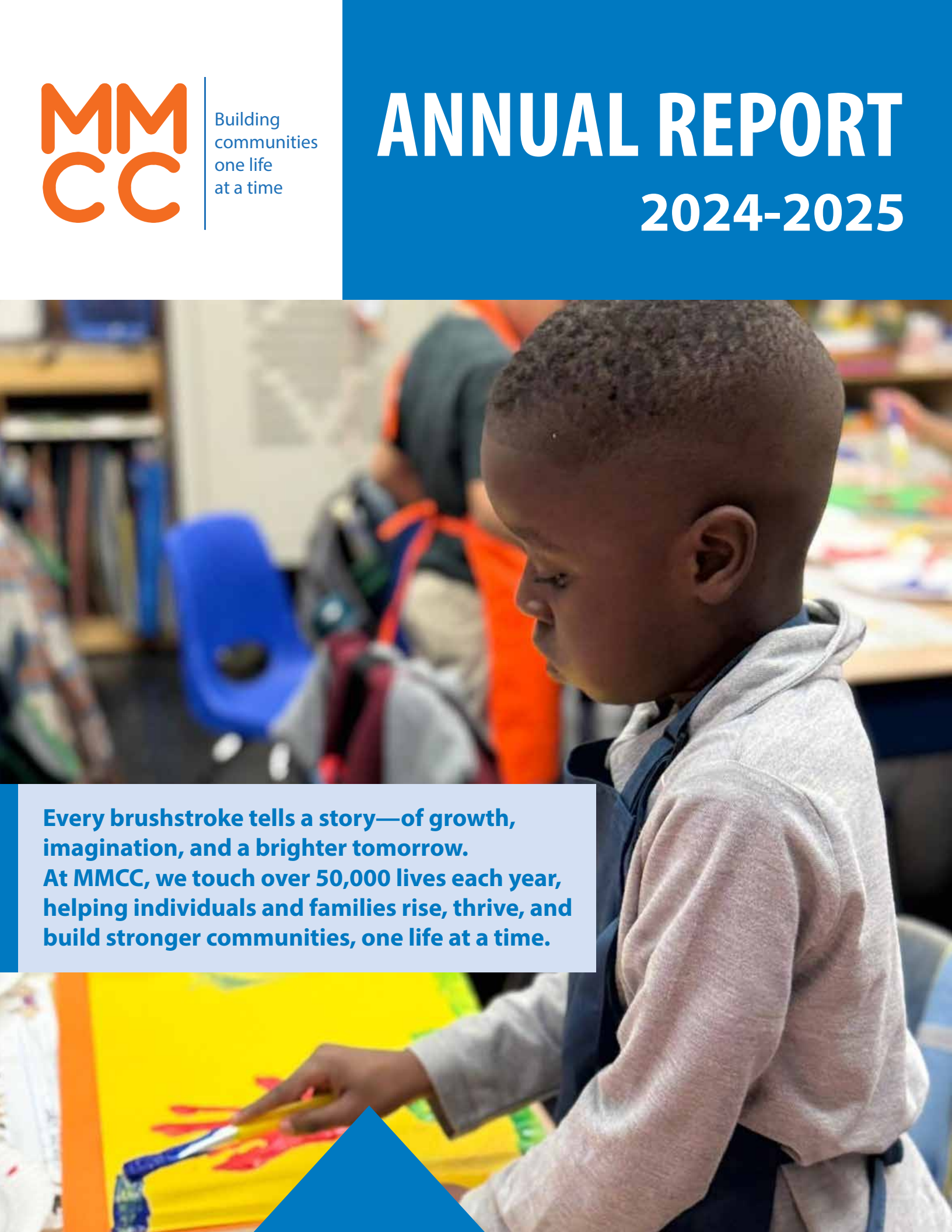




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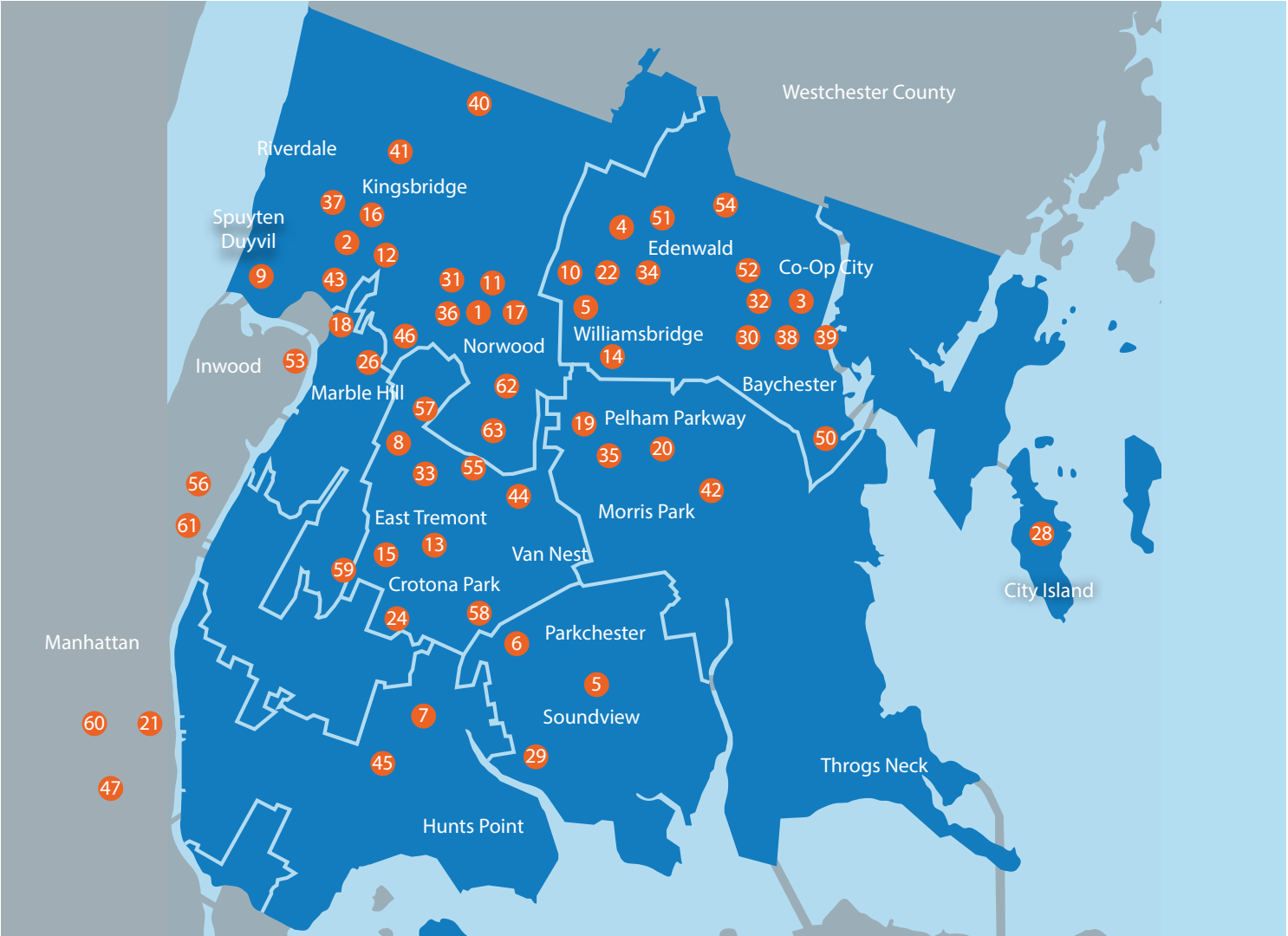
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A young child with short dark hair, wearing a grey hoodie and a dark blue apron, is focused on painting a yellow surface with a brush. The background is a blurred classroom or community center with bookshelves and other children.

Every brushstroke tells a story—of growth, imagination, and a brighter tomorrow. At MMCC, we touch over 50,000 lives each year, helping individuals and families rise, thrive, and build stronger communities, one life at a time.

Our Service Communities



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|---|--|---|--|
| Boys & Girls Clubs
1. MMCC Main Building
2. Amalgamated Houses
3. Co-op City
4. Edenwald
6. Beacon 86 Club | Cornerstone Youth Centers
4. Edenwald
16. Fort Independence
17. Gun Hill Houses
18. Marble Hill
19. Parkside
20. Pelham Parkway
21. Grant | Compass/SONYC
30. Bronx Community Charter
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
47. P. S. 242 | Educational Counseling Center
11. College Bound
11. Family Choice
11. Train & Earn
11. Adult Literacy |
| Beacon Youth Centers
8. Beacon 8
9. Beacon 86
10. Evander Childs Campus Beacon | Learn & Earn & NDA HS Support
22. Bronx Lab School | 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 | |
| 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.
15. Tiny Blossoms Opening Soon | After-school Centers
1. MMCC Main Building
7. Baychester Club
26. P. S. 7
28. P. S. 175
29. KIPP Academy Elem. School
55. Kipp Freedom M. S.
56. Kipp Washington Heights Elem. School
57. Kipp Freedom Elem. School
58. Kipp Inquire & Kipp Affirm M. S.
59. Kipp Elements & Kipp All M. S.
