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From Our CEO

There are moments throughout the year when I pause and think about why we do this work.

I think about the parent who no longer has to wonder where the next meal will come from. I think about the child who runs through our doors each afternoon knowing they are entering a place where they are safe, supported, and loved. I think about the teenager who discovers confidence, purpose, and a vision for the future. I think about the senior who feels seen, the family who finds stability, and the individual who is given another chance to succeed.

These moments remind me that our mission has never been about programs. It has always been about people. Every number in this report represents a life touched. Every accomplishment represents countless acts of kindness, compassion, and commitment.

As proud as I am of what we've accomplished, I am even more excited about where we are headed. Soon we will launch our Family Enrichment Center, creating new opportunities for families to grow stronger together through education, support, and connection. We also look forward to opening new child care facilities, expanding access to high-quality early learning for even more children at the most important stage of their development.

None of this happens by accident. It's the result of our extraordinary staff, generous Board of Directors and the remarkable organizations that stand alongside us. These partnerships help ensure that the services we provide reflect the highest standards of quality and innovation.

The truth is, leading a nonprofit organization is not easy. The needs continue to grow. Resources are often limited. Every day requires difficult decisions and unwavering determination.

Yet despite the challenges, I cannot imagine doing anything more meaningful. Every time a child smiles with confidence, a parent finds hope, a family regains stability, or a young person discovers their potential, we are reminded that this work changes lives—not just for today, but for generations to come.

As we look ahead, our commitment remains steadfast. We will continue to listen. We will continue to innovate. We will continue to advocate. And above all, we will continue to serve with compassion, integrity, and excellence.

To our staff, our Board of Directors, our volunteers, funders, donors, partners, members, local politicians and every person who has placed their trust in us—thank you. The accomplishments within these pages belong to all of us. I look forward to all we will achieve together in the year ahead.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Rita Santelia

Rita Santelia, LMSW
Chief Executive Officer





■ 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 50,000 preschoolers, school-age children, teens, adults, pregnant mothers, 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.

■ Executive Leadership



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Financials

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (2024-25 Pertinent Financial Data)

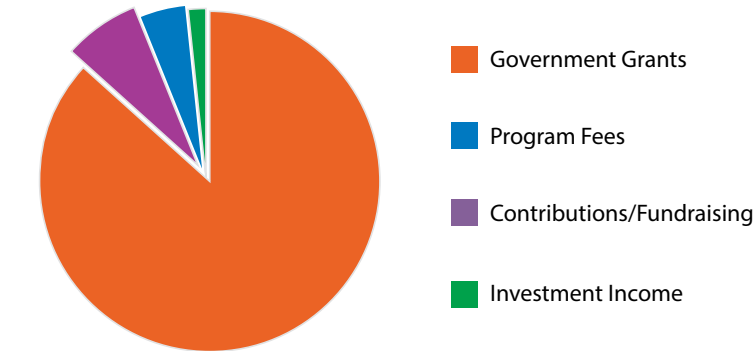
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 <i>Unaudited</i>
SUPPORT, REVENUE AND GAINS			
Foundations and Contributions	\$4,525,059	4,344,625.00	4,799,468.00
Government Support	\$38,192,298	40,531,896.00	41,013,237.00
Investment Income	\$472,344	351,464.00	558,157.00
Program Fees	\$1,866,365	2,425,812.00	1,386,044.00
Total Support, Revenue and Gains	\$45,056,066	47,653,797.00	47,756,906.00
EXPENSES			
Program	\$37,226,271	\$39,230,727.00	\$39,449,249.00
Management and General	\$4,647,299	\$5,947,772.00	\$5,642,984.00
Fundraising	\$111,928	\$134,068.00	\$101,272.00
Total Expenses	\$41,985,498	\$45,312,567.00	\$45,193,505.00
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$3,070,568	\$2,341,230.00	\$2,563,401.00

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS			
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	\$12,406,934	\$7,145,217.00	\$15,392,950.00
Other Assets	\$29,552,046	\$48,567,299.00	\$40,041,184.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$41,958,980	\$55,712,516.00	\$55,434,134.00
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
General Liabilities	\$21,051,877	\$32,464,183.00	\$29,495,359.00
Net Assets:			
Unrestricted	\$18,324,186	\$20,770,643.00	\$23,458,956.00
Restricted	\$2,582,917	\$2,477,690.00	\$2,479,819.00
Total Net Assets	\$20,907,103	\$23,248,333.00	\$25,938,775.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$41,958,980	\$55,712,516.00	\$55,434,134.00



MMCC PROJECTED FUNDING
JULY 1, 2026–JUNE 30, 2027



PROJECTED REVENUES • 2026-2027

Government Funding:	\$54,017,079	89.53%
Program Fees:	\$2,075,062	3.44%
Contributions/Fundraising:	\$3,840,255	6.37%
Investment Income:	\$400,000	0.66%
Total Revenue:	\$60,332,396	100%

Human Resources

Expanded HR Capacity

In 2026, MMCC expanded its Human Resources Department by adding an HR Assistant to increase capacity and enhance employee support as new Child Development Centers prepare to open in 2026 and 2027. The HR Office also relocated to the first floor of the Main Site, providing greater space, privacy, and accessibility. New full-time employees now participate in customized orientation sessions based on their worker category, helping create a more informed and welcoming onboarding experience.

Updated Leave & Sick Time Policies

MMCC updated its leave policies to reflect changes to New York City's Protected Time Off requirements and ensure employees receive clear information about their rights and available benefits. HR worked with Payroll to implement new time banks and leave categories, including NYC Paid Safe and Sick Leave, Paid Prenatal Leave, and additional MMCC Sick Leave for employees' own health care needs.

Through agency-wide webinars and department meetings, HR provided employees with guidance on these updated policies, answered questions, and connected staff with resources for ongoing assistance.



When we invest in our people, we strengthen our organization. From professional development to staff appreciation, we help our team grow, connect, and thrive.

