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What We Do

Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island (JCCGCI)

is a community-based organization with a citywide impact, providing a wide spectrum of services to benefit all segments of the population. These include programs for older adults, vocational training, educational support, crime reduction initiatives, community revitalization efforts, mental health services, and more. JCCGCI also offers capacity-building services to nonprofits across all five boroughs through its NonProfit HelpDesk division (www.nphd.org). With 40 program sites throughout New York City staffed by approximately 400 social service professionals, JCCGCI assists upwards of 2,500 vulnerable individuals and families each day, working tirelessly to improve lives and strengthen communities.



Message

From Our Executive Director & President



As Executive Director of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island, I am deeply moved and inspired by the profound impact our organization has made this past year. In 2023-2024, we touched the lives of thousands of vulnerable individuals across New York City’s five boroughs.

Our five divisions – Older Adult Support Systems, Vocational Support Systems, Educational Support Systems, Community Support Systems, and Management Support Systems - worked tirelessly to transform lives and strengthen our communities. We provided essential care for isolated older adults, offered hope to Holocaust survivors, empowered immigrants to build new lives, created pathways to employment for the jobless, enriched the lives of children and families, provided mental health services to those in need and supported other nonprofits in maximizing their impact. As we reflect on these achievements, we are filled with immense gratitude for the trust placed in us by those we serve and the generous support of our partners and donors. Each life touched represents a story of resilience, hope, and the power of community. Whether it was a warm meal delivered to a homebound older adult, a job skills training that led to employment, or crucial support for a Holocaust survivor, these moments of connection and empowerment are the heart of our mission.

Rabbi Moshe Wiener, Executive Director



Irwin Janklowicz, President

Looking ahead, we remain committed to expanding our reach, innovating our services, and responding to the evolving needs of our diverse client population. The challenges are great, but so is our determination. Together, we will continue to build a stronger, more compassionate New York City, one life at a time.

Thank you for being part of this journey of hope and transformation.

Rabbi Moshe Wiener, Executive Director

Thank you for your unwavering support, partnership, and collaboration. While we celebrate our accomplishments, we are also deeply aware of the many urgent unmet needs of our clients and those on our extensive waiting lists, which far exceed our available resources. We hope and pray that, with your continued involvement and partnership, we will secure the means to more adequately respond to the appeals and pleas of those who critically depend on our assistance.

We look forward to working with you as we strive together to address the causes, symptoms, and impact of poverty in our communities and across our city.

Irwin Janklowicz, President

Older Adult Support Systems

Older Adult Homecare

The Older Adult Homecare Program offers essential support services to functionally impaired older adults aged 60 and over in Brooklyn. This program’s primary objective is to create a clean, safe, and healthy living environment enabling the seniors to maintain their independence by assisting them with daily activities and household tasks which their disabilities limit. These services include personal care (e.g. bathing, dressing and feeding assistance), light housekeeping, escort to medical appointments, meal preparation, and home management. By providing high-quality, tailored care through trained and certified caregivers, and with regular assessments by social workers, the program ensures that older adults receive appropriate support and are connected with additional resources as needed. The Older Adult Homecare Program plays a vital role in supporting Brooklyn’s aging population, helping to prevent unnecessary institutionalization and promoting a better quality of life for older adults in their own homes.



“I’m very grateful for this service. I had a stroke, and without it I would not be able to keep on working, keep medical appointments, and get out of the house. It’s a life and money saver, too. Thank you for this wonderful service. I feel alive.”

Homecare Client Story

Mrs. Betya G. was born in 1941 in Uzbekistan while her mother was fleeing from Ukraine. She suffered from multiple medical conditions, including a heart condition and diabetes, and was wheelchair-bound. Her cognitive abilities declined drastically in recent months, leading to hostile behaviors towards her husband and son. Her husband, Mr. Mark G., born in 1939 in Kiev, Ukraine, also fled to Uzbekistan during the war. He experienced severe back and knee pain, limiting his mobility, and as a 9/11 survivor, he suffered from asthma, making him less than ideal as the primary caregiver.

The emotional toll of Mrs. G.’s condition on Mr. G. was significant, especially as her challenging behaviors increased. Mrs. G. required round-the-clock care, and Mr. G. requested an increase in their homecare hours to support their growing needs. JCCGCI was able to provide a much-needed increase in hours to Mr. and Mrs. G which has had a significant positive impact on their quality of life.

Older Adult Transportation Services

Our Older Adult Transportation Program serves adults, aged 60 or over, from Brooklyn, who cannot afford private car service and have disabling conditions that make using public transportation difficult. NYC Aging (formally: NYC Department for the Aging) selected JCCGCI as the sole stand-alone Older Adult Transportation provider for Brooklyn. JCCGCI provides both responsive individual car and group van/bus transportation through subcontracts with car, ambulette, and bus service companies as well as through our own fleet of wheelchair-accessible 16- and 28-passenger minibuses. While all recipients are over the age of 60, the demographic breakdown includes 37.3 percent in their 70s, 36.9 percent in their 80s and 11.4 percent in their 90s and 0.8 percent over 100 years old.



Older Adult Centers

Thousands of older adults have their lives enriched through JCCGCI’s eight older adult centers in South Brooklyn, which proudly serve a diverse, multi-ethnic community. Each center offers breakfast and lunch, case management, and a wide range of Healthy Aging programs, activities, and events that support health and nutrition, education, culture, and recreation. Services include access to computer labs and IT instruction, along with Healthy Aging programming such as exercise classes based on the Effective Fitness Model, chronic disease and diabetes self-management, and Tai Chi. Additional offerings include nutrition education, health screenings, brain and memory exercises, dementia screenings, flu and pneumonia vaccines, mental health awareness, and fall prevention training. Cultural enrichment and social engagement are also central to programming, with arts and crafts, music, gardening, chess, billiards, karaoke, Mahjong, and more. These comprehensive services are designed to support the mental and physical well-being of older adults while fostering a vibrant, inclusive community.

Older Adult Support Systems

Brooklyn has a large older adult population, including many immigrants and Holocaust survivors. Many of these older adults, especially those over 85, face significant challenges. These include mobility issues, difficulty with daily tasks and meal preparation, and struggles with navigating complex benefit systems. Language barriers often make these problems worse for those with limited English skills. As Brooklyn’s older adult population continues to grow, addressing these unique needs becomes increasingly important to ensure the well-being of the borough’s older residents.

JCCGCI provides a comprehensive range of services to help older adults remain in their homes and live fulfilling lives. Our Older Adult Support Systems offer practical assistance to frail older adults, including home care, transportation, friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, older adult center services, Sunday older adult center activities, home-delivered meals, and health insurance counseling.

Older Adult Centers

HABER HOUSE OLDER ADULT CENTER
(Central Coney Island)

JAY-HARAMA OLDER ADULT CENTER
(Sheepshead Bay)

MARLBORO OLDER ADULT CENTER
(Gravesend)

OCEAN PARKWAY OLDER ADULT CENTER
(Ocean Parkway/Sheepshead Bay)

CONEY ISLAND SEASIDE OLDER ADULT CENTER
(Western Coney Island)

KINGS HIGHWAY OLDER ADULT CENTER
(Gravesend)

MIDWOOD OLDER ADULT CENTER
(Midwood)

MARIEM HEIM OLDER ADULT CENTER
(Midwood)



Healthy Families

The Healthy Families program provides a range of essential services aimed at supporting families in need. These services include access to healthcare resources, nutrition programs, and educational support tailored to the unique needs of each family. Staff offer case management services to help families navigate available resources, ensuring they receive the assistance necessary for their well-being. The program operates across multiple neighborhoods in South Brooklyn, with sites embedded in the African-American community of Coney Island, the Russian community of Brighton Beach, and the Pakistani community of Sheepshead Bay. This neighborhood-based approach ensures that services are culturally responsive and accessible, meeting families where they are and respecting the distinct needs of each community served.