60. Kipp Star Harlem & Kipp Infinity
61. P. S. 125
62. International Charter M. S.
63. Girls Prep Bronx Charter 2 | Community Schools
5. P. S. 78
7. P. S. 150
53. P. S. 368
9. Beacon 86 | |
| 21st Century Schools
24. P. S. 66
53. P. S. 368
54. P. S. 103 | | Older Adult Centers
1. MMCC Main Building
18. Marble Hill | |

Executive Leadership



Dear Friends,

The last year has been challenging—both professionally and personally—for many of those we serve.

The geopolitical and national uncertainties we are facing are unprecedented in so many ways. We are all struggling to balance life and politics.

Here at MMCC, we remain focused and committed to providing services that help our families meet their basic needs to the best of our ability.

We will continue to expand our services—from childcare to workforce development—while providing support for those who may face temporary setbacks such as food insecurity, job loss, housing and medical challenges, domestic violence, tax assistance, and more through our Support Services Department.

This year alone, we have served over 50,000 families with an annual budget of approximately \$45 million—90% of which goes directly toward providing care.

We are proud of the individuals and families we serve:

- Michael, who recently graduated from his District 75 school and is ready to start a full-time job with us.
- Seniors like Ray, who needed medical support and whom we helped reconnect with his immediate family.
- Arina, who successfully completed UPK and is well-prepared to enter kindergarten in the fall.
- Taylor, who received statewide recognition for her afterschool program achievements.
- Fabian, who completed workforce training and chose to pursue a business degree in college.