Facilities

MMCC's Facilities Department has been actively working on numerous projects across the agency, including the opening of a new Child Development Center located at 4660 3rd Avenue. We are also in the process of opening additional Child Development Centers in the Bronx and Queens.

This past year, we upgraded the ventilation units in all classrooms at the main building. This improvement will allow for centralized control through a Building Management System (BMS), which is an exciting advancement for our operations.

We also installed a new burner system for our boiler, replacing an outdated unit that had exceeded its life expectancy, as well as partnering with the Fiscal department to upgrade the network infrastructure, ensuring it meets the demands of modern technology.



■ Workforce Development

This year, our Workforce Development programs empowered thousands of youth and adults with the skills, experience, and support needed to achieve educational and career success.

A total of 3,106 young people participated in the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), completing meaningful summer internships and project-based learning experiences that strengthened workplace readiness. An additional 214 youth participated in the Work, Learn & Grow (WLG) program, gaining valuable paid work experience through internships.

Beyond our youth employment initiatives, 378 participants received comprehensive workforce services through specialized programs including Certified Tax Preparer, Construction Craft Laborer, Learn & Earn, Adult Literacy, Digital Literacy, Forward!, Work Progress Program, and High School Support services.



These investments produced measurable outcomes and reflect our commitment to creating pathways to economic mobility by equipping individuals with the education, credentials, work experience, and support needed to build successful futures.

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- *digital literacy*
- *forward!*
- *work progress program*
- *high school support service*

56

earned industry-recognized credentials,

- *22 IRS Certified Tax Preparer certifications*
- *34 OSHA 40/NCCER construction credentials*

123

completed paid internships

182

secured employment

37

earned a high school diploma or GED

■ Support Services

MMCC Pantry

MMCC Food Pantry remains committed to its mission of providing accessible, shelf-stable, and nutritious food to underserved communities. Pantry services have expanded to **14 sites** throughout the Bronx and Upper Manhattan, with an additional **24 sites** supported during the holiday season. In total, **13,971** pantry bags were distributed throughout the year. While continuing to provide these essential services, MMCC Food Pantry collaborated with the *Round Table Technical Assistance Program* to soft launch a self-service pantry option at the Older Adult Center, allowing participants to select the items included in their pantry bags.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) / Hunger Solutions

MMCC's primary goal for the SNAP Program this year was to maximize outreach efforts to ensure that vulnerable populations received the most up-to-date information about SNAP benefits. These services included application assistance, re-certifications, and appeals. Through these outreach efforts, **2,956** clients received information and resources, and **600** SNAP applications were filed during FY26.

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

The C2C-BRY Program at MMCC is pioneering new approaches to addressing mental health among youth ages 13–21. During FY26, staff exceeded the program's target of **120** mental health screenings, providing screenings to **184** youth. Of those screened, **51** participants were referred to mental health services. The program's successful model has been recognized and highlighted citywide.

Neighborhood Development Area (NDA) Healthy Families

The NDA-Healthy Families Program experienced significant growth in FY26, with **2** new sites opening in March 2026. NDA-3, located in the Crotona section of the Bronx, provided services to **42** families. NDA-9, located in the Hamilton Heights neighborhood of West Harlem, served **36** families. NDA-7, located at MMCC's main site, provided **223** vulnerable families with essential services, including benefit enrollment and crisis intervention.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA TAX)

The VITA Tax Program provides free, citywide tax preparation services for individuals and families with annual incomes below \$97,000. The program offers free tax-related assistance throughout the Bronx and Upper Manhattan. During the 2025–2026 tax season, VITA successfully filed over **5,164** tax returns, securing more than **\$5,000,000** in refunds for clients and saving an estimated **\$3,000,000** in tax preparation fees that would have otherwise been paid to commercial tax preparers. Additional services provided by staff included financial literacy, education, and tax amendment assistance.

Older Adult Centers (OAC)

Funded by the NYC Department for the Aging

MMCC's Older Adult Centers at the Main and Marble Hill sites continue to provide innovative classes and services that support this vulnerable population. Two resource fairs were held, each serving over **100** participants and providing easy access to a variety of essential services. Daily programming includes case management, health, culinary, and recreational services. By the end of June 2026, enrollment reached **897** older adults at the Main site and **330** at the Marble Hill site.



Audubon Bethune Marshall (ABM)

NYCHA-ABM is home to over **500** tenants, and MMCC's ABM Program provides year-round case management services, including assistance with rent arrears, benefit enrollment, and recreational activities. Throughout the year, **392** tenants received services from MMCC staff at this site. The VITA Tax Program served **300** clients, and **60** students enrolled in online and in-person courses through the ESOL Program.



New York City Benefits (NYCB)

NYCBenefits is a borough-wide program that provides benefit enrollment services to the community. At the close of the fiscal year, **2,490** benefit-related services, including housing applications, Medicaid enrollments, and SNAP applications, were processed. On June 4, 2026, NYCB staff participated in the Rally to Save NYCBenefits. On June 11, 2026, the NYCB team had the opportunity to advocate for the program and discuss its impact with Mayor Zohran Mamdani. In June 2026, outreach efforts were conducted at **6** community sites.

The NYCB-Childcare Program surpassed its projected goal of **500** client interactions for the year, achieving a total of **1,390** client interactions. These interactions included provider engagement, community outreach, enrollment activities, and case management services.

English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

ESOL provides free English classes to adults at **7** sites throughout the Bronx and Upper Manhattan, with **436** enrolled participants. The program's overall mission is to provide adult students with the necessary English language skills to further their employment and career prospects as well as self-advocacy. At the end of June, almost **100** students graduated from the program.

SOMOS

The SOMOS Program launched at the beginning of the fiscal year with a primary focus on connecting clients throughout the Bronx with requested services. The program also provides case management support as needed. As of June 2026, the SOMOS team engaged with **2,123** clients, with **1,000** individuals referred to essential services, including food pantry resources, housing assistance, transportation, and other case management-related supports.

