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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES - FALL 2013

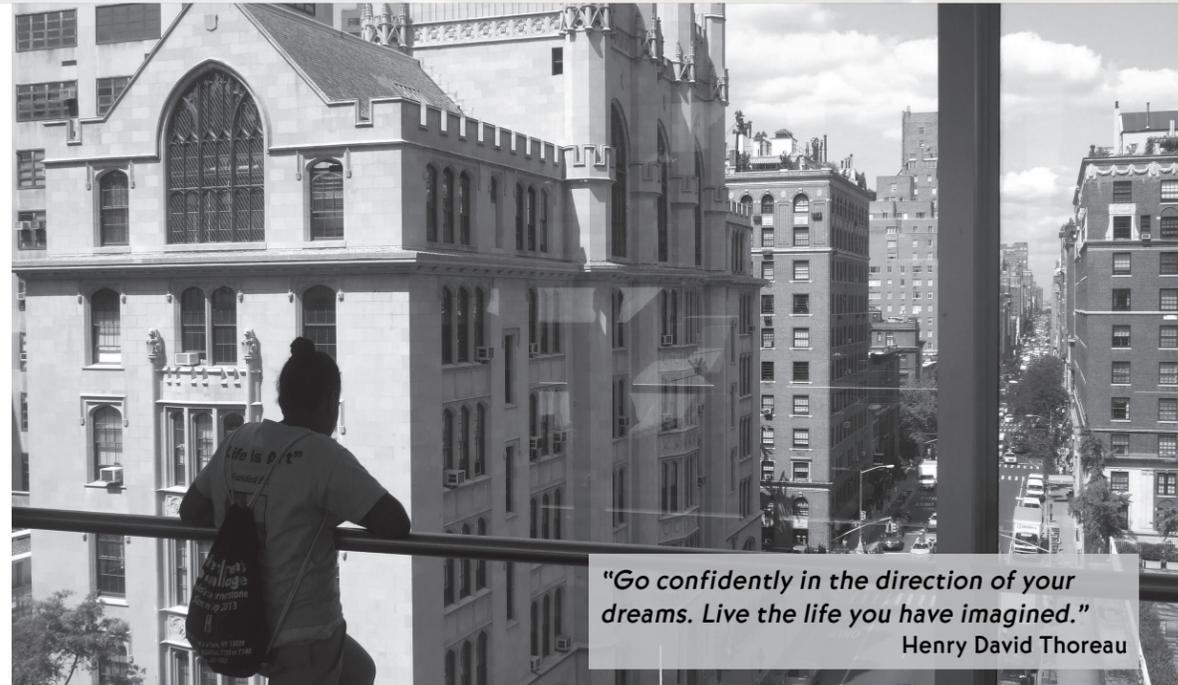


A DAY AT THE BALLPARK

On August 13th, the summer camp participants at Polo Grounds Community Center were privileged to meet All-star Second Baseman, Robinson Cano of the New York Yankees. Before an evening game against

the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, Cano came into the stands and greeted the kids. There was so much excitement on the kids' faces. Cano shook hands, signed autographs and took pictures with the participants. After the meet and greet, the participants received McDonald's free of charge courtesy

of Jaclyn Rosenberg and Noah Simon of The Children's Village Leadership Council. Camp participant Analdys told staff, "this was one of the best trips of my life." For the staff, the highlights were seeing the beaming smiles on the kids' faces and a rare Yankee win.



"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."
Henry David Thoreau

About The Village -
Founded in 1851, The Children's Village works in partnership with families to help society's most vulnerable children so that they become educationally proficient, economically productive, and socially responsible members of their communities.

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THE HARLEM JUSTICE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

HARLEM DOWLING FOOD PANTRY

The Harlem Justice Community Program (HJCP) has partnered with Harlem Dowling in its Emergency Food Assistance Program to assist in feeding hungry and needy children and families within the Harlem community. HJCP participants worked with staff to package food to be distributed, stock shelves, and provide direction to families seeking nutritional guidance and budgeting.

RECRUITMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERNS FROM MONROE COLLEGE

In continued partnership with Monroe College, HJCP accepted five criminal justice interns. Interns will gain valuable practical experiences working with young men and women adversely impacted by the criminal justice system. The aim is to reshape the relationship between program participants and individuals involved in the criminal justice systems.

THE HARLEM RIVER WORKING GROUP AND THE BRONX COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMUNITY BENEFIT

HJCP participants provided a day of service learning to the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality, a local organization that advocates for environmental policies that augment an aesthetic, unpolluted environment protecting a natural and historic heritage. HJCP participants were charged with

service learning of the Bronx and Harlem River Watersheds. The Bronx and Harlem River Watersheds include many community partnerships with youth from neighboring communities to address environmental issues adversely impacting ecological systems. The participants assisted the Harlem River Working Group and The Bronx Council for Environmental Quality in planting over 5000 plants.