These are just a few of the many inspiring stories that remind us why we do this work.

After 85 years, we remain committed to our mission, focused on the future, and ready to navigate the challenges ahead for the betterment of our communities. We are here—ready and dedicated to serve.

With immense gratitude for your ongoing trust and support,

Jon Lefkowitz
Jon Lefkowitz
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Rita Santelia
Rita Santelia, LMSW
Chief Executive Officer

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NYC Department of
Youth & Community Development
NYC Human Resources Administration
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NYS Dormitory Authority
NYS Education Department (NYSED)
NYS Office for Addiction Services & Support (OASAS)
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Without funders, our mission would remain just a dream. Their investment powers the programs, people, and progress that define our work.



Rita Santelia, LMSW
Chief Executive Officer

Great leadership is the heartbeat of a thriving company. When leaders inspire, guide, and empower their teams, success isn’t just possible—it’s inevitable.



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Chief Financial and Administrative Officer



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Building Communities One Life at a Time

MMCC has been a vital community resource in the Bronx for over 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, opening gateways to success in our quality programs and services. We help the individuals we serve build self-confidence and self-sufficiency.

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 community member needs and the needs of all of our participants.

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.



Financials

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (2024-25 Pertinent Financial Data)

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 <i>Unaudited</i>
SUPPORT, REVENUE AND GAINS			
Foundations and Contributions	\$3,522,294	\$4,525,059	\$4,069,712
Government Support	\$35,912,514	\$38,192,298	\$38,136,316
Investment Income	\$556,174	\$472,344	\$348,419
Program Fees	\$1,942,001	\$1,866,365	\$2,336,879
Total Support, Revenue and Gains	\$41,932,983	\$45,056,066	\$44,891,326
EXPENSES			
Program	\$33,542,209	\$37,226,271	\$39,356,991
Management and General	\$4,406,044	\$4,647,299	\$3,904,837
Fundraising	\$75,879	\$111,928	\$131,465
Total Expenses	\$38,024,132	\$41,985,498	\$43,393,293
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$3,908,851	\$3,070,568	\$1,498,033

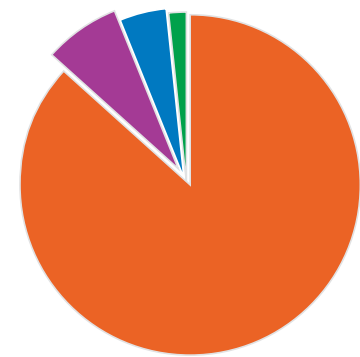
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS			
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	\$9,582,717	\$12,406,934	\$7,797,852
Other Assets	\$22,241,449	\$29,552,046	\$47,656,653
TOTAL ASSETS	\$31,824,166	\$41,958,980	\$55,454,505
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
General Liabilities	\$14,008,684	\$21,051,877	\$33,049,369
Net Assets:			
Unrestricted	\$15,671,061	\$18,324,186	\$19,413,020
Restricted	\$2,144,421	\$2,582,917	\$2,992,116
Total Net Assets	\$17,815,482	\$20,907,103	\$22,405,136
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$31,824,166	\$41,958,980	\$55,454,505



MMCC PROJECTED FUNDING

JULY 1, 2025–JUNE 30, 2026



- Government Grants
- Program Fees
- Contributions/Fundraising
- Investment Income

PROJECTED REVENUES • 2025-2026

Government Funding:	\$39,674,597	86.00%
Program Fees:	\$2,075,062	4.50%
Contributions/Fundraising:	\$4,128,597	8.95%
Investment Income:	\$252,000	0.55%
Total Revenue:	\$46,130,256	100%



Facilities

The Facilities Department is currently assisting the CDC with the opening of its sixth fully renovated childcare center, located at 4660 3rd Avenue. We are also in the process of upgrading our heating system to improve efficiency for future winters and to do our part in reducing energy consumption, in compliance with the city's new Local Law 97.

In addition, we are upgrading and increasing the electrical capacity at our main building. Over the years, as staffing and programming have grown, it has become increasingly difficult to meet the building's electrical demands. This upgrade will improve efficiency and ensure that we can meet the needs of future expansion.

Human Resources

New Matching 403(b) Retirement Plan

On August 1, 2024, MMCC launched a new retirement benefit in addition to the UJA pension. Full-time employees enrolled in our new 403(b) retirement plan with Mutual of America receive a matching contribution from the agency based on years of continuous full-time service. The agency matches employee contributions up to a percentage of their salaries as follows:

1-5 Years: **2%**
 6-10 -Years: **4%**
 10-15 Years: **5%**
 15+ Years: **6%**

Employees can choose to contribute any amount or waive participation. The new 403(b) plan is more portable than the pension, so employees can continue contributions if their career paths take them elsewhere. Full-time employees who continue their careers at MMCC are rewarded with higher matching amounts.

In July 2024, MMCC and Mutual of America hosted several information sessions for employees on



this new 403(b) retirement plan to help them make informed decisions on participation. Our participant client representative from Mutual of America also held office hours at MMCC over several days to provide employees with private consultations and assist with enrollments.