Family Enrichment Center (FEC)

The Family Enrichment Center has launched programming serving the Morris Park–Pelham Parkway area. Outreach efforts began in March 2026 and included establishing an official social media presence, which has grown to **480** followers, as well as forming an Implementation Team comprised of community members. Staff conducted five community events, including a community baby shower attended by over **1,000** expectant parents, a block party hosted by local Assemblyman John Zaccaro, and a Vision Board and mental health event hosted by MMCC staff.



Connecting youth, families, and older adults with the resources, services, and support they need to thrive.

Youth Services

MMCC's Youth Services Department provides safe, high-quality programs that support children, teens, young adults, and families throughout the Bronx and Manhattan. Through afterschool, summer, camp, college readiness, leadership, prevention, workforce, sports, arts, wellness, and community-based programs, thousands of participants gain new skills, build confidence, form positive relationships, and prepare for success in school, work, and life. By working closely with schools, families, funders, and community partners, Youth Services continues to expand opportunities, respond to community needs, and create welcoming spaces where every young person can learn, grow, and thrive.

Mosholu Day Camp

Mosholu Day Camp continues to provide children from the Bronx, Manhattan, Westchester, and Rockland Counties with a safe, active, and memorable summer experience. Located on beautiful grounds in Harriman State Park, the camp gives children the chance to spend their summer outdoors, build new friendships, gain confidence, and enjoy experiences that are often not available to them in the city. Campers take part in tons of activities, including daily swimming, boating, sports, archery, arts and crafts, cooking, nature exploration, hiking, ropes course activities, tree climbing, and rock climbing. Each activity is led by trained staff and is designed to support teamwork, independence, leadership, and personal growth.

Mosholu Day Camp is fully accredited by the *American Camp Association* and was recognized by *Newsweek* as one of **America's best summer camps**. The camp has also earned strong ratings for program quality, safety, staff training, and the overall camper experience, and remains committed to making high-quality summer camp available to families from all over the area.



Explorer Day Camp

Located about 1 hour north of the Bronx, Mosholu's Explorer Day Camp is a beautiful place filled with trees, fields, and sits on Upper Twin Lake. MMCC's participants in Compass & SONYC Summer Rising Programs and Beacons & Cornerstones enjoy weekly trips to this rural paradise. The children take part in academics that are tied to hands-on activities, such as sitting lakeside and writing poetry. They also enjoy nature programs, athletics, music, drama, art, archery, boating, and swimming. Spending a day each week outside of the city is always fun, and when the youth take part in a traditional camp setting and enjoy these amazing activities, they can't get enough! In all, approximately **450** participants enjoy the camp each day, totaling with over **2,000** elementary and middle school students each week.

Discovery Afterschool Programs

This fiscal year, MMCC expanded its afterschool services through partnerships with public, charter, and community schools. Across all sites, students received safe and engaging care after school, including homework assistance, academic enrichment, STEM, arts, sports, fitness, social-emotional learning, and leadership activities. These programs helped children build confidence, strengthen friendships, and develop skills that support success in school and beyond. MMCC's Discovery Programs provided affordable, high-quality afterschool care at PS 7, MMCC's Main Building, and PS 175, serving **81** students. Participants received homework assistance

and took part in arts, dance, sports, coding, STEM projects, social-emotional learning, and other enrichment activities. The programs concluded the year with performances, parent showcases, and celebrations recognizing student growth and achievement. These events strengthened family involvement and allowed children to proudly share the skills and projects they developed throughout the year.

LEAPS Programs

Funded by the *New York State Office of Children and Family Services*, MMCC successfully launched its first year of LEAPS programming at PS 19 and PS 76, serving over **300** elementary school students. Both school sites reached full enrollment and developed waitlists, showing the strong need for affordable, high-quality afterschool care.



Students participated in homework help, STEM, coding, arts, sports, drama, wellness activities, social-emotional learning, and family engagement events. The program began with a successful summer session, during which participants also enjoyed outdoor activities and trips to Mosholu Day Camp. The strong pilot year created a solid foundation for future growth.

COMPASS Elementary School Programs

Funded by the *NYC Department of Youth and Community Development*, COMPASS provides high-quality afterschool programming for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Students are offered a safe and supportive environment where they can continue learning, explore new interests, and build positive relationships after the school day ends. Participants receive nutritious snacks, homework assistance, academic enrichment, STEM activities, sports, visual and performing arts, and hands-on learning experiences based on their interests. COMPASS also operates 13 full-day programs during school holidays, helping working families while providing children with continued educational and recreational opportunities.

During the past year, MMCC operated 10 COMPASS programs throughout the Bronx and Harlem, serving more than 1,420 elementary school students.

SONYC Middle School Programs

Also funded by the *NYC Department of Youth and Community Development*, *School's Out New York City* programs serve students in grades six through eight. SONYC provides a dynamic afterschool experience focused on academic achievement, leadership, social-emotional growth, and positive youth development. Students participate in homework help, academic enrichment, STEM, cooking, sports, leadership activities, community service, and enrichment programs designed around their interests. These experiences help young people

build confidence, strengthen friendships, develop life skills, and prepare for future success.

MMCC operated 11 SONYC programs throughout the Bronx, serving more than 1,470 middle school students.

Students in COMPASS and SONYC take part in educational and recreational trips throughout the tri-state area. These experiences introduce young people to new places, cultures, careers, and activities they may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy. Trips also support learning, encourage curiosity, and help students build stronger social skills and lasting friendships.

This year marked an important milestone for MMCC Youth Services. Through the *NYC Department of Youth and Community Development's* new afterschool contract process, MMCC added 2 new Compass Programs to the portfolio: PS 87 and PS 46.

Summer Rising

Summer Rising is jointly funded by the *NYC Department of Youth and Community Development* and the *NYC Department of Education*. The program combines academic support with camp-style enrichment during the summer months at selected New York City public schools.

MMCC operated 20 Summer Rising programs throughout the Bronx, serving more than 3,250 children. Participants enjoyed literacy activities, STEM, sports, arts and crafts, cooking, career

exploration, health and wellness activities, team-building, and educational games.