Older Adult Support Systems

Case Management

JCCGCI's eight older adult centers and central office provide comprehensive case management services in multiple languages to older adults, including Holocaust survivors. Our dedicated team offers short-term case assistance, information and referrals to essential services, and support in accessing benefits and entitlements that clients might struggle to obtain independently. Utilizing tools like ACCESS NYC, our case managers identify potential entitlements for clients, ensuring they receive all eligible support. This personalized, multilingual approach helps older adults navigate complex systems, breaks down communication barriers, and provides culturally sensitive support to our diverse older adult population. Our ultimate goal is to empower older adults to maintain their independence and dignity while accessing the full range of available support services.



Home Delivered Meals

JCCGCI's Home Delivered Meals program provides fresh, hot Glatt Kosher meals to homebound older adults and Holocaust survivors who are unable to prepare nutritious meals for themselves due to illness or disability. The program delivers meals five days a week, as well as chilled meals for weekends, all prepared under strict rabbinic supervision. Beyond nutrition, this vital service offers daily social interaction and wellness checks, with delivery staff providing support and identifying if clients need additional assistance through other JCCGCI services.



Consul General of Germany, Hon. David Gill and Rabbi Moshe Wiener visit with Holocaust survivor

Friendly Visiting NY

Friendly Visiting NY volunteers regularly visit eligible homebound older adults. Each client is paired with a dedicated adult volunteer, fostering meaningful social relationships and enhancing their quality of life. The Friendly Visitor Program not only helps clients access local resources but also promotes self-sufficiency and independence. Through these visits, volunteers provide companionship and support, addressing the social isolation that many older adults face.

Health Insurance Counseling

The Health Insurance Counseling Help Center assists Medicare recipients in selecting the Part D plan that best meets their individual needs. The center handles phone inquiries and collaborates with pharmacies to identify plans that effectively cover each recipient’s specific medications. Additionally, the center provides comprehensive guidance on benefits, coverage, coinsurance, premiums, deductibles, and copayments, ensuring clients navigate the complexities of healthcare regulations with ease. With support available in English and Russian, and translators for other languages, the Help Center is dedicated to helping clients find the most suitable Medicare options while remaining independent from any insurance companies or healthcare providers.



Holocaust Survivor Support Systems



The Holocaust Survivor Support Services Homecare program provides essential assistance to frail Holocaust survivors, enabling them to age safely in their own homes. These comprehensive services include personal care (e.g. bathing, dressing and feeding assistance), light housekeeping, and other daily living support. Each client is assigned a dedicated social worker who oversees their care, coordinates with homecare providers, and continually assesses the individual’s evolving needs. By allowing survivors to remain in familiar surroundings, the program aims to maintain their independence, dignity, and community connections. This personalized approach ensures that survivors receive tailored support that addresses their unique physical, emotional, and social requirements, recognizing the importance of a comfortable and familiar environment for those who have experienced such profound trauma. JCCGCI’s Holocaust Survivor Support Services is one of the largest social service programs for Holocaust survivors in the world (outside of Israel and the former Soviet Union).



Case Management

The Holocaust Survivor Support Systems Case Management program offers comprehensive assistance to elderly Holocaust survivors facing various challenges. Experienced social workers and case managers provide personalized support, helping survivors navigate complex systems to access essential resources. The program’s services include financial aid to alleviate economic hardships, meal support to ensure proper nutrition, and assistance with applications for government benefits. Case workers not only guide clients through these processes but also conduct thorough assessments to identify and address any additional unmet needs. This holistic approach aims to enhance the quality of life for Holocaust survivors, ensuring they receive the care and support they deserve in their later years.

Medicaid Assistance Program

The Medicaid Advocacy Program (MAP), aims to enhance the lives of Holocaust survivors and older adults by facilitating access to Medicaid -funded homecare services. Professionally trained caseworkers, attuned to the unique needs of this population, provide comprehensive assistance with Medicaid screening, applications, and Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) processes. They offer guidance through complex appeals, direct advocacy, education, and referrals, and provide valuable resources to help clients and their families understand their rights with regard to Medicaid homecare services. MAP ensures that clients can safely age in place with dignity and improved quality of life. Through community outreach, the program raises awareness about client rights and available services, making it easier for older adults to access the support they need.

Connect2

Connect2: Friendly Visiting for Holocaust survivors coordinates in-person visits for those survivors who feel comfortable welcoming volunteers into their homes, while also respecting the wishes of those who prefer to maintain distance. To accommodate these preferences, the program offers various volunteer opportunities, including outdoor visits (weather permitting), friendly phone calls, meal or package deliveries, and participation in weekly socialization Zoom programs. Requests for specialized Zoom or in-person visits from community or intergenerational groups for educational purposes are always welcome, as survivors serve as invaluable teachers in both Jewish history and humanity.

Connect2 fosters interactive connections between survivors and community members, enhancing mutual learning and understanding. The Connect2 program provides a vital network of support, ensuring that survivors can always reach out to the approachable staff and dedicated volunteers for emotional, physical, and spiritual assistance.



Holocaust Survivor Support Systems



Club 2600

Club 2600, is a monthly socialization program for mobile Holocaust survivors which offers interactive presentations, festive meals, dancing and entertainment. It provides a welcoming environment for survivors to connect and build relationships. To ensure accessibility, transportation is arranged for attendees from areas like Flatbush, Midwood, Coney Island, and Borough Park. Social workers are present to check on the well-being of participants and assess any additional needs, such as medical appointment assistance or household repairs. This comprehensive program strives to improve the overall well-being of Holocaust survivors by providing a nurturing social environment and access to crucial support services.



The Holocaust Survivor Transportation Program

This program offers essential transport services to eligible survivors residing in Brooklyn and Staten Island. This program utilizes a variety of transportation options, including cars, ambulettes, and bus services, as well as JCCGCI's own fleet of wheelchair-accessible 16- and 28-passenger minibuses. It aims to ensure that survivors can access medical appointments, social events, and other important destinations, enhancing their mobility and independence.

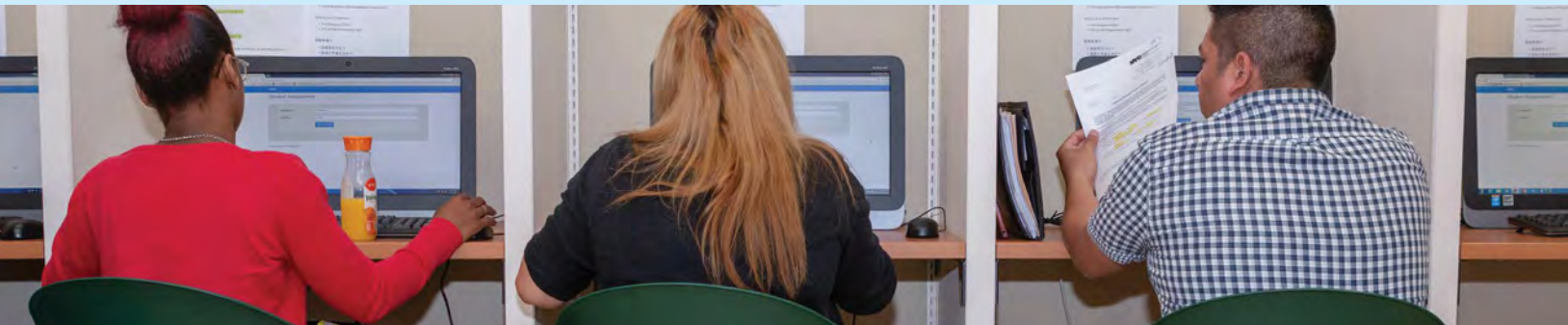
Holocaust Survivor Internship Program

The Holocaust Survivor Internship Program engages a dedicated team of social work interns to connect with Holocaust survivors, fostering meaningful relationships and support. Throughout the program, interns participate in recreational events, allowing them to interact with survivors in enjoyable and enriching settings. In addition to facilitating social activities, interns assist the social work staff in various capacities, helping to address the needs of survivors and enhance their overall well-being. This intergenerational initiative not only provides valuable experience for interns but also strengthens the community bonds between younger generations and Holocaust survivors, promoting understanding and remembrance of their experiences.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS MEET AT A MONTHLY
SOCIALIZATION EVENT AT CLUB 2600