Additionally, full-time employees received a financial literacy presentation from Valley Bank at our annual Professional Development Day in October. Employees are also able to receive a free 30-minute financial consultation through the agency's employee assistance program. MMCC is proud to encourage and help its employees prepare for life after work.

Workforce Development

3,100

students participated in SYEP program and completed summer internship programs and project-based learning activities.

183

students participated in Work, Learn, Grow (WLG) and completed internships.



170

received credentials
Certified Nursing Assistant
ServSafe
Tax Preparer Certification
OSHA 40

215

completed a paid internship

123

placed in employment

115

graduated HS or obtained their GED

97

enrolled in college

8

entered an advanced training program

3

entered the military

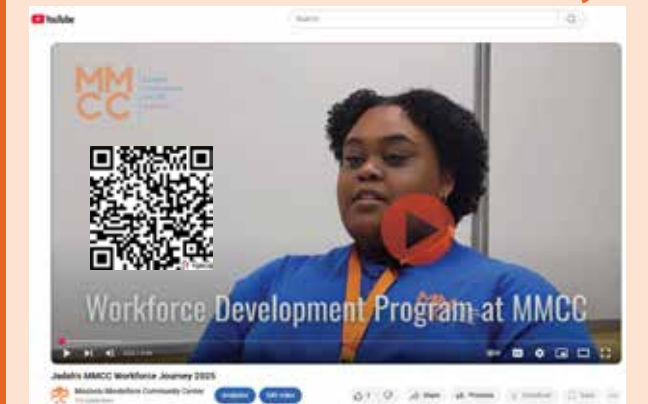


437

students served in workforce programs
Certified Nursing Assistant Program
Flavors of Success Culinary Program
Certified Tax Preparer Program
Learn & Earn
Train & Earn
NDA High School Support
Construction Craft Laborer Program **NEW**



Watch Jadah's Workforce Journey!



Child Development Center

The Child Development Center (CDC) of Mosholu Montefiore Community Center (MMCC), has been steadfast in its mission to transform our programs with a clear focus: breaking the cycle of poverty for the children and families we serve. Our goal is to continue offering comprehensive and meaningful opportunities that open new pathways—changing the trajectory of individual lives.

The CDC serves pregnant women and children ages 6 months to 5 years, along with their families. Our ultimate goals are to:

- Prepare children for cognitive, physical, and social-emotional success in kindergarten
- Support families in addressing their children's educational and developmental needs, provide families with the information, resources, and services necessary to achieve self-sufficiency.

We are committed to creating a nurturing, healthy, and safe environment that supports every child's growth. Throughout the year, our skilled and passionate teachers have delivered high-quality, hands-on learning experiences using a research-based curriculum that meets each child's individual needs and builds on their strengths. Our teaching and learning is guided by Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework (HS-ELOF).

- The CDC embraces the Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (PFCE) Framework, which guides our efforts to create meaningful, lasting outcomes for families.



Our work is driven by the following:

- Ensuring family well-being
- Promoting positive parent-child relationships
- Supporting families as lifelong educators and partners in their child's development
- Assisting parents in pursuing their own learning and career goals
- Engaging families during key transitions in their child's educational journey
- Fostering connections between families, peers, and the broader community
- Encouraging family participation in leadership and decision-making opportunities

To achieve these goals, we offer families a wide range of engagement opportunities and supportive services. We believe that family partnership is essential to every child's success. When parents are involved and informed, children are more likely to succeed academically, develop positive behavior, and grow into socially and emotionally confident individuals.

Below are the number of children and families we served for the School Year 2024-2025:

- 32 - Pregnant Women
- 36 - Early Head Start (0-2 years old)
- 437 - Head Start PreK Children (3 to 5 years old)
- 125 - Children with Special Needs
- 6 Families - Family Therapy
- 13 - UPK Full Day (3 to 5 years old)
- 518 - Families (provided services to all members of the families including extended family members)



Mosholu Day Camp

Mosholu Day Camp continues to offer incredible activities and experiences for campers from the Bronx, Manhattan, Westchester and Rockland Counties. In 2025, Mosholu Day Camp gave 223 campers an unforgettable summer experience. The campers enjoyed swimming, boating, ropes course, cooking, sports, archery, tree climbing, rock climbing, nature, and so much more. Set on our beautiful campgrounds in Harriman State Park, Mosholu Day Camp is an experience that not only offers campers a safe and fun summer, but allows them to make new friends and memories that will last forever.



Watch what parents have to say!

Support Services

MMCC Pantry

MMCC's Food Pantry continues to proudly serve the community with shelf-stable and nutritious food at our headquarters. We expanded food accessibility through our mobile pantry initiative, providing pantry bags to our Older Adult Center at Marble Hill and NYCHA Housing at ABM in Upper Manhattan. Pantry distribution is also provided to PS 86, PS 150, and PS 94 monthly. With rising food costs causing a greater demand for pantry bags, we rely heavily on volunteers within the community to assist us in meeting the community's needs. Through these efforts, **over 14,000** full bags were distributed to New Yorkers in need, many of whom are children and older adults. Rising costs also forced us to decrease distribution from thrice a month to twice a month. We participated in the Round Table Network to navigate this daily operation function. We worked closely with the Round Table Technical Assistance (TA) Program to support the organization and the development of the MMCC pantry and explore further ways to meet the community's growing needs.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) / Hunger Solutions

Our SNAP program is an invaluable resource for our Norwood community, as clients rely heavily on it for the most recent and factual updates regarding benefits. Outreach is conducted at local pantries, places of worship, and Older Adult

Centers to ensure that information is being provided to vulnerable groups such as the elderly population. Our staff is also Spanish-speaking, thus ensuring greater access to benefit information for a significant portion of the population. Our SNAP program refers eligible clients to the local WIC office on an as-needed basis, ensuring food access to young children. Thanks to the efforts of this program, **over 1,200** client screenings for SNAP eligibility were conducted, of which **over 600** were approved.