A major highlight of Summer Rising is the weekly trip to Explorer Camp in Harriman State Park. Participants travel by bus to enjoy swimming, boating, archery, outdoor sports, arts and crafts, nature exploration, tree climbing, and academic enrichment.

For many children, Explorer Camp is their first experience at an outdoor summer camp. These trips help participants build independence, confidence, teamwork, resilience, and an appreciation for nature while creating friendships and memories that last beyond the summer.

Through COMPASS, SONYC, and Summer Rising, MMCC continues to provide safe and enriching programs where thousands of young people can develop academic skills, discover new interests, and build the confidence needed to succeed.

Beacon Programs

MMCC operates 3 Beacon Programs funded by the *NYC Department of Youth and Community Development*. These year-round programs provide services for children, teens, adults, and families after school, during evenings and weekends, on school holidays, and throughout the summer through Summer Camp and Summer Rising.

During the past fiscal year, MMCC's Beacon Programs served 3,848 participants and community members. All contractual enrollment goals were achieved. The programs maintained more than 80% average daily attendance and reached nearly full participation, showing the strong interest and continued involvement of the communities served.

Beacon activities are designed to meet community needs while following *DYCD's* core service areas. Participants take part in academic support, recreation and fitness, cultural and performing arts, life skills, career exploration, workforce readiness, civic engagement, and social-emotional learning.

Through partnerships with schools, families, and community organizations, Beacon Programs support academic achievement through hands-on, project-based, and group learning. Youth leadership activities include Youth Council, Early College Awareness, Smart Girls, Passport to Manhood, Power of Women, Community Circle, and STORM. These programs help young people build confidence, responsibility, leadership, and stronger connections to their schools and neighborhoods.

Employment and Financial Security activities introduce participants to career planning, entrepreneurship, workforce development, and financial literacy. Programs such as Career Awareness, Life Skills, Counselors-in-Training, and Money Club provide practical skills that support future employment and financial independence.

This year, participants celebrated their talents through music, dance, theater, and cultural arts performances. Athletic programs also had a successful year, including a championship basketball season and a volleyball program that promoted teamwork, sportsmanship, fitness, and healthy living.

Families and community members participated in seasonal celebrations, showcases, tournaments, field trips, leadership activities, and community service projects. Beacon youth and staff also completed a neighborhood park cleanup and beautification project. Participants collected litter, removed

debris, and helped create a cleaner and more welcoming public space while developing teamwork, leadership, and community pride.

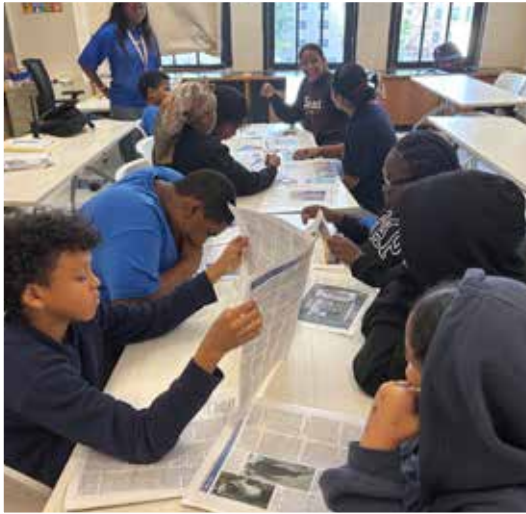
MMCC remains committed to expanding opportunities, strengthening families, developing youth leaders, and providing high-quality programs that encourage learning, achievement, and community involvement.

Cornerstone Programs

MMCC's Cornerstone Programs continued to serve as trusted neighborhood centers where residents of all ages could learn, connect, and grow. Operating in

6 NYCHA communities across the Bronx and Manhattan, the programs offered year-round services that supported youth development, healthy living, education, workforce readiness, and family well-being.

During the past year, more than 8,000 participants took part in programs across the 6 Cornerstone sites. Children, teens, adults, and families participated in academic enrichment, arts and cultural activities, recreation, leadership development, workforce programs, health and wellness activities, and community events.



A major accomplishment was the launch of the Youth Team Sports initiative for young people ages 10 through 17. The program was created to promote teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship, discipline, and physical fitness. As part of this initiative, MMCC introduced the Mosholu Sports League, bringing together youth from all 6 Cornerstone sites to compete in flag football, basketball, and volleyball. During its first season, the league served 110 young people and created new opportunities for athletic growth, positive competition, and community pride.

Literacy also remained an important focus. Through partnerships with NYCHA and the National Book Foundation, MMCC distributed more than 16,000 new books through the Book Reading Enrichment initiative. These books gave children and families greater access to high-quality reading materials and helped encourage learning outside the classroom.

Cornerstone Programs also worked to address food insecurity. Through a partnership with Leather Apron, more than 2,750 free hot meals were provided to community members throughout the year. These meals supported families while they attended programs, activities, and community events.

Throughout the year, Cornerstone sites hosted family celebrations, resource fairs, health and wellness events, workforce development activities, food distributions, and seasonal programs. These efforts helped connect residents with important services while strengthening relationships among neighbors.

MMCC remains committed to expanding opportunities, developing strong partnerships, and creating programs that support young people, strengthen families, and improve the communities we serve.

Community Schools

MMCC’s Community Schools use a full-service approach that brings together schools, families, and community partners to support students’ academic, social, and emotional success.

MMCC operates 4 Community Schools at PS 78, PS 86, PS 150, and PS 368, serving more than 2,875 students and families across the Bronx and Manhattan. Students take part in a wide range of enrichment activities, including the Salvatori STEM Program, fencing, and the Building Beats music production and DJ program.

Family engagement remains a major part of the Community School model. Throughout the year, families participated in Community School Forums, Family Field Days, Game Nights, Resource Fairs, and educational workshops. Families also received access to weekly food pantry services, vision and dental care, and mental health support through partnerships with Astor Clinic and Healthy Connections.

MMCC also supports improved school attendance and student engagement through educational and recreational incentives. These efforts help students feel connected to their schools and ensure that children and families have access to the resources they need to succeed.