Vocational Support Systems



JCCGCI’s vocational services are citywide and encompass a range of programs designed to support underprivileged and immigrant youth and adults. These services include career pathways programming, job development, job readiness training, and job placement, all tailored to meet the specific needs of various demographics. By providing opportunities for adult education and workforce training, JCCGCI helps disadvantaged populations pave their way to self-sufficiency and a dignified life. Through these initiatives, we empower individuals to gain the skills and confidence necessary to thrive in the job market and improve their overall quality of life.



INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT SERVICES

The IPS program places participants in job-relevant internships within high-growth sectors, matching assignments to their work history, credentials, field of study, and personal circumstances. This flexible, client-centered model aims to transition individuals from dependence to self-sufficiency. Participants receive ongoing support through workshops, resume writing assistance, and job fairs, with progress closely monitored. The program helps clients move from unpaid or subsidized internships to paid positions in both private and nonprofit organizations. Accessible to HRA (NYC Human Resources Administration) clients citywide, services are offered at central locations in each of the five boroughs. By fostering self-sufficiency and the ability to earn a living, the IPS program empowers individuals to live with dignity while providing vocational support, training, adult literacy, and relevant job experience for gainful employment.



CROWN HEIGHTS CAREER HUB

This innovative program is designed to assist young adults from the Crown Heights community in building successful careers. This initiative offers a range of services, including career counseling, job readiness training, and access to internships and employment opportunities. By collaborating with local businesses and educational institutions, CHCH provides comprehensive trainings on topics such as Excel, Googlesheets and Salesforce, as well as Quickbooks and basic accounting principles. The program emphasizes personalized support, helping young adults navigate their career paths and achieve

their professional goals. Through its comprehensive approach, the Crown Heights Career Hub seeks to empower the next generation and foster economic growth within the community.

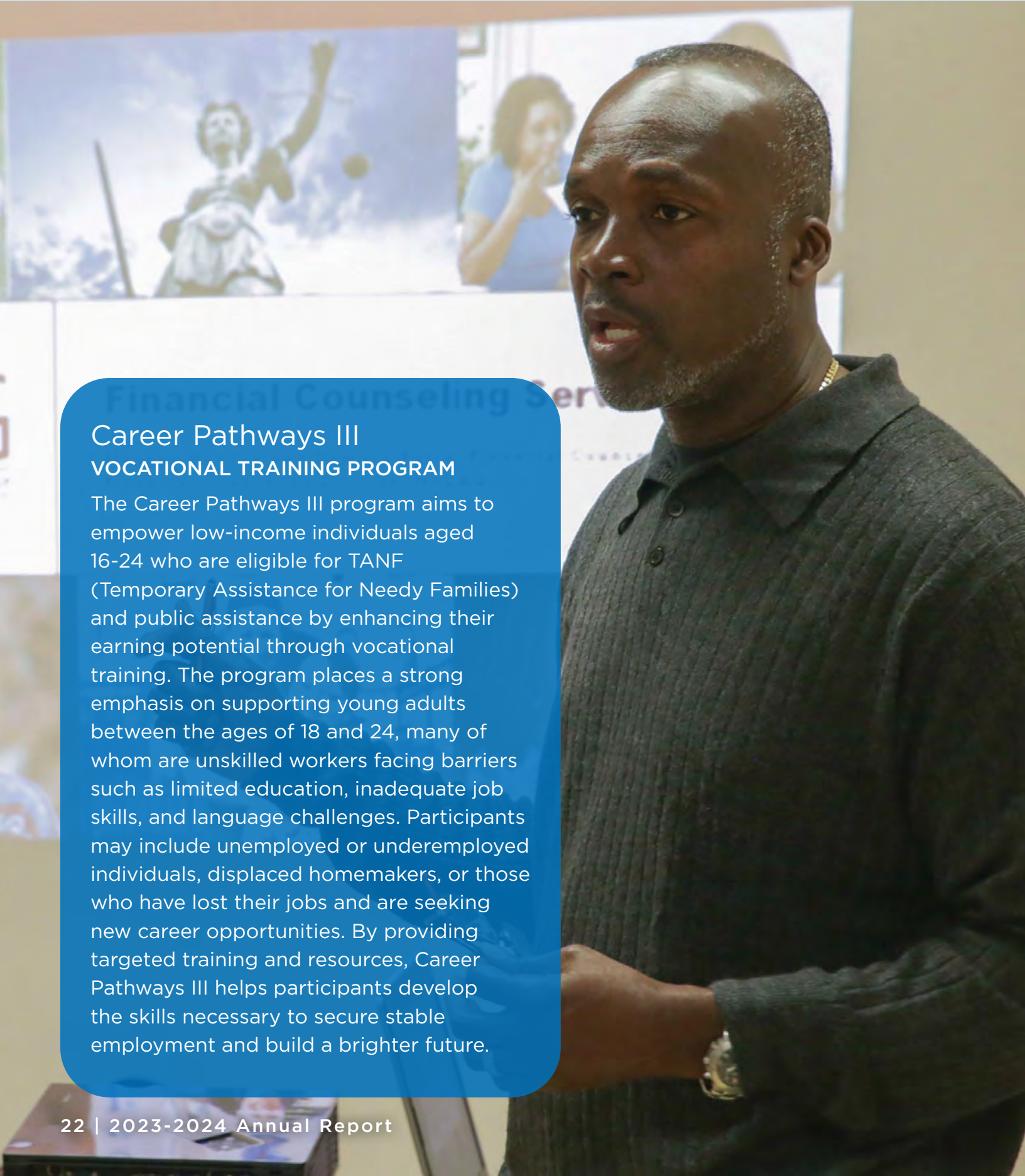
Workforce Development Program Client Story

Sara O. is a warm, outgoing woman in her early 60s with an extensive Social Work background. She was referred to the Workforce Development Program in 2023 by a friend who had recently found employment through the program. Sara had more than 25 years of professional experience but she had not worked in the prior three years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Sara was ideally looking for a job in her field, but she was concerned about her lack of recent work experience and also having to compete with younger candidates for jobs. She was given extensive interview preparation by the WDP team, and was soon going on job interviews for managerial-level positions. Sara was hired as a Residence Manager for developmentally disabled adults at a large Social Services agency in Brooklyn. Sara is now earning a competitive salary of \$80,000 a year and has been in her job for nearly one year. Sara could not be happier in her new job, saying, “I feel like this is where I am meant to be. My co-workers are like family and I relish the new challenges every day brings.” Sara has already referred two friends to the program for job search assistance and has hired two more WDP clients to work in her residence!

