



ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

July 2023 – June 2024

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September 1, 2024

Dear Mercy Center Community,

As I write to express my gratitude, I am reminded of something Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy once said: "Since there is little good that can be accomplished...without the aid of money, we must look after it in small as well as great matters." On behalf of Mercy Center, I thank everyone whose name is listed in this annual Impact Report, encompassing every donation received from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, for making these matters possible. If you are listed in our report this year, your gift has made a significant impact on the lives of those we serve, and we would like to acknowledge your unwavering commitment to Mercy Center.



Whether you supported the Annual Fund, Transforming Lives Gala 2024, Golf Outing and Pickleball Tournament, or purchased raffle tickets for the US Open or Super Bowl, your dedication to our mission has made a real difference. Your generosity allows us to continue vital work providing classes, services and programs to our community at no cost to them.

In Fiscal Year 2024, we witnessed an influx of new arrivals into the city. The number of participants receiving our services grew to over 4,400. Our doors have been open to long lines of eager individuals seeking out the help we provide. With this growth comes a pressing need for more funding, and you are the ones who make it possible.

We extend our deepest gratitude to individual donors, foundations, sponsors, in-kind donors, and volunteers. Your generosity has been instrumental in creating these learning opportunities and sustaining our mission.

On behalf of our board, staff, and participants, I thank you for helping us transform lives.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Stritch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephen J. Stritch III
Executive Director

Our Mission

Mercy Center creates opportunities for women, men and families in the South Bronx to grow and thrive through education, family, civic and economic programs. We build community with a spirit of hospitality, respect and equity in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy.

Mercy Center takes a holistic approach in helping to transform the quality of life for over 4,400 participants each year in the South Bronx, the poorest urban congressional district in the United States, through free adult education/workforce development, family support, social services, youth programs and immigration services.

Our History

Founded in 1990, Mercy Center has grown from a volunteer counseling service operating out of a single classroom located in a Mott Haven school into a respected, community-based resource.

Our families come from 69 countries and 73% have an annual household income of \$21,000 or less. Our participants receive the following services at two locations in the South Bronx.

Our Classes, Programs & Services in FY24

Total of 4,445 Participants Served

Adult Education & Workforce Development

- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) - over 2,100 enrolled; 100% increased their English proficiency score by at least 30 points and 98% were promoted to the next level
- Work Readiness Program - 283 participants received individual job coaching and 212 reported new or improved employment; 229 enrolled in an employment skills workshop; 74 participants enrolled in networking meetings

Immigration & Asylum Seeker Services

- Total applications submitted: 1,660, including 197 naturalization; 31 DACA; 42 green card renewal; 192 fee waivers; 612 asylum; 230 work permit; 8 temporary protected status; 276 change of address; 70 change of venue; 1 U-Visa; and 1 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- 132 participants obtained citizenship

Family & Youth Programs

- After School and other Youth Programs: Over 16,000 youth activity hours provided
- Parenting and Anger Management classes: 224 participants enrolled
- Familia Adelante collaborative: 120 families engaged in comprehensive family and financial coaching

Social Services, Community Education & Personal Development

- Social Services: 407 participants engaged in a total of 660 case management sessions
- Personal Development and Community Education/Events: Over 2,000 participants engaged in community education, personal development and/or community-building events.

Sister Mary Ann Dirr Legacy Circle



Sr. Mary Ann Dirr: Former math instructor at Mercy College, Our Lady of Victory Academy, and St. Clare Academy.

Sister Mary Ann dedicated her life to uplifting those in need – the poor, the disenfranchised, immigrants, and families facing adversity. Her unwavering mission was to empower women to realize their strength and transform their lives.

Through the establishment of Mercy Center, Sister Mary Ann created a lasting legacy, a community of hope, support, and resilience that continues to thrive today. The strong sense of unity and growth at Mercy Center is a testament to the foundation she nurtured for nearly thirty years.

You can continue her extraordinary legacy by joining the Sister Mary Ann Dirr Legacy Circle, honoring her remarkable vision and ensuring her life-changing work continues for generations to come. By including Mercy Center in your will or making a planned gift, you ensure that her mission of uplifting lives and strengthening communities thrives for years to come.

