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QCH is committed to serving the diverse neighborhoods of Queens, offering a support system to children, youth, adults, and older adults, helping them to develop the knowledge, confidence, and skills to change their lives for the better and become active participants in their larger community. The past year was a busy one for us, as we re-opened all of our program sites after the COVID shutdowns, embedded and expanded our Family Support Services work, and continued to help our families get back on their feet and interacting with their neighbors again. As icing on the cake, we re-opened our Forest Hills Community Center after a major renovation!

I am happy to share some of the other highlights of the year with you in this report. As we adapt our work to ensure that the needs of Queens individuals and families are met, our neighbors, friends, and benefactors continue to support us and exemplify the true meaning of community. We are grateful.



Ben Thomases
Executive Director











Queens Community House (QCH) serves over 25,000 children, youth, adults, and older adults every year through 55 programs at 39 sites in 15 Queens neighborhoods.

We are committed to a holistic approach that deals with immediate needs as well as the root causes and barriers that may impede personal, family and community stability.









QCH provides comprehensive youth development programming. Our youth participants can explore interests and passions, develop positive social connections, contribute to their community, become life-long learners, gain meaningful experiences, and achieve formal credentials.

We offer both center-based and schoolbased programs, as well as gender and sexual orientation-specific programming.

- ✓ Elementary and Middle School Afterschool Programs
- ✓ Beacon Community Centers
- ✓ LGBTQ Drop-In Center
- ✓ Young Women's Leadership Program
- ✓ Food Justice Programming
- ✓ Queens Childcare Network



# **YOUNG ADULTS**

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QCH is recognized for its expertise in helping young adults -- many of whom have struggled in traditional high schools -- to attain high school diplomas, obtain positive work experience, and to go on to succeed in college and employment.

- ✓ Attendance Improvement Program
- ✓ Transfer High Schools
- ✓ Young Adult Borough Centers
- ✓ College Access & Career Planning
- ✓ Youth Workforce Services
- ✓ Evening Teen Centers





# ADULTS AND FAMILIES

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QCH offers a broad range of family and community services reflective of our ongoing commitment to fostering strong, stable, and self- sufficient families and communities in Queens. These programs link neighbor to neighbor, offer opportunities for continued learning and skills development, enhance family supports, provide services for new immigrants, improve housing conditions and prevent evictions, and assist in community building and development.

- ✓ Adult Education (ESOL)
- Immigration Assistance
- ✓ Housing & Homelessness Prevention
- ✓ Food Access Initiative
- ✓ Queens Childcare Network
- ✓ Family Support Services
- ✓ Volunteer Services
- ✓ Community Organizing



## **OLDER ADULTS**

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Queens has the largest, fastest growing, and most culturally and ethnically diverse older adult population in New York City.

Our comprehensive, multifaceted older adult programs and services are designed to encourage senior independence and continued engagement.

- ✓ Older Adult Centers
- ✓ Social Adult Day Program
- ✓ Caregiver Support
- ✓ Older Adult Case Management / Meals on Wheels Delivery
- ✓ Friendly Visiting Program
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC)









QCH has re-opened its flagship **Forest Hills Community Center** after a year-long renovation. The new center is brighter, remodeled, and more accessible, with technology-enhanced program rooms, upgraded infrastructure, skylights, gender-neutral bathrooms, an elevator, ADA-compliant doors, and improved walkways. The renovation also freed up space for additional programmatic use, including a Neighbors' Lounge off the front lobby, small meeting rooms to ensure participants' privacy, and an expanded food pantry.

The center is QCH's oldest and most-frequented program site, with 500 participants a day. It hosts an older adult center, after- school program, ESOL and citizenship classes, young women's leadership programming, housing and comprehensive family support services, social adult day services, and an evening teen center.





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# QCH IS BOROUGH ANCHOR FOR NYC'S FIRST-EVER CITYWIDE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROCESS





In 2022, the NYC Civic Engagement Commission (CEC) launched "The People's Money,"

NYC's first-ever citywide participatory budgeting (PB) process. PB allows all New Yorkers age
11 and older to have a voice in deciding how to spend \$5 million of city expense funding.

QCH was chosen as Queens borough anchor for the process, and in this role hosted a series of Idea Generation Sessions during which neighbors were invited to brainstorm ideas for creative projects that meet the needs of the borough. These projects ideas will be compiled, refined, and presented for a vote in mid-2023. "The participatory democracy helps further QCH's mission of building healthy and inclusive communities across Queens," said ED Ben Thomases. "When ordinary community members have a direct say in how their tax money is spent, everyone benefits."