Workforce Development Program

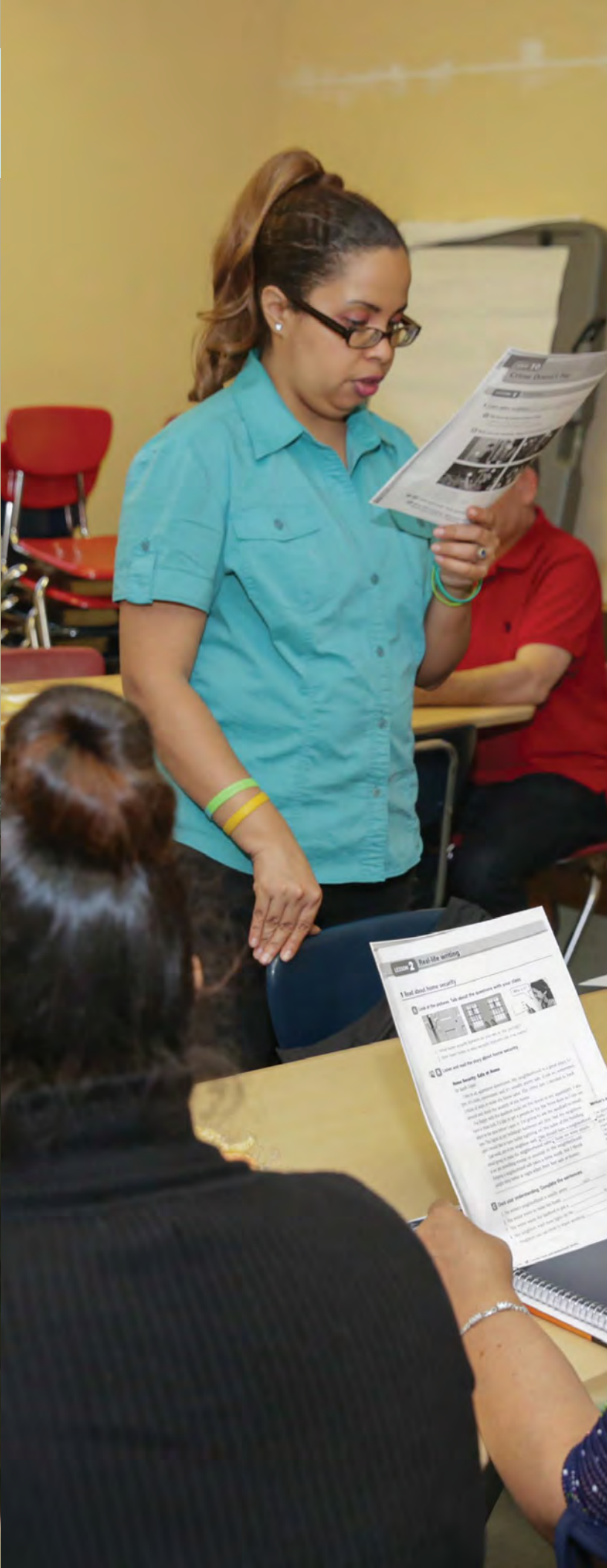
The Workforce Development Program at JCCGCI serves low-income Jewish Ultra-Orthodox communities and other diverse populations by enhancing employment opportunities. With service sites in Borough Park, Williamsburg, Far Rockaway, Crown Heights, and Gravesend, the program offers participants the chance to explore their career interests. It provides job readiness training, literacy programs, and skills development, helping individuals gain and retain sustainable employment. Additionally, the program offers comprehensive job placement support, connecting participants directly with local employers and providing ongoing career guidance to ensure successful long-term employment outcomes. By focusing on these services, JCCGCI empowers disadvantaged populations to achieve self-sufficiency and enhance their overall well-being.

Vocational Support Systems



Career Pathways III VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

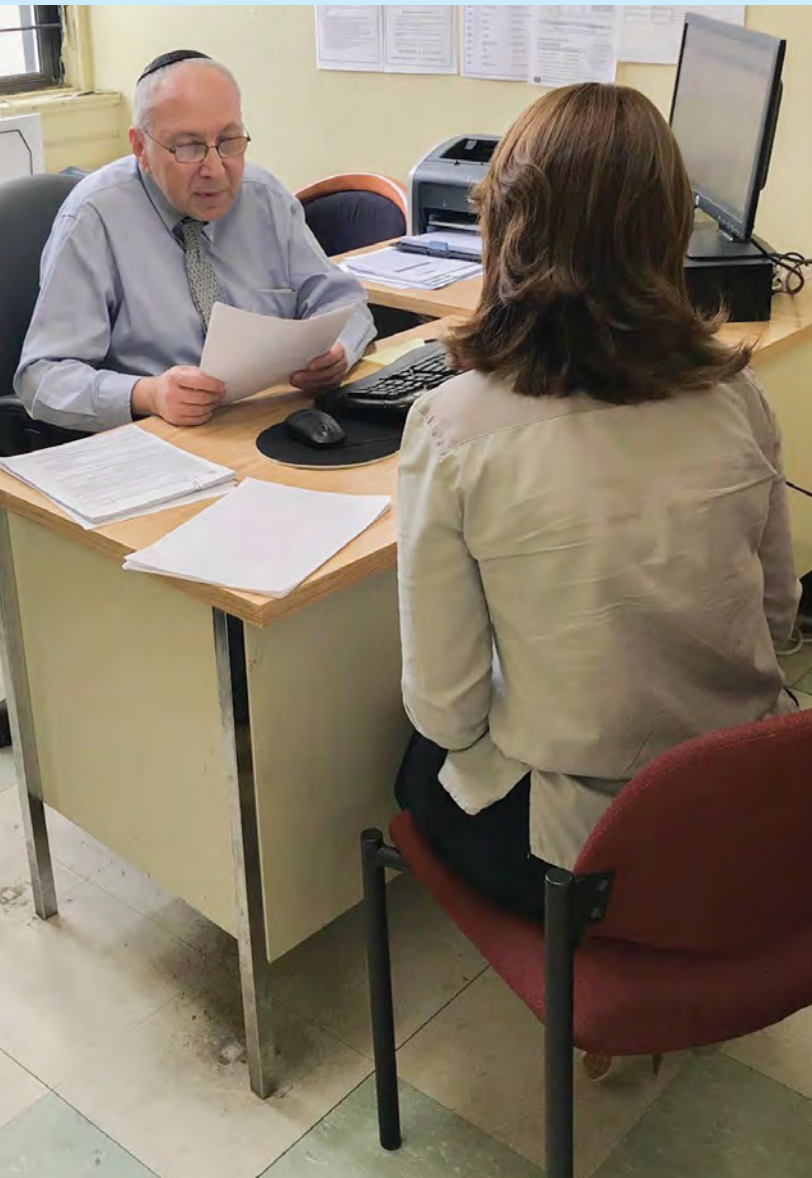
The Career Pathways III program aims to empower low-income individuals aged 16-24 who are eligible for TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) and public assistance by enhancing their earning potential through vocational training. The program places a strong emphasis on supporting young adults between the ages of 18 and 24, many of whom are unskilled workers facing barriers such as limited education, inadequate job skills, and language challenges. Participants may include unemployed or underemployed individuals, displaced homemakers, or those who have lost their jobs and are seeking new career opportunities. By providing targeted training and resources, Career Pathways III helps participants develop the skills necessary to secure stable employment and build a brighter future.