Be the difference. Help transform lives. Contact Steve Stritch (sstritch@mercycenterbronx.org) to learn how you can leave your mark and join the Sister Mary Ann Dirr Legacy Circle today!



US OPEN RAFFLE

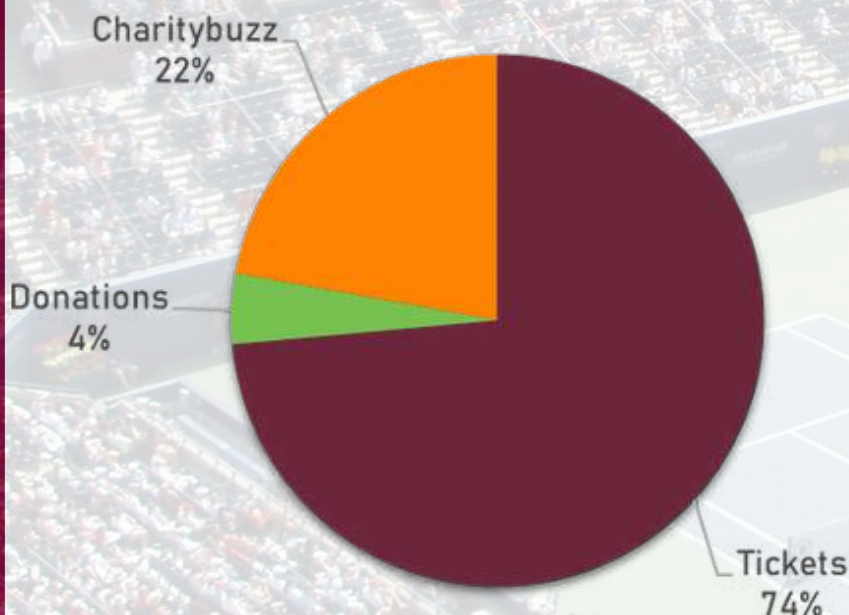
CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our winner, John Wachter, who won two tickets to the Overlook hospitality club at the US Open!

THANK YOU!

Special thank you to Artie Lange, our event sponsor, for all of his support. Additionally, we would like to thank our US Open Committee for all of their efforts in making this event possible: Joan McGillicuddy, David Morales, Jackie Ostick, Nancy Gallin, and Hilda Kogut.

The Mercy Center's 3rd Annual US Open Raffle raised over \$12,000 to support the classes, programs, and services that are offered to our community at no cost to them!



Tickets	\$9,000.00
Donations	\$525.00
Charitybuzz	\$2,710.50
TOTAL	\$12,235.50

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SUPER BOWL RAFFLE

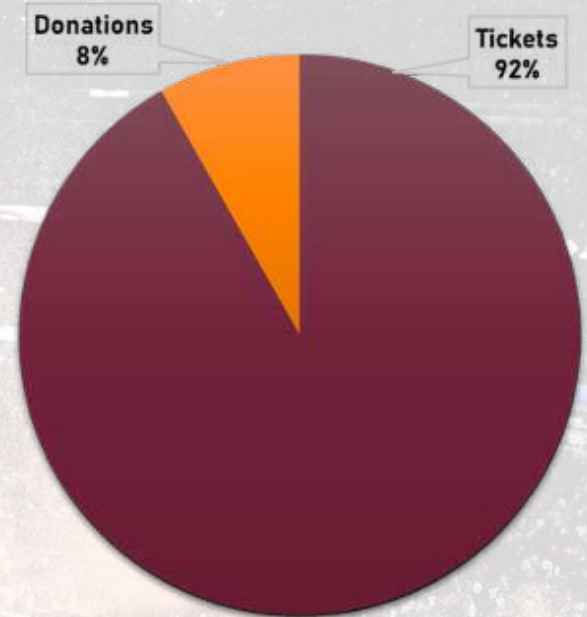
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER!

Steve Coats won the Grand Prize of 2 Super Bowl LVIII tickets and \$1,000. Over 280 tickets were awarded to our buyers and sellers.

TOP SELLER

Special thanks to our top seller and event chair, Artie Lange.

Tickets	\$25,700.00
Donations	\$2,300.00
TOTAL	\$28,000.00



PROCEEDS

Through the outstanding efforts of our Board and supporters, we raised \$28,000 to provide vital programs and services to over 3,700 participants in the South Bronx. We thank the countless individuals who helped spread the word to friends and family.