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# GENERATION Q LAUNCHES KNOW YOUR RIGHTS PSA FOR NYC QUEER YOUTH





Since 2004, **Generation Q** has served as an after-school youth center for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer youth and allies, between the ages of 13 and 21. Generation Q is a friendly, affirming environment that offers a wide variety of educational and social opportunities. As part of the program's ongoing commitment to being an educational resource, Generation Q partners with schools across the borough to provide workshops and technical support that will help them create and maintain settings more welcoming for queer youth.

This year, Generation Q produced a know-your-rights PSA entitled *The Q-niverse* that highlights local, state and federal laws protecting youth from discrimination, harassment and bullying based on sexual orientation and gender expression. The PSA is meant to help queer youth in New York City advocate for themselves in middle school and high school.



# OUR IMPACT 2022 ANNUAL REPORT







# ENGLISH CLASSES FOR WORKING IMMIGRANTS

QCH has been offering English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes to immigrants for over twenty years. Each year, we offer day and evening classes to over 400 adult immigrants from over fifty countries.

In 2022, QCH was awarded a State contract to provide workforce-based ESOL and Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes to working immigrants. During our first year, we provided classes to 265 adult who were looking to improve their reading and writing English skills for the workplace. Our program uses smart boards, smart phone apps, and an online curriculum. We have also included hybrid formats of in-person and online learning to diversify our instructional delivery.

Our program also partners with internal and external partners to provide our working students with webinars and workshops that improve their knowledge of NYC communities and help them better navigate the world of work. Our Case Manager provides one-on-one advisement and creates an Education and Employment Plan for each student to help them map out their career trajectory.



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## BY THE NUMBERS

2,414

after school children engaged in literacy activities.

1,979

young adults placed in jobs at **164** workplace sites through the city's Summer Youth Employment Program.

56,659

meals served to **1044** homebound older adults

601

families receiving emergency housing assistance.







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## **MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS**



## **KIKI**

"I've been going to the Pomonok Community Center for seven years. When I'm here, I really enjoy playing ping pong. It's a great exercise against Alzheimer's. Because of my work, I have a lot on my mind and I sometimes struggle to sleep. But after I get my exercise in, I know I'm going to get a very good sleep and will have more energy for work the following day. Plus, you make a lot of friends here when you play."



### **ANDREW**

"My aspirations are to own my own restaurant and become financially stable. The Queens Connect program taught me the values that I need to succeed in my personal and professional life. Working as a prep cook at Eleven Madison Park holds a lot of responsibility, but it is fun and I am learning and developing new skills every day."



### **NORMAN**

"I became a caregiver when my wife was diagnosed with dementia 13 years ago.
Caregiving has its ups and downs. QCH has helped me in my journey of caregiving. I attend a caregiver support group at QCH and my wife attends a program with the QCH Social Adult Day Services. They know our community well. QCH is always there to help me, even as we are coming to the end of our journey."





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### **FY 2022 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES**

REVENUE	AMOUNT	%		
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Government Grants	\$26,171,650	78.74%		
Foundation Grants	\$3,297,862	9.9%		
Individual Contributions	1,829,663	5.5%		
Fundraising Events	\$476,244	0.14%		
Donated Rent	1,245,526	3.75%		
Other (program fees, etc.)	\$226,395	0.07%		
Investment Gain	(\$10,025)	0%		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$33,23	\$33,237,315		

EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT	%
Program Services	\$24,841,657	84.54%
Management and General	\$3,925,381	13.36%
Fundraising	\$571,461	1.94%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$29,383,499	

	AMOUNT
Change in Net Assets	\$3,898,816
Net Assets – End of Year	\$12,152,363



# **OUR LOCATIONS**

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#### LONG ISLAND CITY

1. LaGuardia Community College, 31-10 Thomson Avenue College Access & Success (CASP)

#### JACKSON HEIGHTS

2. 37-06 77th Street
Oueens Center for Gay Seniors

3. IS 145, 33-34 80th Street Afterschool Program Summer Camp

4. PS 149, 93-11 34th Avenue Beacon Community Center Food Justice Youth Leadership Program

#### ELMHURST

5. VOYAGES High School, 45-10 94th Street

Alternatives to College Initiative College Access & Success (CASP) Learning to Work Program

