

## 2021 Updates

Bronx Bethany Community Corporation (BBCC) is a 501 (c) 3 institute, created in 2003 out of a growing number of children and families in desperate need of quality educational services and the increase of individuals in food insecure homes. BBCC is registered and recognized as a Compassionate Ministry Center (CMC) of the Church of the Nazarene. BBCC is the major arm through which Bronx Bethany Church of the Nazarene (BBCN) will serve the world. We take a holistic approach in meeting the needs of our community, through our programs that provide counsel and give access to resources, information and support.

#### THE MISSION

The mission of Bronx Bethany Community Corporation is to respond practically and compassionately to human need through servant-hood, by providing: counsel, information, academic support and access to resources, to offer hope to youth of the Bronx and to improve the quality of life in the community at large.

BBCC seeks to live out this mission through the programs it offers as we continue to adjust to the COVID-19 pandemic. We strive to serve members of our community with **dignity and love**.

# THE PROGRAMS:

Program Director: Marie Roodlyne Altidor, aka "Woods"



The Food Pantry is a yearlong temporary relief program that works in collaboration with Bronx Bethany Church of the Nazarene, Food Bank for NYC, City Harvest, United Way and Human Resources Administration (HRA) to distribute pre-packaged pantry bags to the community.

In 2020, we served **45,315** adults, children and seniors. In 2021, we served a total of **53,393** people (see chart below).

BBCC 2021 Food		Month		Total	Children	Adults	Seniors
Pantry Report	EFROID	Served	Year	Served	Served	Served	Served
	85109	December	2021	3665	1023	2207	435
	85109	November	2021	4854	1411	2762	681
	85109	October	2021	5810	1738	3244	828
	85109	September	2021	4634	1298	2677	659
	85109	August	2021	4512	1238	2598	676
	85109	July	2021	4232	1185	2433	614
	85109	June	2021	5336	1558	3035	743
	85109	May	2021	4109	1334	2708	67
	85109	April	2021	4481	1283	2578	620
	85109	March	2021	4360	1261	2517	582
	85109	February	2021	3307	969	1939	399
_	85109	January	2021	4093	1175	2408	510
				53,393.00	15,473.00	31,106.00	6,814.00

There continues to be a steady increase of individuals and families in need of food within our community. There also continues to be a high demand for volunteers.

The Food Bank for NYC **(\$8,602)**, Human Resources Administration-HRA**(\$47,832)**, City Harvest **(\$332,925)** have allocated over **\$389,359** in food grants for 2021.

The Food Pantry is open Wednesdays (9am-11am) and Thursdays (3pm-6pm). It is closed during major holidays (New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and every 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday and Thursday of the year.)



# **Program Director: Charmaine Bennett**

The After School Enrichment Program (ASEP) is a 10-month daily program that empowers young 5- to 12-year-old scholars to become critical, creative and resourceful thinkers through the arts. ASEP re-opened on September 13, 2021 with 20 students. A virtual ASEP program was launched on March 1, 2021 offering: tutoring, art, violin,

piano and devotion classes, Monday-Friday, 3:30-6:00pm via Zoom.



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- The Summer Day Camp is a 6-week program for children ages 5-12 that promotes the creative arts and develops the imagination of our youth in a fun, Christian environment. Camp was closed in 2021 due to COVID-19.
- A proposal has been submitted for camp to re-open from July 5, 2022- August 13, 2022.

### THE PERSONNEL

Our vision is that Bronx Bethany Church members will always comprise BBCC's volunteer core. We want each member's faith to be manifested through an expression of service and an alignment with the mission, vision, and strategy of the corporation. We are currently staffed with one (1) full-time employee, (9) part-time employees and over 15 active volunteers who continue to be the backbone of the organization.

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Received a Child Stabilization Grant of \$81,800 from the Office of Children and Family Services 2021. Funds to be used for personnel costs, payroll and salaries, insurance, etc.
- Offered a Virtual ASEP Program for 13 students from March 2021-June 2021).
- o 2nd PPP loan forgiven.
- Celebrated our pantry staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication in distributing, storing and delivery of food to the community and the sick & shut-in.
- Received \$17,000.00 in Board Member contributions.
- o Received \$25,000.00 for the Maxine Nathan Scholarship

## THE GOALS

- Provide staff/ volunteer training workshops
- o Organizational strategic planning
- Fund Development
- To offer relevant services to our community in a safe, healthy environment.

These goals are particularly important as we strive to keep in line with the mission and vision of the organization and while meeting the needs of the community we serve.

#### **THANKS**

Thank you to all who work tirelessly to ensure that God's mission is evident in everything we do.

Thank you to our committed Board Members: Wayne Elliott (Executive Chair), Jim Daniels (Vice Chair), Lenworth Williams (Treasurer), Dr. Deborah Hunter-Brown (Secretary)- **resigned as of 12/2021**, Directors: Vanessa Abrahams-John, Loisen Jacobs, Karrie Edwards, Isola Wilson and Nicole Dyer.

Special thanks to Bronx Bethany Church of the Nazarene Staff, Robert Nathan the Maxine Nathan Scholarship, Linde (formally known as Praxair), Food Bank for New York City, United Way(non-food support grants), Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP), HRA and City Harvest for continual partnership.

Prayerfully submitted,

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