21st Century Community Learning Centers

MMCC operates 3 21st Century Community Learning Centers at PS 103, PS 66, and PS 368, serving approximately 1,370 students in kindergarten through fifth grade across the Bronx and Manhattan.

Funded by New York State and New York City,

these afterschool programs provide safe and supportive spaces where students can continue learning beyond the school day. Participants receive academic support and take part in hands-on STEM activities, arts and cultural enrichment, health and wellness programs, sports, and recreation.

The programs also host family nights, educational workshops, and community events that encourage parents to become active partners in their children’s education. These activities

help build stronger connections among schools, families, and the surrounding community.

College Bound

In partnership with middle and high schools throughout the community, MMCC’s College Bound Program provides college and career readiness services that help students prepare for success after high school.

Counselors work individually with students to identify colleges that match their academic interests, career goals, financial needs, and personal plans. Students receive support with CUNY, SUNY, private, out-of-state, and specialized college applications. Counselors also assist with EOP and HEOP opportunity programs, scholarships, financial aid applications, and college enrollment decisions.

During the past school year, College Bound served more than 500 high school seniors, 500 juniors, and 200 middle school students. Middle school participants attended college and career awareness workshops focused on goal setting, study skills, time management, high school readiness, leadership, career exploration, and the connection between education and future opportunities.

Among graduating seniors, the program achieved a 100% CUNY application completion rate and a 70% FAFSA completion rate. In addition, 64 undocumented students completed the New York State DREAM Act application and secured nearly \$500,000 in financial aid to attend colleges including CUNY institutions and Monroe University.

Through FAFSA assistance, financial aid advising, scholarship support, and guidance with opportunity programs, College Bound students secured more than \$4.08 million in federal, state, and opportunity program aid. Students also earned more than \$4.09 million in institutional and merit-based scholarships. Together, participants received more than \$8.17 million in financial aid and scholarship awards.



College Bound students earned 2,352 college acceptances during the school year. Of those acceptances, 89.8% were to CUNY colleges, 5% were to SUNY campuses, and 5.2% were to private and other public colleges and universities.

Students also received competitive scholarships and full-tuition awards to institutions including New York University, Fordham University, the University of Rochester, Macaulay Honors College’s Gray STEM Scholars Program, Mercy University, and Monroe University.

Through personalized counseling and strong school partnerships, College Bound continues to help students explore their options, reduce financial barriers, and take important steps toward college and career success.

Boys & Girls Club of America Teen Programs

MMCC’s Boys & Girls Club programs provide safe, welcoming, and engaging spaces where teens and young adults can build confidence, develop new skills, and prepare for future success. Guided by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s Formula for Impact, the programs serve more than 2,000 young people each year.

Participants take part in activities that support academic success, healthy lifestyles, leadership, character development, workforce readiness, and social-emotional growth. Through caring staff, mentorship, and hands-on learning, young people gain the support and tools they need to make positive choices and reach their goals.

Youth leadership remains an important part of the program. Through Keystone Clubs, teens participate in advocacy and social justice projects using the Think, Learn, Create Change model. This approach encourages young people to identify issues in their communities, develop solutions, and take action.



This year, Keystone members focused on teen mental health and created a youth-led awareness campaign. Their work earned them an invitation to present at the Summit for America's Youth in Washington, D.C., giving participants the opportunity to share their ideas on a national stage.

Another major achievement was the opening of the *Panda Cares Center of Hope* at the Edenwald Cornerstone Clubhouse. Created with support from *Panda Express*, the center provides a dedicated space for academic support, technology, and personal growth. The new center includes a modern computer lab and a mindfulness area where young people can learn, reflect, and build resilience.

MMCC also expanded entrepreneurship and career training. Participants received hands-on experience in areas such as cosmetology, music production, culinary arts, and event planning. These activities helped young people explore career interests while developing practical and marketable skills.

Teens also learned how to turn ideas into possible businesses. Workshops covered how to establish an LLC, develop a brand, create marketing plans, manage daily operations, provide strong customer service, and build financial and leadership skills.

Through safe spaces, leadership opportunities, career exploration, and entrepreneurship education, MMCC's Boys & Girls Club programs help young people become confident leaders, skilled workers, and positive members of their communities.

Prevention: Restorative Justice Program

MMCC's Restorative Justice Program continued to play an important role in the agency's violence prevention and youth development efforts. Funded through discretionary support from *Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz*, the program served young people facing challenges such as school disengagement, community violence, justice involvement, and limited access to supportive resources.

During the last year, the program operated at MMCC's

Main Center and 4 high schools. Staff provided workshops in violence prevention, financial literacy, social-emotional learning, conflict resolution, leadership, and life skills. They also worked closely with school administrators, guidance counselors, and teachers to support attendance, address barriers, and recognize positive student behavior.

The program provided individual case management to 40 young people. Participants and their families were connected to food assistance, housing resources, employment programs, educational support, and other community services.

A major achievement was the launch of *Sisterhood Unplugged* at the Evander High School Campus in partnership with Beacon Evander. Approximately 30 young women participated in mentorship and empowerment activities focused on confidence, leadership, healthy decision-making, and life skills.

Participants also earned Security Guard and CPR certifications to support future employment. The Main Center Barbershop Program continued to provide free haircuts every other week, helping young people build confidence and prepare for school, interviews, and employment.

Youth participated in educational and recreational experiences, including New York Knicks and Yankees games, the Museum of Ice Cream, Dave & Buster's, and bowling. These activities encouraged attendance, teamwork, relationship building, and positive youth engagement.

During the fiscal year, the Restorative Justice Program served 259 participants across school and community sites. Through mentorship, case management, workforce training, and restorative practices, the program helped young people strengthen relationships, remain connected to school, and prepare for long-term success.

Prevention: OASAS Clubhouse

The OASAS Clubhouse is a New York State-funded substance use prevention program for adolescents and young adults.

It provides a safe and supportive environment where participants can gain the knowledge and skills needed to make healthy choices and lead drug-free lives.