THE HJCP START OF COHORT IV

HJCP is proud to announce its recruitment and implementation of Cohort IV. On Monday, August 5, 2013, HJCP introduced young men and women, ages 16-24, to the program services of HJCP. These young men and women will participate in case management/counseling, community benefit/civic engagements, paid internships, employment searches, and more.

COLLABORATION WITH REVEREND AL SHARPTON'S NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK

Participants of HJCP engaged in a community benefit project at the National Action Network (NAN), a civil rights organization created and founded by the Reverend Al Sharpton. HJCP participants painted the bathrooms of the NAN, learning the practical skills of painting, color matching, painting within lines, and working in teams.



Upcoming Events and Programs at the Polo Grounds

TURKEY DISTRIBUTION SIGN-UP

November 4th - 6th
12pm - 2pm

DELTA SIGMA THETA'S RIVERBANK COLLEGE TOUR

November 9th, 2pm - 5pm

TURKEY DISTRIBUTION

November 19th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER

November 22nd, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

PARENT MEETING

November 26th, 6:15pm

GRANDPARENT APPRECIATION DINNER

December 6th, 6:30pm - 8pm

BINGO

December 13th, 7pm-9pm

PARENT MEETING

December 17th, 6:15pm

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION & SHOW

December 20th, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

DELTA SIGMA THETA EVENT

December 21st, 2pm - 5pm



Last year, former New York Jets Safety, Laron Landry selected The Children's Village Polo Grounds Cornerstone program to be the recipient of 500 Thanksgiving turkeys. The turkeys were accompanied by a trimmings basket provided by Whole Foods supermarket.

This year, the Cornerstone program will organize its 2nd Annual Turkey Giveaway for residents residing in the Polo Grounds, Rangel, Harlem River housing developments, and the surrounding area on Tuesday, November 19th. For more information on how to receive a turkey please call Nikeya Stuart at (914) 693-0600 x7139.



LET'S GO KNICKS

On September 5th, Amare Stoudemaire of the New York Knicks visited the Polo Grounds Community Center to distribute 50 Nike backpacks that included school supplies, basketball paraphernalia and copies of his young reader series, S.T.A.T., to youth in the community. It was his second visit to the Polo Grounds Community Center since Septem-



ber 2011. Mr. Stoudemaire spoke to the 10-15 year olds about the importance of education and making smart life decisions. A talk greatly needed among the young men present; most of who aspire to become professional basketball players. With his influence among our youth today, the Cornerstone Initiative hopes that Mr. Stoudemaire will continue to donate his time at the Polo Grounds.



BACK TO SCHOOL JAM

In August, The Children's Village Cornerstone program hosted its 4th annual Back to School Jam in collaboration with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. to give away to registered families, over 600 backpacks filled with a variety of school supplies: pens, pencils, homework boxes and other school supplies.

This year, The Children's Village Cornerstone program received donations from vendors such as Target, Metro Plus and other local stores to distribute to the participants.

Along with the giveaways, there was food and music, which gave the event a fun atmosphere.



A VERY F.L.Y. SUMMER

From college tours at Fordham University to rock walls at Liberty Science Center to walking the decks of the Intrepid Air and Space Museum, the Foundation for Literate Youth (F.L.Y.) program used a mix of reading and enriching field trips to combat the "summer slide". Here are some of this summer's highlights from the kids.

I enjoyed going to see the One Direction movie, *This is Us*. I really loved the movie. It really made me experience what the 5 boys go through and what their lives are like being famous. During the movie, I learned that it's not easy being famous. Many girls, like me, love One Direction and want to meet them, but most of the time the group gets mobbed by girls. I will never do that, that is not respectful.

Camila, age 12

I enjoyed Rye Playland and my favorite ride there was the Double Shot. We sat down, put on our seat belts and then the ride shoots all the way up. Then it went up and down faster. Half way it stopped and went down again. It was scary but I will ride again.

Keena, age 13

My favorite trip this summer was going to Hershey Park. I like that trip because there were a lot of games, roller coasters and water rides. The Pirate Ship ride was very fun because it swung us back and forth. I was scared because I thought I was going to fall off. My heart was racing.

Jeannie, age 12

The trip I went on and had the most fun on was Rye Playland. This trip was fun because it had a lot of rides and good food. My favorite ride was the Dragon, it had a lot of twists and turns.

John, age 13