Connections to Care: Building Resilience in Youth (C2C-BRY)

In a direct response to the mental health crisis correlating to the COVID-19 pandemic, Connections to Care: Building Resilience in Youth focuses directly on youths ages 13-21 to destigmatize mental health. Our staff continues promoting mental wellness by providing a safe and welcoming space at our Edenwald location for our youth to receive confidential mental health screenings. If there is a need for services, they are immediately connected with a mental health provider for therapeutic services. This program also performs outreach at local schools to reach as many young people as possible. Weekly round table activities are conducted under staff supervision to encourage an open dialogue around mental health. Thanks to these efforts, **174** mental health screenings were performed, with **53** youths referred to services.



Neighborhood Development Area (NDA)-Healthy Families

The NDA-Healthy Families program is dedicated to providing a range of supportive services for vulnerable clients within the community. Through the intake process, applications are processed on behalf of clients based on their needs and eligibility. These applications include housing, utility payment assistance, health insurance, food assistance, social security, rental payment assistance, and NYC IDs. Referrals are made to other programs such as immigration legal assistance, literacy services, employment, and any other client needs. Our NDA-Healthy Families staff surpassed their projected goal of 222 with **293** clients served and **over 800** client-related tasks.

Another aspect of NDA-Healthy Families service is its crisis intervention unit. Clients in crisis are directed to the Support Services Welcome Center, where trained staff streamline intake, thus making services efficient and minimizing wait time. These situations include evictions, immediate food assistance, intimate partner violence, and obtaining beds for children, just to name a few. Our Gerstner Philanthropies grant provides resources to provide financial relief for clients in crisis, with **20** being assisted in this fiscal year alone.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA TAX)

The VITA Tax program offers clients citywide tax preparation services at no cost for those below \$90,000 annual income. This highly

accessible program assists clients with yearly filing and provides clients with a clear and concise breakdown to ensure complete understanding. VITA Taxes emphasizes confidentiality of their services to allow clients a space to discuss the often-uncomfortable topic of personal finances. Outside of peak tax season, services such as ITIN number applications, explanation of IRS correspondence, and late filing are also done at no cost to all eligible clients. Financial literacy resources are available to all clients upon request. Our VITA Tax staff has successfully completed **4,489** returns in the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Older Adult Centers (OAC)

MMCC's Older Adult Centers provide NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA)-approved activities that promote an active and healthy lifestyle for ages 60+. Our **Main Site** and **Marble Hill** locations serve low-cost and nutritional food to members daily. Case Managers are also available at both sites, assisting clients with SNAP, Utility Assistance, Housing Vouchers, Social Security applications, and Medicaid and Medicare applications. Field trips to Atlantic City and Canada occur annually under staff supervision.

Our Marble Hill Site introduced its "Timeless Tunes" program, an interactive music class that was well-received by members. The site is also being remodeled to encourage a more welcoming and therapeutic environment. A Resource Fair was also held at our Marble Hill site, allowing community

members to engage with local businesses and health care providers.

To date, both sites have **1,147** members for this fiscal year. We served a total of **21,126** meals to our community members, many of whom are food-insecure.

Audubon Bethune Marshall (ABM)

Support Services provides Case Management to NYCHA ABM residents located in Upper Manhattan. These services include rental payment assistance, Social Security, and Health Insurance applications. This year, an ESOL class was established at this site as the residents are primarily Spanish-speaking. VITA Tax services are also provided to the residents, initially on a drop-off basis, and now in-person, as well. Mobile Pantry services are also offered to address food insecurities for ABM residents. Outreach and appropriate services were provided to all 560 residential units within ABM housing.

Building Resiliency and Advancing Vaccine Equity (BRAVE)

The BRAVE program is an outreach initiative that aims to provide up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 and Influenza. Vaccine locations and dates are distributed at various outreach events throughout the Bronx. Much-needed PPE was distributed to these communities upon availability. The BRAVE program also used the opportunity to disseminate program information for the entire agency, thus facilitating increased client engagement. BRAVE participated in **352** outreach events within the year, which directly correlated to **over 22,000** client referrals for services. Thanks to this initiative, our BRAVE team has transformed into the literal face of the agency.



New York City Benefits (NYCB)

NYC Benefits is a citywide program that provides unrestricted benefit enrollment services. The unique aspect of this program is that we can serve all zip codes in NYC.

Our satellite site at **Southern Boulevard** began providing mobile pantry services this year. Clients are screened for benefit eligibility, and applications are submitted on the spot. The projected yearly goal was 1,000, and our team surpassed it with **1,617** units for the year.

Our NYC Benefits Child Care program focused on screening and enrolling families for child care vouchers, early education enrollment, and distributing educational resources, all accomplished through staff outreach efforts. The program's yearly goal was 500, and we closed out the year by servicing **1,762** program participants.