Adult Literacy

JCCGCI has developed and implemented a distinctive and compassionate approach to delivering Adult Literacy services. Rather than relying on a traditional model where students seek out classes, JCCGCI proactively reaches low-income immigrant communities that lack adequate resources and brings English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction directly to them. While JCCGCI provides the ESL instruction and program delivery, local community-based social service organizations play a key role in promoting the availability of these vital services under their own names and hosting classes at their neighborhood-based sites. This collaborative model increases accessibility and builds trust within diverse communities.

The ESL program at JCCGCI offers classes for immigrant adults across all five boroughs of New York City, with morning and evening sessions designed to accommodate those balancing work and childcare. Classes cater to different skill levels, helping participants improve their English and connect with local resources. This innovative model, praised as “remarkable” by the NYC Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD), has enabled JCCGCI to provide Adult Literacy services in over twenty immigrant neighborhoods, serving diverse ethnic groups, including Haitian, Pakistani, Mexican, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Liberian and Hispanic communities. By teaching language skills, JCCGCI’s ESL program empowers immigrant adults to gain confidence and independence as they settle into their communities while fostering engagement and support within these neighborhoods.

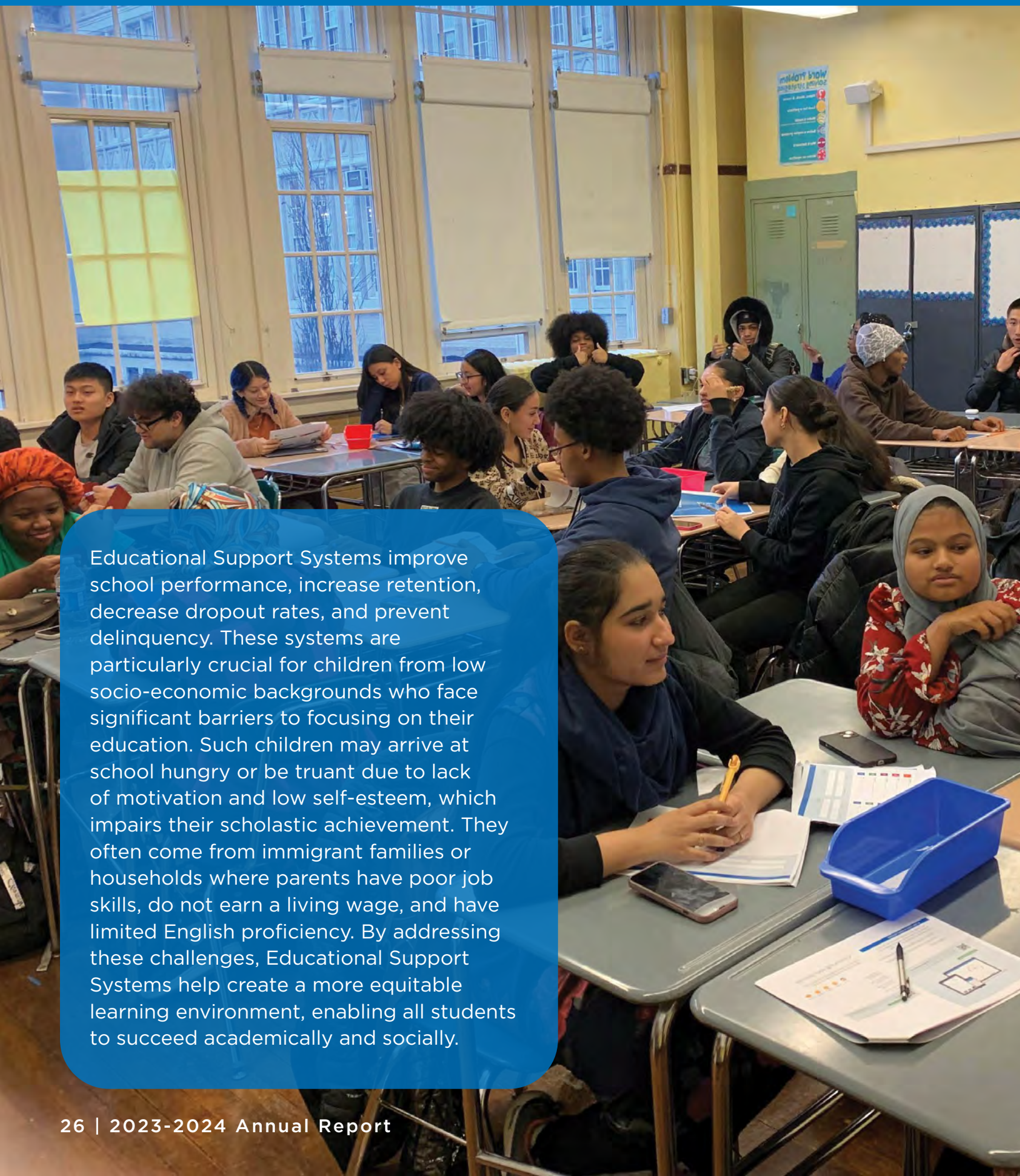


Parnassah Employment
Services

The Parnassah Employment Services Program, is dedicated to assisting low-income Haredi individuals in securing meaningful employment and earning a living wage. This culturally sensitive program offers a range of services, including job referral and placement, resume assistance, interview preparation, and personalized career counseling tailored to the unique needs of the Orthodox community. With a proven track record of hundreds of successful job placements, the program also provides scholarship grants for advanced training and education in relevant fields. Operating citywide, including areas like Crown Heights, Borough Park, Manhattan, and Flatbush, the Parnassah Employment Services Program empowers individuals to take control of their futures, equipping them with the tools necessary to support their families with dignity and achieve long-term economic stability.



Educational Support Systems



Educational Support Systems improve school performance, increase retention, decrease dropout rates, and prevent delinquency. These systems are particularly crucial for children from low socio-economic backgrounds who face significant barriers to focusing on their education. Such children may arrive at school hungry or be truant due to lack of motivation and low self-esteem, which impairs their scholastic achievement. They often come from immigrant families or households where parents have poor job skills, do not earn a living wage, and have limited English proficiency. By addressing these challenges, Educational Support Systems help create a more equitable learning environment, enabling all students to succeed academically and socially.

Horizons Academy - YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Horizons Academy Workforce Development program is a comprehensive initiative designed to support low-income, at-risk high school students in their pursuit of academic success and career readiness. The program serves students who have been identified by school administrators as being at the highest risk of dropping out—yet, remarkably, Horizons has maintained a consistent 100% high school graduation rate. Through academic assistance, mentorship, and personalized guidance, the program helps students set ambitious long-term goals while staying on track for graduation. Key features include tailored spring internships and summer job placements aligned with students’ career aspirations, as well as homework tutoring, SAT preparation, and access to high-tech computer labs to enhance learning and skill development. Horizons emphasizes holistic development through counseling services, leadership training, and ongoing support from dedicated staff. A strong focus is also placed on improving school attendance to 90 percent, recognizing its vital role in academic achievement. By offering this wide-ranging support system, the Horizons Academy Workforce Development program empowers students to overcome socio-economic barriers, achieve academic excellence, and prepare for fulfilling careers in an increasingly competitive job market.



“Whenever I had an issue or wanted advice on something, they always found a way to help, even if they didn’t know how to in the moment. Horizons (the program) and especially the people there, were a huge positive impact on me. From aiding my professional journey by connecting me to JCC, to improving my mental state of mind by connecting me to a therapist, and finally providing guidance in areas I didn’t believe I needed a hand in, their workshops gave knowledge that put me ahead of the rest, in some ways small, others huge. I often wonder, “Where would I be if I hadn’t passed by this random door near the lunchroom of my school?” It’s fair to say I wouldn’t have gotten to this point of my career and even my life so soon without Horizons. I’m truly thankful for a program such as this, and I hope other get the same opportunity I was given. A piece of advice I’d like to give is, “While in high school, you should be patient, but never stop being curious. Getting where you want to be in life starts by looking in your schools and libraries. You never know what they might have in store for you. Just ask!”