SUPER BOWL RAFFLE SUPPORTERS

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Gregory Stephenson
Michael Termini
Eran Vaknin
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Kathy and Kevin Watson
Elizabeth and Kendall Wren



"The teachers are very professional at Mercy Center. I did not see this when I went to other schools. Everyone is kind, and hard-working. I study English to be more established in other professional areas. My dream is to teach English at Mercy Center one day."

- Carlos -

GOLF OUTING

Our 9 golf foursomes and 10 pickleball enthusiasts showcased their skills with stamina and finesse, conquering both sports in the summer heat.

We wholeheartedly thank all those who attended this year's outing for their support in honoring Monsignor Kevin Sullivan, Executive Director of Catholic Charities New York. Your generosity and commitment to our fundraising efforts allows us to continue our mission of providing services which foster educational progress, financial stability, and family well-being for low-income residents of Mott Haven and surrounding areas of the South Bronx.



THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

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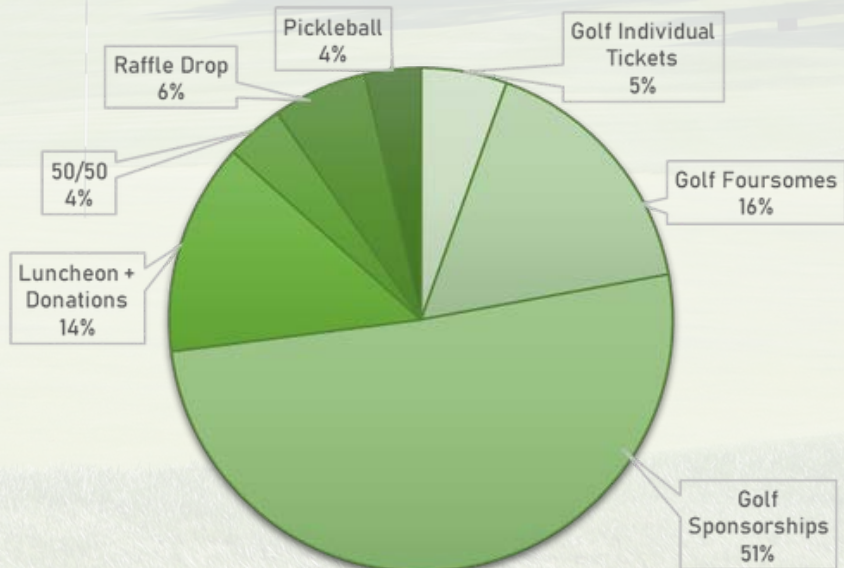
Cardinal McCloskey
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PICKLEBALL BANNER SPONSOR

Nancy and Christopher Gallin

TEE BOX SPONSOR

Stephen Waldorf,
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Golf Individual Tickets	\$2,000.00
Golf Foursomes	\$6,000.00
Golf Sponsorships	\$18,400.00
Luncheon + Donations	\$4,925.00
50/50	\$1,350.00
Raffle Drop	\$2,200.00
Pickleball	\$1,300.00
TOTAL	\$36,195.00