Case Management services support our immigrant community, many living below the poverty line.

English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

ESOL provides free English classes to adults aged 18 and up. All courses are taught by highly trained staff who speak up to 10 languages, accommodating a diverse group of students. Prospective students are pre-screened for placement based on their proficiency level. Case Management services are also provided to address the needs of our immigrant population, many of whom live below the poverty line. Classes are offered at the **Main Site, Marble Hill, ABM, Pelham, and Beacon 8** sites. Daytime and evening schedules were created to accommodate as many students as possible. A hybrid online and in-person course was designed for students still interested in summer learning. **Over 300** students were enrolled across these sites, most graduating from the program.

Family Enrichment Center (FEC)

We proudly secured the Family Enrichment Center grant to start in January 2026, a significant step forward in expanding our impact in the community.

Youth Services

Discovery Afterschool Programs

This fiscal year, we hosted **15** afterschool programs. Our Discovery Afterschool assisted **over 320** students with quality afterschool care in both Charter and Public Schools. Assisting with homework, enjoying new activities such as art and music lessons, and taking part in numerous sports competitions, MMCC's Discovery programs allowed parents safe and fun childcare each day after school.

Compass Elementary School Programs

Funded by the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), Compass provides elementary afterschool programs for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Children are provided with snacks, homework assistance, academic enrichment, STEM, sports, arts, and activities based upon children's interests. This past year we had nine programs and operated in schools throughout the Bronx and Harlem. Our Compass programs provided quality childcare to **over 1,350** children.

SONYC Middle School Programs

Also funded by the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), SONYC provides afterschool programs for children in 6th through 8th grades. Children are provided with snacks, homework assistance, academic enrichment, STEM, cooking, sports, leadership workshops, and activities based upon students' interest. In 2025, we had **11** programs throughout the Bronx and serviced **over 1,725** children.

Summer Rising

Summer Rising is jointly funded through the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) and the NYC Department of Education (DOE). During the summer months, MMCC provides enrichment services similar to those in the SONYC and Compass programs in the selected public schools. In 2025, we provided camp-like activities for children in **16** locations throughout the Bronx. The children participate in a number of activities including career exploration, team building, sports, games, arts, STEM, and cooking. Once a week, the children travel by bus to **Explorer Camp** located in **Harriman State Park**.





On camp days, they engage in swimming, boating, sports, arts & crafts, academic enrichment, archery, and tree climbing. For many of the children, this is their first time attending camp, and they can't wait to return. In all, we serviced **over 3,250** children.

Community Schools

We were awarded two new schools to our Community School family - **PS 78** and **PS 150** now operate alongside PS 368 and PS 86. The four community schools serve **over 2,875** students and families in both the Bronx and Manhattan.

With engaging programs such as the Salvadori STEM program, Next Gen Community Schools, a math-focused program that targets students from K-2 called High 5, and many more, MMCC assists in improving both the community and academic enrichment in the schools. The program also offers activity enrichment extended day programs, food pantry distributions, mental health services in partnership with Astor Clinic, distribution of back-to-school supplies and uniforms, and hosting community health fairs.

21st Century Learning Centers

21st Century programs are federal programs funded through New York State and New York City. MMCC's three programs at **PS 66**, **PS 368** and **PS 103** serviced **1,370** students and families in the Bronx and Manhattan. In this collaboration with the schools, the programs offer academic and recreational enrichment, as well as extended day programs.

MMCC Lifestyle Medicine & Wellness Program

Funded by the *Mother Cabrini Foundation* and the *Bronx Community Foundation*, and in partnership with *Montefiore Health System*, the MMCC Lifestyle Medicine & Wellness program has successfully connected with five schools servicing **over 400** student and community families from the MMCC SONYC programs. The partnership provided schools and communities with nutritional, physical, and mental health services and resources to support healthy nutrition, physical activity, stress reduction, sleeping habits, avoiding risky behaviors, and positive social connections. This year a focus was on healthy eating and cutting out soda. It featured cooking programs and an understanding of growing vegetables with hydroponics.

Violence Prevention

Funded by the New York State Department of Education, the Violence Prevention program served **over 500** students who attended **PS 66** and **PS 20** in the Bronx. The program served students in the day school and extended day programming. The services included a curriculum on cultivating kindness, connection, and coping skills. Our program utilizes techniques, such as calm-down corners, lesson plans with reflective debriefs, conflict-resolution techniques through peer reflections, and workshops that empower students to be positive leaders and kind partners to each other. With a strong focus in social emotional learning and conflict resolution, the goal of the program is for students to overcome adverse

experiences with their peers. As a result of this program, students' confidence and leadership levels increase and there is a considerable decrease in student fights and bullying.

Saturday Academies

With incredible enrichment activities, such as basketball and tutoring programs, art and dance classes, karate and coding workshops and an amazing theater program, **over 210** participants enjoyed coming and thriving on Saturdays throughout the year. Our engaging programs improved skills and offered the children a "Funtastic" time each Saturday. The program culminated with an outstanding performance of "The Wiz," leaving parents, relatives, staff, and participants absolutely thrilled!

