program at the school with engineering programs for 150 students.

We have expanded our fee-for-service afterschool programs to three new schools from the Kipp Charter system. One is in Washington Heights and the other two are in the Bronx. The Kipp programs offer afterschool childcare to nearly 100 students. Our other programs at PS 19, PS 7, PS 175, and the MMCC main site, offer afterschool childcare to another 125 students.

Our Wellness programs, which are funded through The Mother Cabrini Foundation, continue, and we have added a Federal Farm to School grant to this program, which focuses on growing vegetables and learning more about healthy eating. This program will provide fitness and nutrition programing to nearly 350 students.

16,175 Participants served
MMCC continues to operate 3 Older Adult Centers (OAC) in the Bronx that served over 500 older adults this past fiscal year.

- MMCC Main Building
- NYCHA Fort Independence Housing Complex
- NYCHA Marble Hill Housing Complex

All three centers experienced an influx of newly retired clients due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Main Building and Fort Independence thrived by offering hybrid programming and continue to offer these varieties even after our re-opening. Marble Hill introduced a Latin dance class during this time, which allowed more clients to come into the facility and regain a sense of normalcy. To encourage participation in the hybrid programming, all three Older Adult Centers received tablets from the NYC Department for the Aging.

At MMCC’s Main Building, one of our most successful programs is Violin, which has helped with enhancing fine motor skills for clients suffering with arthritis, while also combating Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia.
MOMENTOUS EVENTS

Due to scheduling conflicts, our 7th Annual Golf Classic fundraiser was pushed back into the next fiscal year, and it was an incredible event, which we’ll share in next year’s annual report! However, we moved forward with our second consecutive virtual gala, celebrating our 80th year and honoring two individuals, who have represented MMCC in different capacities.

Monica Morales is on every night at 5:45pm hosting her segment, “Monica Makes It Happen.” Morales has visited over 150 developments, helped fix over 45 homes, and helped restore the heat and hot water to more than 55 buildings and counting. Morales’ advocacy work in NYC public housing was recognized by Governor Andrew Cuomo and the Public Advocate. Morales was invited to the White House with a tenant president in 2018.

Monica focuses everyday on helping families across the Tri-state area get repairs, respect, and social justice. Morales had hosted over 90 live “Monica Makes It Happen” Facebook shows. Her weekly show guests have included New York City’s Comptroller, Public Advocate, Police Commissioner, Legal Aid Society Lawyers, Tenant Leaders, Borough Presidents, State Senators, and City Council members. Monica has a National Emmy for Breaking News, five local Emmys and an Edward R. Murrow Award for Investigative Series.

Members of the Section Five Teen Center and the MMCC Youth Coalition enjoyed a night out to see the remarkable Broadway play, “Thoughts of a Colored Man,” courtesy of mayor-elect Eric Adams.

$145K
Raised to support MMCC programs

Virtual Gala 2022
Wed, May 4 • 6-7pm
Honoring
Monica Morales
WPIX News Reporter
Peta-Gaye Williams
Principal, Marie Curie High School
And a special tribute in honor of former MMCC board member Bruce Schieler, Z/L

Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz visited the MMCC Older Adult Center and handed out COVID-19 self-test kits.

MMCC rallies help end poverty workforce.
Peta-Gaye Williams is the principal of The Marie Curie High School For Medicine, Nursing and Health Professions. She was born in Jamaica, West Indies, migrating to the Bronx when she was nine years old, and eventually became an SYEP participant at MMCC in her teens. Peta-Gaye loves her family, children, reading and writing. Naturally, for her this meant she would be an English teacher, sharing her love of the aforementioned with others. She received honors in academia throughout attending Binghamton University to Columbia Teachers College to Mercy College, all the while in pursuit of continued higher education for herself and her student scholars. Becoming a teacher in 1999, then a Literacy Staff Developer (2002) to an Assistant Principal (2005) and now Principal (2017) has fulfilled her love for serving scholars, while still staying true to and sharing her love for learning and literature. Her experiences - learning and leading - have taken place in the Bronx, where she gives back to the community that reared her.

Additionally, Peta-Gaye is an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Center staff developer, facilitating adult learning around equitable and sustaining teaching practices. She is a member of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated and the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated. Both these organizations uphold Peta-Gaye’s values of promoting the highest ideals of educating the whole learner, focusing on skills, abilities, attitude, and ethics through a holistic, equitable lens.

Our format for this gala, included a live Red Carpet Pre-show event, as well as a special video tribute to a former late MMCC board member Bruce Schlechter.

Once again, our host and auctioneer Reggie Rivers, a broadcaster, author, motivational speaker, former Denver Broncos NFL Man of the Year, and current president of The Gala Team, helped us raise over $145,000.

Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson visited MMCC, toured the main building, met with staff members, and handed out food pantry bags to residents.
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