GOLF OUTING SUPPORTERS

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SOMOS INNOVATION

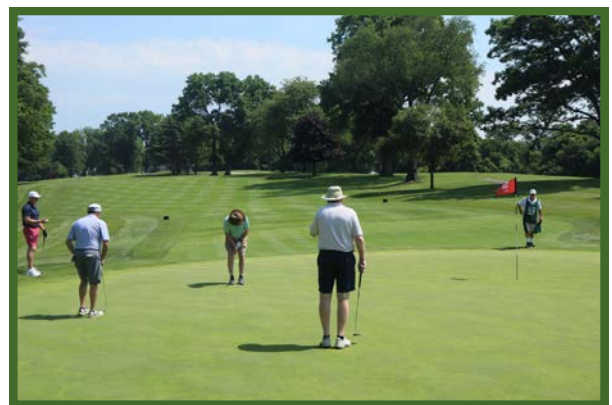
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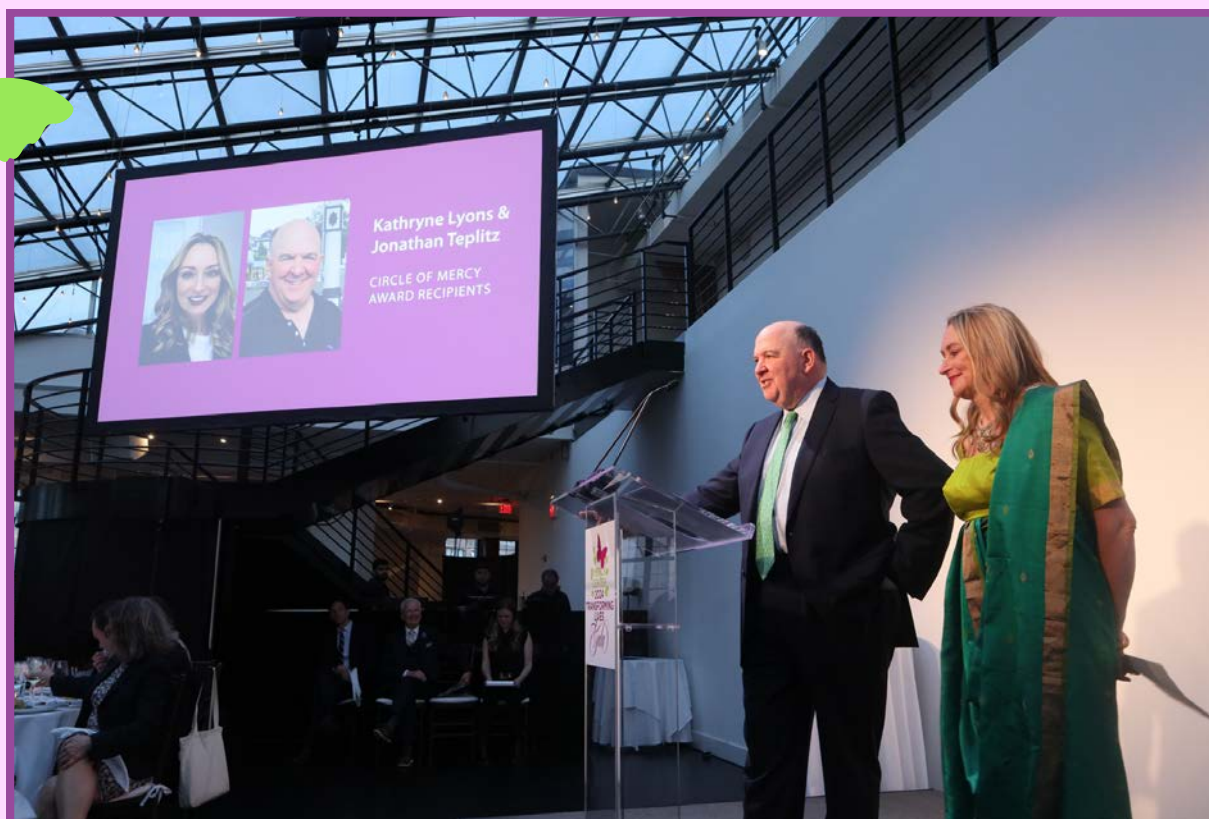
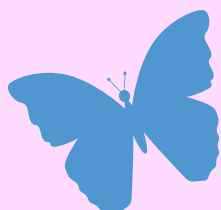
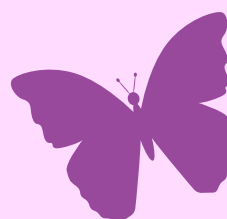
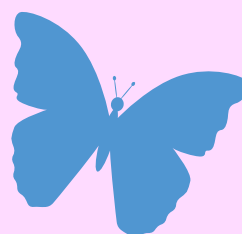
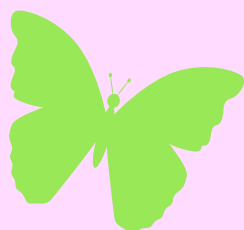
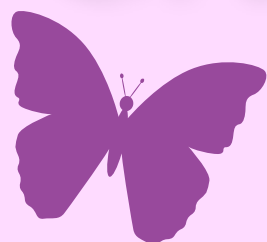
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Stephen Waldorf, Waldorf Risk Solutions

Judith and John Zilm



Transforming Lives GALA 2024





MERCY CENTER 2024 TRANSFORMING LIVES GALA

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Transforming Lives Gala possible. We welcomed 193 guests to celebrate everyone supporting our mission to transform lives, from long-time supporters to those joining us for the first time. This year's new venue, Tribeca Rooftop, provided the perfect backdrop for a night of inspiring speeches, heartfelt stories, and meaningful connections.