College Bound

In partnership with various schools, MMCC's College Bound Program allows high school students access to college visits, application and FAFSA assistance, scholarship assistance, as well as college counseling and advisement. During the 2024-25 school year, the College Bound Program successfully supported **over 650** senior high school students and **over 600** juniors. This year we also hosted 2 college fairs in the fall and spring at MMCC, where we had **over 25** college representative tables with **over 600** students attending. **Fifty-eight** undocumented students completed the NYS Dream Act application and will receive **\$350,000** to attend CUNY Universities. In all, students received **\$1,220,000** in merit-based scholarships. **6** seniors received admittance to the prestigious Macaulay Honors program. Students received full rides to Stony Brook University and Binghamton University. **5%** of the students will attend private Universities. Many of these students received full rides to Cornell University, Princeton University, Barnard University, Bard College, Pace University, and many more.



Youth Engagement & Prevention

MMCC's Beacon Programs

MMCC operates three DYCD-funded Beacon Programs that provide comprehensive services for youth and families. These programs run after school, in the evenings, on weekends, and offer full-day programming during the summer (including Summer Camp and Summer Rising) and on school holidays. In the past fiscal year, our Beacon Programs served **over 4,000** participants.

Each Beacon serves individuals from kindergarten through adulthood and offers a broad array of activities designed to meet community needs. Program offerings include academic support, recreation and fitness, cultural arts, life skills development, career exploration, workforce readiness, and civic engagement. All activities align with the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development's core service areas and take a holistic approach to community support.

Through partnerships with school administration and families, our Beacon Programs help participants build the critical academic and life skills needed for long-term success. Programming emphasizes academic enrichment through thematic, experiential, project-based, and cooperative learning. Leadership and community-building initiatives empower youth to become active changemakers in their schools and neighborhoods. Activities include Youth Council, Early College Awareness, Smart Girls, Passport to Manhood, POW (Power of Women), Community Circle, STORM (Social Emotional Learning), and more.

Our Employment and Financial Security initiatives prepare participants to take charge of their economic futures. Through career exploration, workforce skills training, and early exposure to entrepreneurship, young people gain the tools to build financial independence and generational wealth. Sample programs include Career Awareness, Life Skills, Counselors-in-Training (CIT), and Money Club.



Beacon’s Recreation and Enrichment activities promote creativity, curiosity, and well-being. Participants engage in arts, dance, cultural exploration, STEM, and other hands-on experiences. Sample offerings include visual arts, music production, and robotics.

Cornerstone Programs

DYCD-funded Cornerstone Programs serve as essential community anchors within NYCHA housing developments, providing year-round educational, recreational, and workforce development services for both youth and adults. These programs are designed to create safe, supportive, and enriching spaces that encourage academic success, career preparedness, personal development, and strong community connections.

Over the past year, our seven Cornerstone sites collectively served **more than 9,000** participants. In addition to daily programming, the sites played a key role in hosting impactful community events. These included resource fairs, food pantry distributions, holiday toy drives, health and wellness initiatives, back-to-school drives, seasonal celebrations, career and job readiness expos,

orientations, and certification sessions such as OSHA and security training—offering vital support and opportunities to the communities we serve.

These programs are more than physical centers—they are gateways to vital opportunities and essential resources. Cornerstones help close systemic gaps, empower families, strengthen communities, and deliver lasting, transformative impact across the neighborhoods we serve.

Boys & Girls Club of America (BGCA)

MMCC’s Boys & Girls Club of America (BGCA) programs offer safe and engaging environments, where young people can grow into confident, capable, and compassionate leaders. Grounded in BGCA’s national framework, our programs emphasize academic achievement, strong character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles.

Year-round, youth engage in structured, enriching activities designed to support personal growth, leadership development, and positive decision-making. Signature programs such as Torch Club and Keystone Club (leadership and service), Passport to Manhood, SMART Girls, and Youth of the Year

empower participants to build self-confidence, set goals, and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

Through mentorship, academic enrichment, and dynamic learning experiences, our BGCA programs help youth create brighter futures—regardless of background or circumstance. This year alone, we served **2,000** young people ages 13 to 21.

Our BGCA Teen Programs offer transformative experiences that broaden horizons and inspire ambition. Teens receive exposure to a range of career and educational pathways, support with college applications and financial aid, workforce development workshops, certification courses, and a variety of recreational activities and trips. This year, teens had the opportunity to attend a Broadway performance of *Othello* featuring Denzel Washington and Jake Gyllenhaal.

Preventive Programs

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The *Crime and Safety Program*, funded by DYCD, is designed to build a safer community through grassroots leadership and active civic involvement. At the heart of the program is a council of **25** dedicated community members who work together to identify and address local crime and safety issues. During monthly meetings, the council collaborates to highlight areas of concern and develop actionable strategies to enhance

neighborhood safety. These priorities are then shared with district representatives and local agencies for further support and implementation.

Beyond advocacy, the program focuses on strengthening community ties by hosting events that foster awareness, connection, and resilience. Past efforts have included a school supply giveaway, a safety resource fair, a community town hall, and the “Seeds of Change” project—all aimed at empowering residents and reinforcing community unity.

CAPP

The New York State-funded *Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (CAPP) Program* equips adolescents with the knowledge, motivation, and skills needed to reduce their risk of contracting HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. One of the core components of the program is *Be Proud, Be Responsible*, an evidence-based curriculum delivered through six 50-minute modules. These sessions can be facilitated over the course of 1 to 6 days or spread across 1 to 6 weeks.