6. @ Newtown HS, 48-01 90th Street 21st Century Community of Learners CareerReady NYC (SYEP) Work, Learn & Grow Youth Development Center Youth Employment Services

7. @ International HS of Health Sciences, 48-01 90th Street Community School Program

#### CORONA

8. @ HS for Arts & Business, 105-25 Horace Harding Expressway Alternatives to College Initiative CareerReady NYC (SYEP) College Access & Success (CASP) Learning to Work Program Young Adult Borough Center

9. @ Pioneer Academy, 40-20 100th Street 21st Century Community of Learners

#### REGO PARK

10. Rego Park Jewish Center, 97-30 Queens Boulevard Rego Park Older Adult Center (temporary relocation)

11. JHS 157, 64 Ave & 102 Street Afterschool Program Summer Camp

#### FOREST HILLS

12. 108-03 62nd Drive Forest Hills NORC

13. Forest Hills Community Center,
108-25 62nd Drive
Adult Education Services/ESOL
Access for Young Women
Afterschool Program
Caregiver Support Program
Family Support Services
Food Pantry
Forest Hills Older Adult Center
Housing & Neighborhood Preservation
Social Adult Day Services
Summer Camp
Summer Video & Photo Program
Teen Center
Young Men's Leadership Program

14. JHS 190, 68-17 Austin Street Beacon Community Center

15. 70-34 Austin Street NICE Intergenerational Program Queens Connect (YAFSEI) Youth Employment Services

# Providing a broad network of services at 39 sites throughout the borough

16. 108-21 72nd Avenue Queens Childcare Network (QCCN)

17. 107-20 71st Road Generation O

18. 119-45 Union Turnpike, 5th Floor Alternatives to College Initiative College Access and Success (CASP) Housing & Homelessness Prevention Senior Case Management Services Volunteer Services

#### KEW GARDENS

19. Kew Gardens Community Center, 80-02 Kew Gardens Road; #202 Caregiver Support Program Kew Gardens Older Adult Center

#### BRIARWOOD

20. @ PS 117, 85-15 143rd Street Afterschool Program Summer Camp

21. @ JHS 217, 85-05 144th Street Afterschool Program Summer Camp

22. @ Young Women's Leadership School, 150-91 87th Road Afterschool program Summer Camp

23. @ PS 86, 87-41 Parsons Boulevard Afterschool Program Summer Camp

24. @ Hillcrest HS, 160-05 Highland Avenue CareerReady NYC (SYEP) Work, Learn & Grow

#### JAMAICA

25. @ Queens Collegiate, 167-01 Gothic Drive Afterschool Program Summer Camp

26. @ PS 82, 88-02 144th Street Afterschool Program Summer Camp

27. Queens Satellite HS for Opportunity, 162-02 Hillside Avenue Alternatives to College Initiative College Access & Success (CASP) Learning to Work Program

28. @ MS 358, 88-08 164 Street Afterschool Program

29. 92-17 165th Street Administrative Office (temporary) Family Support Services

30. @ PS 160, 109-59 Inwood Street Afterschool Program

#### SPRINGFIELD GARDENS

31. Voyages South High School, 156-10 Baisley Boulevard 21st Century Community of Learners Alternatives to College Initiative College Access & Success (CASP) Learning to Work Program

#### OZONE PARK

32. @ MS 210, 93-11 101st Avenue Beacon Community Center Food Justice Youth Leadership Program

#### SOUTH OZONE PARK

33. @ John Adams HS, 101-01 Rockaway Boulevard Alternatives to College Initiative College Access & Success (CASP) Learning to Work Program Young Adult Borough Center

#### FLUSHING

34. @ Queens Academy HS, 138-11 35th Avenue CareerReady NYC (SYEP)

35. @ Queens College School for Math, Science & Technology, 148-20 Reeves Avenue Afterschool Program

36. Pomonok Community Center 67-09 Kissena Boulevard Afterschool Program Food Access Initiatives Food Pantry Family Support Services Leaders in Training Program Pomonok Older Adult Center Summer Camp Teen Center YouthBuild Queens

37. @ PS 201 65-11 155th Street 21st Century Community of Learners

#### BAYSIDE

38. Queensborough Community College, 222-05 56th Avenue College Access & Success (CASP)

#### QUEENS VILLAGE

39. @ Business Tech Early College 230-17 Hillside Avenue CareerReady NYC (SYEP)











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