CIRCLE OF MERCY HONOREES



Kathryne Lyons
and Jonathan Teplitz

Kathryne Lyons' dedication to advocating for education and supporting immigrants has made her a pillar of the Mercy Center community throughout the years. Serving as an ESOL teacher and a member of our Board of Directors' Development Committee, she embodies the spirit of giving back to her community. Throughout his career, Jonathan Teplitz has prioritized continuous learning and corporate social responsibility, including pitching and founding Technology for Social Good at JP Morgan Chase and his active involvement in the Alzheimer's Association annual gala.



Justin and MacKenzie
Forsberg

Justin and MacKenzie Forsberg's commitment and generosity to Mercy Center has known no bounds since becoming involved six years ago. Between expanding the annual turkey drive to supply a full-sized delivery truck of donations each year to starting an annual women's hygiene supplies drive that brings in over 200 toiletry bags, the Forsberg's efforts have helped grow Mercy Center programs and made a tangible difference in the lives of our community members.



Sean Adcroft

Sean Adcroft's contributions to Mercy Center have taken many forms since becoming involved in 1995, including teaching Job Readiness Program computer classes, redesigning our computer lab, and serving on our Board of Directors. His technological talents and deep connections have helped shape his exemplary dedication to Mercy Center.



MERCY CENTER 2024 TRANSFORMING LIVES GALA

LONG TIME STAFF HONORED AS GUESTS OF THE COMMITTEE



Catherine Loreda
(20 years)

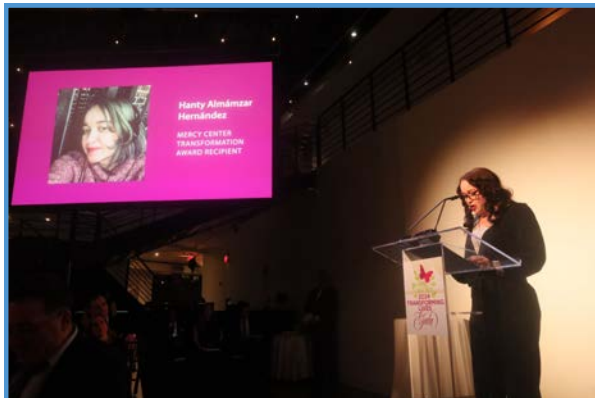


Silvia Gonzalez
(24 years)



Mayra
Sanchez-Estupiñan
(19 years)

TRANSFORMATION AWARD RECIPIENT



We also honored Hanty Almámzar Hernández as this year's Mercy Center Transformation Award recipient. Her journey began in 2014 when she arrived in New York with her infant son, facing the challenges of adapting to a new culture and city. Through Mercy Center, she improved her English, found support, and embraced opportunities to give back. Today, Hanty is a published author and active volunteer, helping children in her community and exemplifying the transformation Mercy Center fosters every day.





MERCY CENTER 2024 TRANSFORMING LIVES GALA

Gala Committee

Daria Pizzetta
Linda Camardo
Nancy Gallin
Barry J. Gilman
Kathryne Lyons
Jackie Ostick