The program operates in two components. Component 1 focuses on evidence-based programming (EBP), with a contractual target of reaching **300** unduplicated participants. Component 2 emphasizes community service and outreach, with a goal of engaging **50** unduplicated participants. We successfully implemented both components across all schools on the Evander





Childs Campus, including Bronx Lab School, Aerospace, Computers & Technology, Health Careers, and Contemporary Arts High School. Component 2 workshops addressed topics such as mental health, teen health, autonomy, and goal setting.

The CAPP team also collaborated with Evander Campus and local community-based organizations to host events including the Love is Love Valentine's Dance, Unity Day, and Decision Day. In addition, the team participated in the Breast Cancer Walk and led Get Out the Vote outreach efforts.

During the 2024–2025 fiscal year, the CAPP Program delivered evidence-based programming and workshops to **over 625** participants, including middle schools, high school students, and young adults.

OASAS

OASAS Clubhouse is a drug prevention program that offers a safe, welcoming environment with comprehensive, age-appropriate activities and support services for adolescents and young adults who are at risk for, or have experienced, substance use disorders. It is funded by New York State.

Our program takes a holistic approach, rooted in the prevention models developed by Kumpfer and Chavez, which emphasize the importance of the following five key strategies:

1. Information dissemination

2. Prevention education (including life and social skills)
3. Alternative, drug-free activities
4. Problem identification and referral
5. Community-based process and support

These strategies align with the recommendations of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and guide the foundation of our Clubhouse model.

We utilize evidence-based curricula to address risk factors while enhancing protective factors across individual, family, peer, school, workplace, and community domains. Our comprehensive Youth Clubhouse approach fosters self-esteem, problem-solving, personal responsibility, social skills, family engagement, academic achievement, workplace bonding, and a strong sense of belonging within a supportive community.

Our annual enrollment goal is **150** youth. The Bronx OASAS Clubhouse operates primarily out of MMCC's main building but also extends services to multiple middle schools, high schools, and Workforce1 sites across the South and North Bronx.

During fiscal year 2024–2025, we have served **over 280** participants, exceeding our target and reflecting our deep commitment to the youth of the Bronx. The Clubhouse delivers high-quality workshops covering a wide range of critical topics, including marijuana and alcohol use, trauma, anxiety, and more.

Restorative Justice

The Restorative Justice (RJ) program is the cornerstone of our prevention strategy, working closely with some of the highest-risk youth in the Bronx. Operating across multiple locations, including our Main Office, Evander High School, and Section 5, RJ supports youth who may be court-involved, on probation, gang-affiliated, or facing challenges such as housing instability, unemployment, or lack of guidance.

Through structured mentorship circles, participants engage in meaningful discussions around topics including mental health, trauma, violence, safety, anxiety, and gun violence. RJ is rooted in the Cure Violence model, which treats violence as a public health issue and promotes behavior change through community-based interventions.

The program maintains strong partnerships with the Department of Probation, ACS (Administration for Children's Services), Bronx Community Justice Center, Bronx Connect, and the Bronx District Attorney's Office. While RJ serves as a reentry and alternative-to-justice program, it goes beyond that role by offering participants opportunities for personal and professional development. These include vocational training such as OSHA certification, security and retail credentials, and life skills training aimed at replacing risky behaviors with protective factors.

Another one of our successful initiatives—providing free haircuts—was launched to enhance participants' self-image and confidence as they work toward positive personal transformation.

For fiscal year 2024–2025, the program served **300** participants, exceeding its target. Looking ahead, RJ plans to expand its services to additional high schools in need of intervention to address gang activity and other forms of youth-involved crime.





Volunteer Program

This past fiscal year, MMCC continued to strengthen partnerships that provided hands-on learning and community engagement. We proudly welcomed medical students from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, who taught middle schoolers about sugary drinks, volunteered with older adults, and helped in our food pantry. Two cohorts of Mercy University nursing students led Alzheimer's awareness activities with seniors, combining education with memory-strengthening games. Longstanding collaborations with Columbia University School of Social Work, Lehman College, the University of Mount Saint Vincent, and Monroe College and various local high schools continued to provide meaningful internships.

Our volunteer program also saw major growth, with **106** new volunteers contributing to an incredible **5,498** service hours this year!

Recently, MMCC expanded its reach through new partnerships with Guttman Community College, Yeshiva University, and TD Bank. Yeshiva students provided vital virtual tutoring for our adult literacy learners, while Guttman placed an HR intern to support operations. TD Bank hosted free financial literacy sessions for youth, fraud prevention workshops for older adults, and joined our community fairs.

Our **Food Pantry Program**, now nearly fully volunteer-run, feeds **up to 200** families twice a week. Skilled community members also supported our **VITA tax prep services** and led **tech classes** for older adults. At MMCC, every volunteer - new or experienced - plays a vital role in advancing our mission.

Community



Council Member Eric Dinowitz introduced Speaker Adrienne Adams to MMCC



MMCC ringing the opening bell at Nasdaq



MMCC celebrating the Grand Opening TD Bank's Norwood branch



MMCC Boys & Girls Club receiving a \$1,000 check at the Grand Opening of Planet Fitness in the Wakefield section of the Bronx



MMCC proudly joined agencies across the state for Human Services Sector Advocacy Day, urging legislators to ensure fair wages for human service workers.



Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz helped MMCC light the menorah on the first night of Hanukkah

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