Jean Tela

“Jean is always professional and works hard to have an answer for every person who turns to him for help. Jean takes his performance personally and constantly works to improve himself. Jean would also be willing to put in long hours to make sure that all of our projects were completed properly and that we got the results we were looking for.”

Mario Pena, IT Desktop Support

Horizons Success Story

Jean Tela enrolled into Horizons Academy as a Junior in the 21-22 school year. Jean was referred by the Abraham Lincoln High School guidance staff and identified as an average performing student who showed possible interest in attending college but was very interested in Horizons Academy for our Job Readiness course offerings. During the two years Jean was enrolled in Horizons Academy (FY 22 and FY 23), he received college counseling, work readiness, Kaplan SAT Prep, Financial Literacy via Chase Bank, attended a one credit College Prep course via Kingsborough Community College, and participated in Spring and Summer internships developed and supervised by Horizons Academy staff. During one of our Individualized Service Strategy check-ins, Jean showed an interest in Computer Science as a possible college major and future career. Due to his interest, maturity and commitment to Horizons Academy, Horizons Academy’s Job Developer matched Jean to an internship at our main office site as an IT Support intern. Jean interned for 4 months in this position. After High School graduation, Jean was offered a part-time paid position within our company over the summer. Jean enrolled at CUNY NYC College of Technology in the Fall of 2023, studying Computer Science. Jean maintains his part-time position at JCCGCI main office while attending college.

Educational Support Systems



Advantage After School

JCCGCI's Advantage After School Program offers a comprehensive array of learning and enrichment activities for middle and high school students from high-risk, low-income, and/or immigrant backgrounds. Operating out of a school located in Queens, this initiative creates a safe, educational, and engaging environment for participants throughout the school year, with a primary focus on enhancing academic performance.

The program addresses a critical need for students whose parents often work long hours, preventing them from supervising homework and social activities. By providing a structured, adult-supervised setting, the After-School Program aims to reduce the risk of negative behaviors that can hinder social and academic growth. Students benefit from a diverse range of activities, including homework assistance, technology skills training, and personal development workshops. Additionally, the program incorporates sports, culinary arts, science workshops, arts and crafts, drama, creative writing, field trips, and community service opportunities, ensuring a well-rounded and enriching experience that supports both academic success and personal growth.

COMPASS / SONYC After-School Programs

COMPASS middle school program serves middle school youth as a pathway to success at two Brooklyn sites. Students have access to high quality after-school programs designed to give youth 21st-century skills.

The program operates daily during the school year and becomes a day camp in the summer. In this comfortable zone, students express themselves and build the confidence and self-esteem necessary for their high school years and future.

Student tracking has shown noticeable improvement in the students' grades.



21st-Century Community Learning

JCCGCI's 21st-century Community Learning Center offers a variety of educational and enrichment activities for high-risk, low-income, and immigrant elementary school students in Queens. The program operates after school and on select weekends, providing a safe and engaging environment for participants. It focuses on improving academic performance and personal development through a balanced curriculum that includes academic enrichment, sports and recreation, healthy living, social and emotional development, and community engagement. The Learning Center has been particularly beneficial for Bukharian immigrant youth, helping them integrate and succeed academically and socially.



Educational Support Systems



Extended School Day Program

JCCGCI's Extended School Day Program offers a seamless transition from regular school hours to after-school enrichment. This program provides comprehensive academic support, focusing on enhancing students' test-taking strategies, assisting with homework completion, and reinforcing English language proficiency. Beyond academics, the program emphasizes cultural awareness and appreciation, incorporating diverse cultural celebrations and activities. This approach fosters an inclusive environment where students learn to understand, respect, and celebrate cultural differences, preparing them to thrive in a multicultural society. By combining academic rigor with cultural enrichment, the Extended School Day Program aims to develop well-rounded students who are both academically proficient and culturally competent.



Community Support Systems

Multi-Service Center

Urban Neighborhood Services seeks to address the quality-of-life disparities endemic to urban communities like Coney Island by connecting individuals and families to the resources that they need as a form of empowerment. We also collaborate with local residents and stakeholders helping to create a better neighborhood for all.

Community Housing Preservation Strategies Initiative

The Housing Preservation Initiative (HPI) is a successful program that addresses key threats to affordable housing.

Domestic Violence and Empowerment (DoVE) Initiative

Through intensive outreach efforts, this program provides a direct link to resources to treat current victims and their families and to reduce incidents of domestic violence.

Mental Health Therapeutic Services

Counseling and therapy services are provided to community members who have been impacted by, or have a heightened exposure to, the risk of gun violence, which promotes social and emotional healing and teaches coping mechanisms to avoid the use of gun violence. This program also provides informal supportive counseling, public awareness and advocacy events, skill-building groups, assessment and referral to address concrete needs, and positive and safe recreational outlets.

Works Plus Program

The Works Plus program, offered in targeted NYPD precincts, provides flexible work readiness services to participants referred through Crisis Management System partners. Aimed at individuals aged 16 to 30, the program includes career awareness, educational connections, job search assistance, and life skills development to enhance employability and reduce violence. Participants undergo intake and pre-assessment to create personalized program plans, ensuring services meet their specific needs and localities. The ultimate goal is to expose participants to the world of work and improve their work readiness.

NYC Cares

Utilizing existing programs and extensive local partnerships, program staff connect with uninsured individuals living in southern Brooklyn and adjacent neighborhoods to ensure that they are informed and can access primary and specialty healthcare at no cost.



Urban Neighborhood Services Client Stories:

The following two stories are two examples of the meaningful, impactful and supportive wrap around services UNS provides.

Story 1: Triumph Over Adversity

Recently, a courageous single mother of two visited Urban Neighborhood Services (UNS) seeking assistance with an NYCHA inquiry. This resilient woman, at 43 years old and confined to a wheelchair due to a spinal cord injury, had been waiting for years for a transfer to a more suitable living arrangement. UNS staff worked tirelessly, advocating on her behalf to secure a 504 (handicapped accessible) apartment.

We are thrilled to share that her perseverance paid off—her transfer was granted, and she will soon be moving into her new home at the beginning of the month. But our support didn't stop there. Embracing a holistic approach, UNS assessed the entire family's needs, providing career development opportunities and recreational activities. As a result, her eldest child is now proudly employed with JCCGCI. This family's journey is a testament to the power of determination and the unwavering support of a community dedicated to making a difference.

Story 2: A Journey to Independence

While reaching out to the local WIN Shelter to provide services in Spanish, UNS staff encountered an inspiring 35-year-old mother of two from St. Lucia. Overwhelmed by the challenges of lacking citizenship and employment, caring for a toddler, and supporting a special needs child, she felt uncertain about her future. UNS staff offered her hope and guidance, encouraging her to enroll in our free therapeutic services.

The following month, she attended a group counseling class at the Coney Island Library. This program became a beacon of hope, enabling her to forge friendships, develop an actionable plan for her goals, and acquire tools to manage anxiety. UNS went further, advocating with immigration and coordinating with case workers to ensure she and her children would have access to affordable, safe housing.

Recently, she visited us with joyous news: "I am moving into my own apartment." Her story is a powerful reminder of the transformative impact of community support and the incredible strength within each of us to overcome life's hurdles.