Host Committee

Roseann Bonadia
Mary and Sean Davey
Barry J. Gilman
Ann Harris-Jacobs

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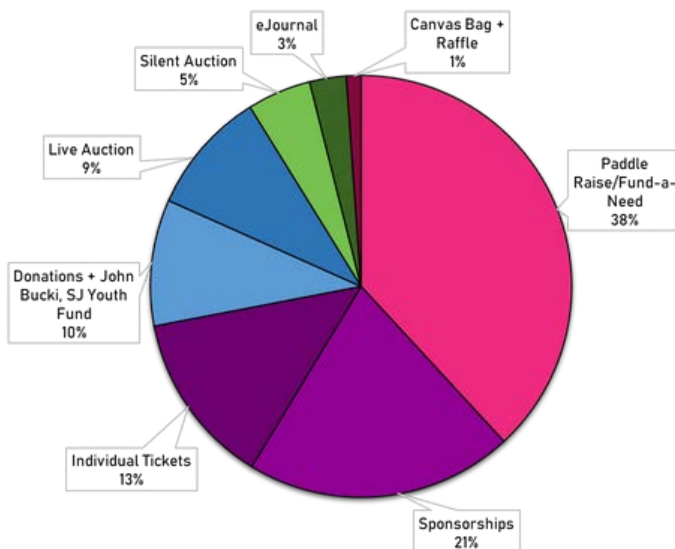
Frank DiLella

Auctioneer

Jim Miller

Honorary Chairs

Maria Brinkmann
Blanca Cofino
Tim O'Connor and Peggy Rafferty
Daria Pizzetta and Charles Brown
MaryAnn Rich
Michael Termini



Paddle Raise/Fund-a-Need	\$141,700.00
Sponsorships	\$76,400.00
Individual Tickets	\$51,460.00
Donations + John Bucki, SJ Youth Fund	\$35,980.00
Live Auction	\$35,300.00
Silent Auction	\$18,195.00
eJournal	\$10,450.00
Canvas Bag + Raffle	\$4,175.00
TOTAL	\$373,660.00





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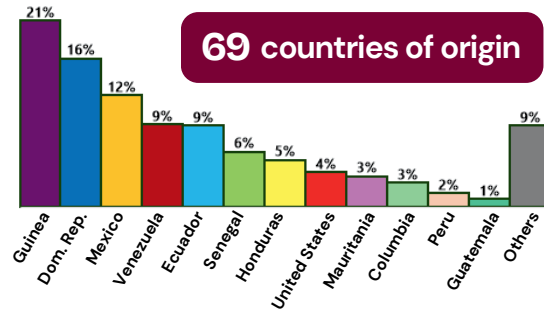
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4,445 number of participants served



52%

Males slightly outnumbered females

The majority were Hispanic

64%

74%

Almost 3/4 lived in the Bronx

Almost 3/4 earned less than \$21,000

73%

46%

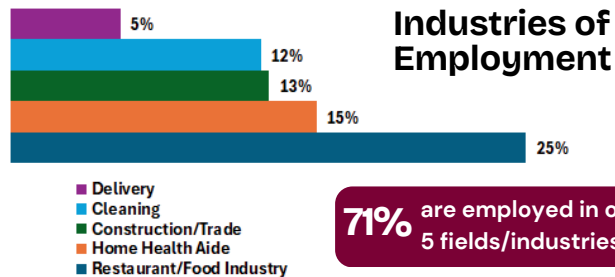
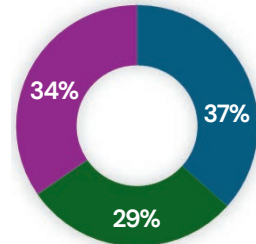
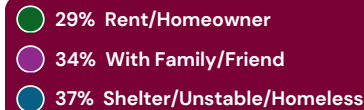
Almost half had less than a high school education

2/3 heard about us from a friend or family member

66%

Housing

Two thirds live with family/friends, in a shelter, or are homeless



ESOL Classes

(English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Enrolled

2,166

Goal

1,594

Workforce Development

Obtained new employment

121

Obtained improved employment

91

- 98% of those who completed were promoted to the next level.
- 100% achieved an increase of at least 30 points on their BEST Plus test score.

283 received services
206 completed Skills for Employment Success workshops

Immigrant Services

287

Goal

462

Applications Submitted

197 naturalization applications
31 DACA renewal applications
192 Fee Waiver applications
42 Green Card renewal applications
111 NYLAG legal screenings
132 obtained citizenship



Behind every number is a real person, with hopes and dreams and determination

Asylum Seeker Initiatives

Legal Services – # of applications

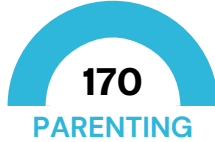


Case Management – # served



- 612 Asylum Applications
- 230 Work Permit
- 276 Change of Address
- 70 Change of Venue
- 8 Temporary Protected Status
- 4 Other Applications