The program uses five core prevention strategies: sharing information, prevention education, positive drug-free activities, identification and referral, and community support. Workshops address marijuana, alcohol, vaping, trauma, anxiety, stress management, healthy decision-making, and life skills.

Programming also supports self-esteem, resilience, problem solving, academic success, family involvement, workplace readiness, and positive community connections.

The Clubhouse operates primarily from MMCC's Main Center and also provides services at middle schools, high schools, and Workforce1 sites throughout the Bronx. During the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the program served 255 participants, exceeding its annual enrollment goal of 150.

Prevention: Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program (CAPP)

Known as the Make-a-Choice program, the MMCC CAPP program provides young people ages 10 through 21 with health education, personal development activities, and resources that support healthy and informed decisions.

Funded primarily by *New York State*, the program includes the evidence-based *Be Proud! Be Responsible!* curriculum, along with workshops focused on healthy relationships, anatomy, sexually transmitted infections, mental health, substance use prevention, and personal choice.

During the past year, the CAPP Program served more than 600 middle school students, high school students, and young adults. More than 500 teens participated in combined curriculum and youth development programming across 25 cycles.

Programming was provided at Cornerstone and Beacon sites and at 5 partner schools. MMCC continued partnerships with 4 schools on the Evander Childs Campus and began a new partnership with PS/MS 20, where all eighth-grade students participated in the curriculum.

More than 100 teens took part in youth development workshops at MMCC sites. Activities included creative expression, vision boards, healthy hygiene, cooking, podcasting, Youth Council, and Youth Advisory. Youth Advisory participants also created mental health projects, surveyed

their peers, and developed educational presentations.

Through *Sisterhood Unplugged*, young women participated in weekly workshops focused on self-esteem, mental wellness, communication, conflict resolution, career readiness, leadership, and goal setting.

Participants also took part in the *Bronx Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk*, a *World AIDS Day* program, graduation celebrations, and end-of-year activities. Outreach efforts included mental health workshops, new school partnerships, voter engagement, and the distribution of health education resources.

Together, all of these Youth Service programs reflect MMCC's continued commitment to helping young people reach their full potential. By providing caring staff, strong partnerships, meaningful experiences, and access to valuable resources, the Youth Services Department helps participants overcome barriers, discover new interests, and build the skills needed for a successful future. As community needs continue to grow and change, MMCC remains dedicated to expanding opportunities and creating lasting positive impact for children, teens, young adults, and families.



■ Child Development Center

The Child Development Center of the Mosholu-Montefiore Community Center (CDC of the MMCC) remains firmly committed to its mission of transforming programs to better serve children and families. Central to this work is a focused effort to break the cycle of poverty by addressing the diverse and evolving needs of our community. Through the delivery of comprehensive, high-quality services, the Center strives to create meaningful opportunities that expand access, promote long-term stability, and support positive outcomes. These efforts are designed to change the trajectory of individual lives, empower families toward self-sufficiency, and contribute to the overall strength and resilience of the broader community.

The CDC of the MMCC provides comprehensive services to pregnant women, infants, toddlers, preschool-aged children, and their families. Serving children from 6 months through 5 years of age, the Center is committed to fostering each child's development, while strengthening families and connecting them with resources that promote longterm well-being.

The Center strives to achieve the following goals:

- Nurture each child's cognitive, physical, and social-emotional development to ensure a strong foundation for Kindergarten and beyond.
- Partner with families to support their children's learning, development, and overall well-being.
- Connect families with resources and services that promote long-term stability, self-sufficiency, and independence.

Through its Head Start, Early Head Start, and Pre-K for All programs, CDC of the MMCC provides high-quality, research-based, and developmentally appropriate educational experiences that promote children's growth, learning, and school readiness. The Center is committed to creating a rich, inclusive, and nurturing learning environment that supports development across all domains, including language and literacy, mathematics, science, social-emotional development, creative expression, and physical well-being.

Through intentional teaching practices and thoughtful curriculum planning, CDC of the MMCC ensures that every child has meaningful opportunities to explore, discover, learn, and develop essential skills.

Teaching and learning practices are guided by the *Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework (HS-ELOF)*, ensuring that children receive individualized support and opportunities to build the knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary for future success.

Family and Community Engagement

CDC of the MMCC embraces the *Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (PFCE)* Framework and is committed to delivering comprehensive services that promote meaningful and lasting outcomes for children and families.

The Center's family engagement efforts are guided by the following key goals:

- Promoting family well-being and stability
- Strengthening positive parent-child relationships
- Supporting families as lifelong educators and active partners in their children's development
- Assisting parents in pursuing their educational, professional, and career goals
- Supporting families and children during key transitions throughout their educational journey
- Fostering meaningful connections among families, peers, and the broader community
- Encouraging family participation in leadership, advocacy, and decision-making opportunities

To achieve these goals, CDC of the MMCC creates a variety of meaningful opportunities for families to connect, engage, and actively participate in their children's learning and development. The Center recognizes that strong family partnerships are essential to children's success. When families are actively involved and supported, children are more likely to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

CDC of the MMCC's family services extend beyond the enrolled child, providing support and resources to parents, caregivers, and extended family members whenever appropriate.

481
total families served

30
pregnant women served

112
early head start children
(6 mos -2 years) served

305
head start pre-k children
(3-5 years) served

101
children with special needs served

7
families receiving family therapy services

27
upk full-day children (3–5 years) served

*Every child deserves a strong start.
We nurture children, strengthen
families, and create opportunities
for brighter futures.*

Highlights and Accomplishments During School Year 2025–26

Grand Opening of Tiny Blossoms Center

On October 1, 2025, CDC of the MMCC celebrated the grand opening of *Tiny Blossoms*, located at 4660 Third Avenue in the Bronx. This center is dedicated entirely to *Early Head Start* services and provides comprehensive support to pregnant women, infants, and toddlers ages 6 months to 2 years.