Connections to Care: Building Resilience in Youth

This program supports the mental health of young people aged 13-21 in the Coney Island community. Staff are trained to recognize mental health issues, connect youth with professional help when needed, and bring the community together to support young people's well-being.

School Violence Prevention/Extended School Day

Operating out of P.S./I.S. 288, Project Eagles serves over 200 students, with a focus on nurturing talents through performing arts and sports. Notable achievements include both the girls' and boys' basketball teams advancing to the playoffs in the NYC Middle School Basketball Tournament, with the girls advancing to the championship game, while the addition of new activities like dance, photography/videography, physical fitness, and theatre has increased student participation significantly. Operating out of Rachel Carson H.S., Project H.O.P.E. (Harbor of Opportunities &

Promoting Empowerment) offers a variety of enriching activities, including weekly conflict resolution lessons, where students learn communication, mediation, and de-escalation techniques to resolve conflicts peacefully, folk dance classes celebrating global traditions, gaming sessions to enhance cognitive abilities, and bi-weekly Art & Design activities that encourage artistic expression and cultural awareness. These activities are designed to boost student achievement, promote social and emotional growth, and help prevent school violence. These programs also incorporate school safety measures into its extended day offerings, creating a well-rounded approach to supporting students' overall development and well-being.

Community Support Systems

Operation H.O.O.D

Operation H.O.O.D. (Helping Our Own Develop) is dedicated to transforming the mindset of communities that have become desensitized to gun violence, with the slogan “Peace up, guns down.” Inspired by the national Cure Violence Program, Operation H.O.O.D. provides essential services such as outreach, mediation, mentoring, and community education, utilizing credible messengers, who function as Outreach Workers and Violence Interrupters, from its 3,000 square foot walk-in center on Mermaid Avenue. The center features recreation areas, a fully outfitted gym as well as a computer lab. The initiative collaborates with faith-based leaders and community organizations to unite residents through rallies and marches, raising awareness and promoting community norms that reject violence.

By targeting high-risk youth, Operation H.O.O.D. works to prevent shootings and other forms of violence by identifying and mediating conflicts while offering mentorship that guides youth in making positive life choices related to healthcare, education, and employment opportunities. The program has successfully reduced incidents of gun violence, succeeded in several cycles of over 200 days without shootings, and has played a key role in preventing injuries and fatalities in Coney Island, an area previously plagued by high rates of gun-related incidents. Through its comprehensive approach, Operation H.O.O.D. empowers community members to lead safer, more productive lives.



School-Based Conflict Resolution Initiative

The School-Based Conflict Resolution Initiative program located at PS/IS 288 and Liberation Diploma Plus High School works with community members to identify and mediate conflicts involving high-risk youth. Mentoring youth about education, job opportunities, health care and life skills helps reduce violence. In addition to traditional conflict mediation sessions, the program enables participants to work in an artistic ensemble that will enhance listening skills, manage points of view, and develop physical and imaginative expression through stepping, performing arts and basketball.

Trauma Recovery Center

The Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island’s (JCCGCI) Trauma Recovery Center honors the privilege of being part of New York City’s multifaceted vision of health equity—increasing access to mental health services while addressing the Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) among marginalized individuals, families, and communities through the Trauma Recovery Center (TRC) model of care. This evidence-informed model helps dismantle barriers, fosters hope, and facilitates healing for survivors of violent crime and trauma by providing free wraparound services for underserved individuals dealing with unprocessed trauma. With our long history of a robust community-based framework, JCCGCI’s TRC is uniquely positioned to navigate the nuances of a trauma-informed service delivery process to individuals at the margins of society.

JCCGCI was chosen to create one of the first three TRC’s in New York State. In this fiscal year the TRC was able to onboard a robust team of individuals, both clinicians, and non-clinicians, to ensure the effective and timely delivery of therapeutic and clinical case management services while engaging in ongoing community outreach efforts. We are thankful to City’s Council Speaker Adrienne Adams for her commitment to ensuring comprehensive mental health services for survivors of violent crime and trauma and for supporting our intentional efforts of meeting our participants where they are.



Community Organizations Active In Disasters

Coney Island, a barrier beach, is particularly vulnerable to hurricanes and severe storms, with high tides leading to shoreline erosion. This situation necessitates effective storm preparedness plans and community planning efforts to enhance resilience and protect at-risk residents.

JCCGCI provides essential recovery and social services to residents during and after disasters. The organization focuses on assisting individuals in navigating the challenges posed by such events, ensuring they receive the support needed for recovery and rebuilding their lives.

The **Community Organization Active in Disasters (COAD)** program emphasizes the importance of collaboration among community organizations during disaster events to deliver essential services, emergency response, and recovery support. The COAD joins together diverse community based organizations in one central location to strengthen community relationships and share vital information. The program reflects on the challenges encountered after Superstorm Sandy, assesses the available services provided by community-based organizations, and coordinates resources to facilitate community recovery efforts. By strengthening the collective response to disasters, COAD aims to better serve vulnerable populations and ensure a more resilient community in the face of future emergencies.

Southern Brooklyn Community-Based Shuttle Bus

JCCGCI's Southern Brooklyn Community-Based Shuttle Bus provides essential transportation services for residents in Brooklyn, connecting them to shopping centers, schools, and places of employment. This free shuttle is particularly significant as it is the only public transportation route linking the Sea Gate community, which lacks public transit options, to Coney Island, Brighton Beach, and Borough Park. Operating from Sunday through Thursday, the shuttle aims to enhance community connectivity and accessibility, ensuring that residents can reach vital resources and opportunities.



Covid-19 Disparities Initiative

JCCGCI's COVID-19 Disparities Initiative addresses the unique challenges faced by vulnerable populations in Southern Brooklyn and Far Rockaway during the pandemic. This initiative provides critical support services, including financial guidance, virtual career courses, and access to essential resources for those impacted by COVID-19. By focusing on low-income families, immigrants, and other at-risk groups, the initiative aims to alleviate the disparities exacerbated by the pandemic, helping individuals navigate financial hardships and access employment opportunities. Through community outreach and education, JCCGCI seeks to empower residents, ensuring they have the tools and support needed to recover and thrive in the wake of COVID-19.

Rising Community Center

The NY Rising Community Centers Program works to create a network of resilient facilities to provide recovery services in disaster-impacted communities. JCCGCI was funded to be Coney Island's Rising Community Center and the headquarter building was fortified to withstand disasters. The critical services target the most vulnerable population sectors, which include but are not limited to residents with low/moderate income; physical disabilities; and/or those with limited ability to control their environments in Brighton Beach, Coney Island, Manhattan Beach and Sea Gate.

Management Support Systems



Community-based nonprofit organizations (CBOs) are essential to the social fabric of New York City, playing a critical role in enhancing community life. However, many of these small organizations require substantial support to operate effectively and navigate the complexities of government regulations. Providing assistance to CBOs is crucial to ensuring they can efficiently deliver services and strategically address the needs of the communities they serve. By strengthening these organizations, we can enhance their capacity to foster positive change and resilience within their neighborhoods.

JCCGCI's NonProfit HelpDesk (NPHD) is dedicated to helping Community-based Organizations (CBOs) enhance their capacity and effectiveness, enabling them to fulfill their missions and deliver high-quality programming. NPHD has supported over 2,500 nonprofits in improving their human, technological, and financial infrastructure, ultimately expanding and enhancing service delivery to their constituents.

As a division of JCCGCI, NPHD offers holistic support characterized by understanding, relevance, and innovation. Services provided include Financial Management, Technology Development, Board Development and Governance, Diversity and Human Resources, and Marketing and Communications. Additionally, NPHD assists with Program Development, Disaster Recovery Planning, Legal Services, Advocacy, Government Relations, and Regulatory Compliance, ensuring that nonprofits are well-equipped to navigate challenges and serve their communities effectively.