Family Skills Enrollment



Youth Programs



- 113 children, unduplicated
- 16,594 youth activity hours

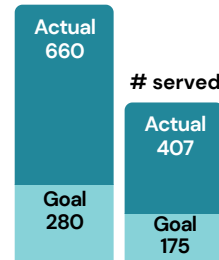
Familia Adelante

- 109** Families in ongoing case management
- 11** Families in maintenance
- 17** Fathers in Dads & Kids Group
- 474** Individuals participated in financial education sessions



Social Services

of sessions



Top Issues

- Public Benefits – 420
- Medicaid & Social Security – 77
- SNAP – 58
- Housing & NYCHA – 31

New Program
NYC Benefits

Educational Workshops & Community Building Activities



Thanksgiving

- 390** # of turkeys
- 500** # of families

9 parishes & schools and 6 individuals organized food and turkey drives

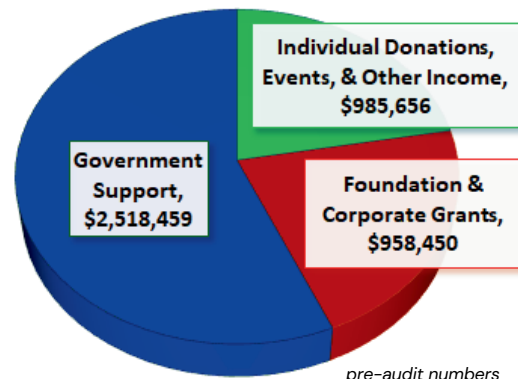
Christmas Gifts

- 245** # of families
- 548** # of children

14 parishes, organizations & schools and 12 individual donors contributed

Our Donors

- 520 active donors
- \$73,338 new donor revenue
- 94 reactivated donors
- 51% donor retention rate
- 154 donors with multiple gifts
- 20 monthly or quarterly recurring donors



Ways to Make an Impact

Annual Fund Campaign

- Respond to the Spring or Fall Appeal with an unrestricted gift of any size
- Double check with your employer to have your gift matched

Special Events: Purchase a ticket or sponsor one of our annual events

- Annual Golf Outing and Pickleball Tournament
- Transforming Lives Gala
- Super Bowl Raffle
- U.S. Open Raffle

Become a Volunteer

Lend your professional expertise to help provide the best services to our participants. Contact the Development Office to learn more about these opportunities.

Matching Gifts

Did you know that many employers will match your charitable donations? Please check with your HR department to obtain the necessary matching gift forms. We would be more than happy to assist you in completing the forms and ensuring your donation has an even greater impact.

Bequests: Leave a Special Legacy

One simple way to secure Mercy Center's future is to remember Mercy Center in your will.

Provide a Gift of:

- A fixed dollar amount
- A specific property (such as real estate or stocks)

Make a Bequest Using:

- A percentage of your real estate
- The residue of your estate (assets that remain after other bequests are fulfilled)
- Mercy Center as a contingent beneficiary

For additional information contact Archie Crawford at 718-993-2789

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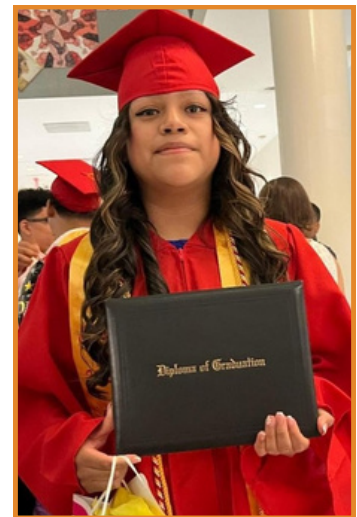


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Ana Gavilanes

"I'm beyond grateful for the many opportunities given to me at Mercy Center. Mercy has had a great impact on my life in many different ways. I was given many different experiences and opportunities to learn new things. One thing I really loved was learning robotics. Even during COVID, we learned about coding, using a platform called scratch where we made games by coding. I know my background in scratch and robotics will help me in the computer and programming classes I will be taking in high school... I am especially grateful to Mercy Center for supporting me, encouraging me and giving me the confidence I needed to dream big."

Lizette Espinoza



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