Head Start Program Expansion

CDC of the MMCC was awarded an expansion by the *Office of Head Start*, adding 8 new sites to its growing network—3 locations in the Bronx and 5 locations in Queens. This expansion significantly increases the organization's capacity to serve children and families in additional communities. As the expansion begins, this program is preparing for the opening of *Little Orchard* located at 4439 Third Avenue. This new center will further expand the organization's ability to provide early childhood education and comprehensive family services. Additionally, renovation and construction projects are scheduled to begin soon at two additional locations:

- 408 East 137th Street Mott Haven, Bronx 10454
- 2-24 26th Avenue Astoria, Queens 11102

These developments reflect CDC of the MMCC's continued commitment to expanding access to quality early childhood education and strengthening services for children and families throughout the communities it serves.

Looking Ahead

As CDC of the MMCC continues to grow, it remains dedicated to its mission of supporting children, families, and communities through high-quality early childhood education, comprehensive family services, and meaningful community partnerships. The Center looks forward to building on its accomplishments and creating even greater opportunities for children and families in the years ahead.



Volunteer Program

In FY 26, MMCC continued to expand its reach and community engagement through powerful new and longstanding partnerships. A standout highlight of the year was a vital collaboration with the *Montefiore Office of Community and Population Health*, which brought resident doctors directly into our early childhood program to host a workshop for families on key milestones in child development. We also proudly welcomed medical students from the *Albert Einstein College of Medicine*, who educated middle schoolers on healthy habits and the impacts of sugary drinks. Furthermore, we expanded our adult literacy initiatives through virtual tutoring provided by *Yeshiva University* students, hosted an operational HR intern from *Guttman Community College* for a second consecutive year, and deepened our network with valued organizational partners like *TD Bank* and *UJA*. These efforts sit alongside our continuing collaborations with the *Columbia University School of Social Work*, *Lehman College*, the *University of Mount Saint Vincent*, *Monroe University*, and local high schools, all of which provided students with deep, hands-on internship experience.



Alongside these institutional connections, our volunteer program experienced major growth and broadened its reach through a new collaboration with Crotona High School, supporting newly arrived migrant students as volunteers in our programs.

Skilled community members provided vital support by leading technology classes for seniors, while our *pantry program*, which is now nearly fully volunteer-run, reliably feeds up to 200 local families twice a week.

In total, 147 new volunteers stepped forward this year to contribute an extraordinary 5,141 service hours.

Beyond their immediate community contributions, we are proud to have supported many of these dedicated volunteers on a pathway toward becoming part-time or seasonal MMCC employees. Whether offering clinical expertise, tutoring, or hands-on food distribution, every

Bringing together students, professionals, and community partners to share knowledge, create opportunity, and make an impact.



Community & Advocacy

Beyond our programs, we are a community partner—opening our doors, lending our voice, and standing up for the people we serve.

Mayor Zohran Mamdani and NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera stopped by MMCC to encourage families to apply to the newly created 2-K program. This program will provide free early care and learning for two-year olds.



When a fire on Dekalb Avenue displaced a building's residents, MMCC partnered with the Red Cross to provide hot lunches and help register them for emergency assistance.



MMCC was proud to stand alongside United Neighborhood Houses and NYC settlement houses in Albany to advocate for critical community benefits in the Executive Budget!



Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and Council Member Eric Dinowitz, former board president Robert Weiss, and CEO Rita Santelia joined our community for the second night of Chanukah. Together with our preschoolers, we recited blessings and sang to celebrate this beautiful holiday.

MMCC proudly joined agencies across NYS for Human Services Sector Advocacy Day, urging legislators to ensure fair wages for human service workers. These dedicated professionals provide vital support to our communities, and they deserve pay that reflects their impact. We'll keep fighting for JUST PAY—because strong communities start with strong workers!



Over 150 MMCC staff, participants and community partners joined several thousand Bronx community members from over 50 organizations to band together in a new organization standing together to better the Bronx. Our CEO Rita Santelia spoke about affordable housing and joining together to pressure politicians to put "The Bronx First!"



Council Member Eric Dinowitz enjoyed a beautiful day outside of MMCC helping our older adult community by handing out Health Bucks with GrowNYC.