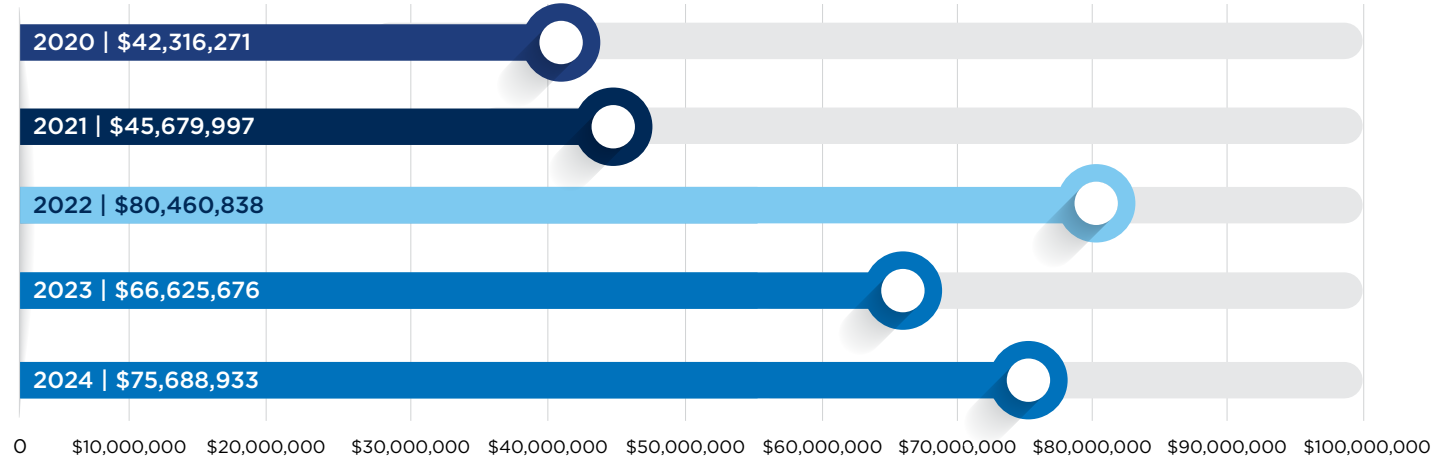
Net Assets

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Without Donor Restrictions	\$1,900,704	\$8,083,581	\$8,724,534	\$9,143,571
With Donor Restrictions	\$672,508	\$453,618	\$522,523	\$722,289
Total Net Assets:	\$2,573,212	\$8,537,199	\$9,247,057	\$9,865,860

Expense by Program Area

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Senior Support Systems	\$30,785,726	\$31,723,392	\$38,555,238	\$48,970,849	\$58,144,076
Educational Support Systems	\$1,909,852	\$1,824,223	\$1,515,561	\$1,531,695	\$1,356,929
Community Support Systems	\$2,647,634	\$3,781,685	\$3,107,254	\$5,381,871	\$4,107,854
Management Support Systems	\$104,475	\$98,953	\$1,598,017	\$1,767,423	\$2,221,153
Vocational Support Systems	\$4,182,872	\$4,941,253	\$26,113,676	\$4,129,109	\$4,490,880
Total Program Service Expenses	\$39,630,559	\$42,369,506	\$70,889,746	\$61,780,947	\$70,320,892
Management & Fundraising	\$3,179,718	\$3,184,388	\$3,607,105	\$4,134,871	\$4,749,238
Total Expenses:	\$42,810,277	\$45,553,894	\$74,496,851	\$65,915,818	\$75,070,130

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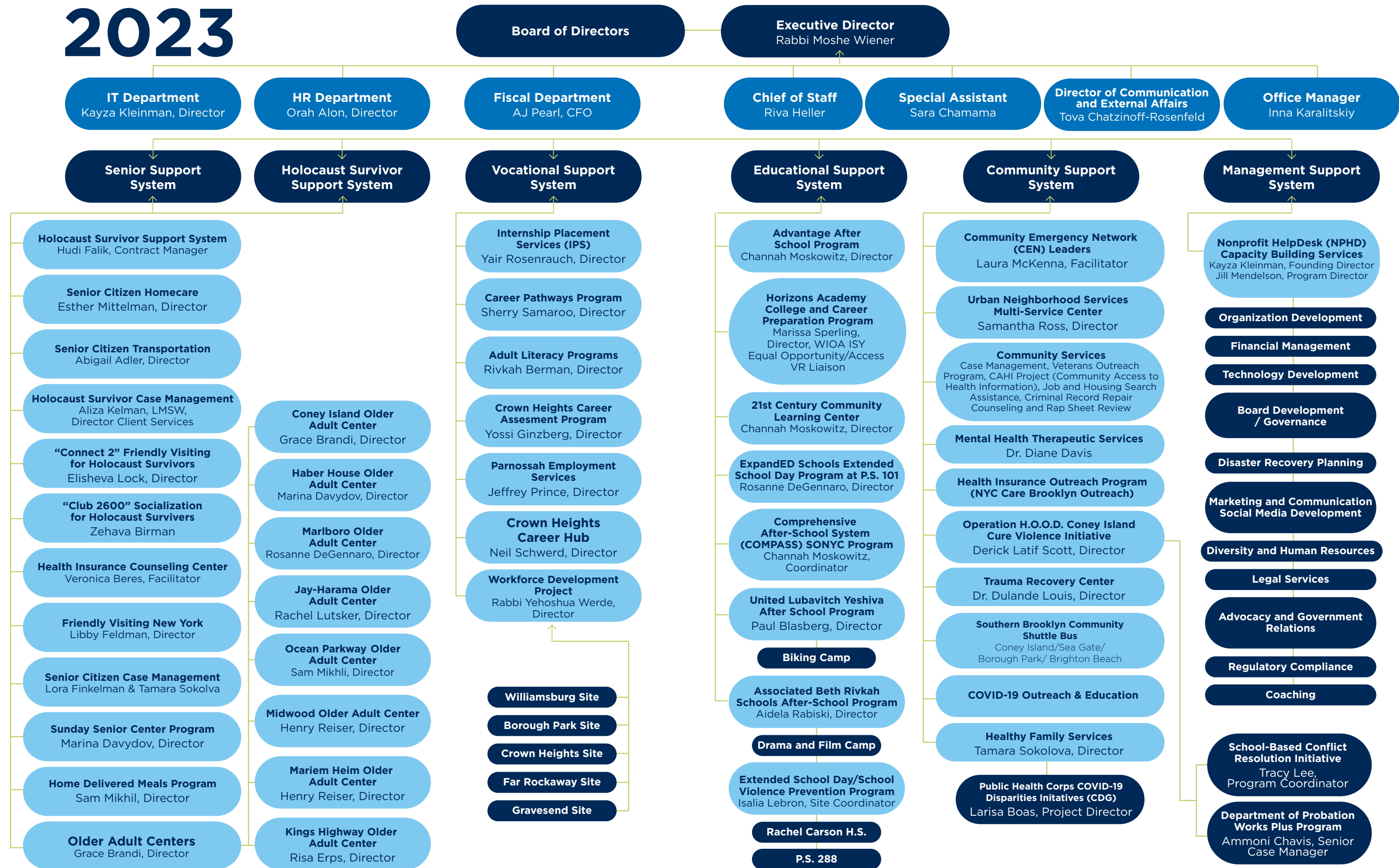
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