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 - NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection
 - NYC Department of Education
 - NYC Department of Youth & Community Development
 - NYC Human Resources Administration
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 - NYS Office of Children & Family Services
 - NYS Dormitory Authority
 - NYS Education Department (NYSED)
 - NYS Office for Addiction Services & Support (OASAS)
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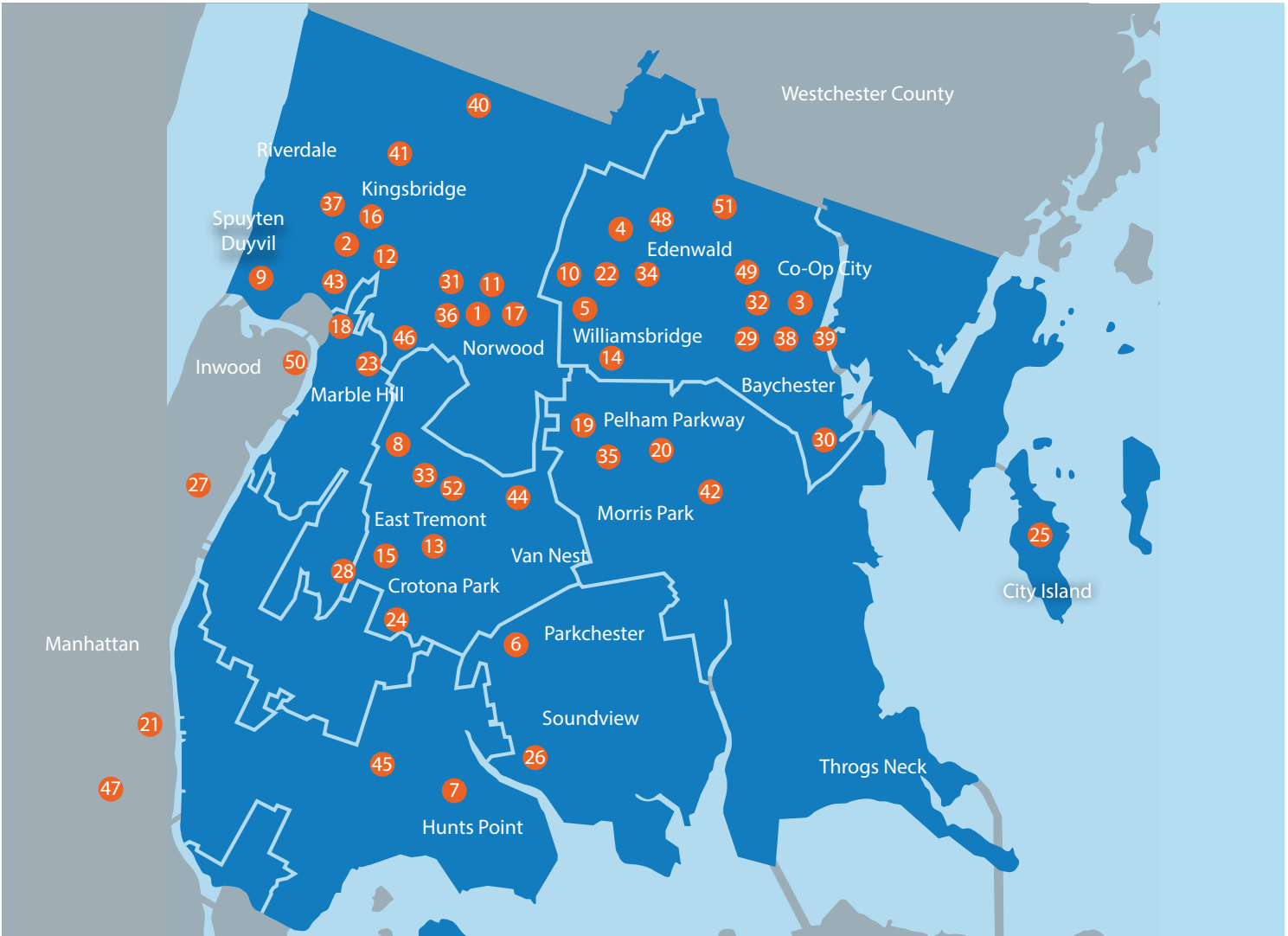


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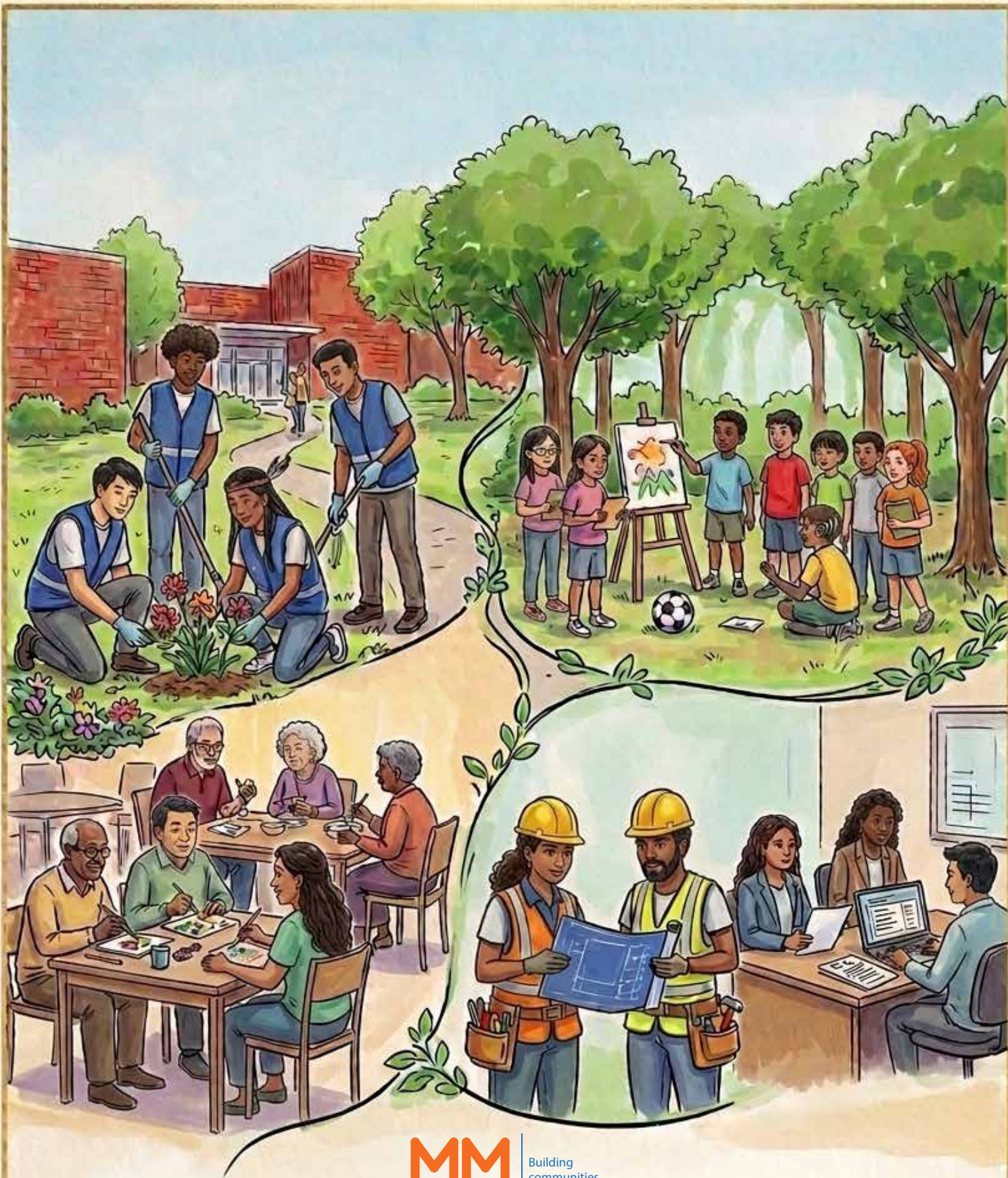
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