

# KIPS BAY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

## 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

The Boys & Girls Club Movement comes to the West Bronx Heights



**Frederic R. "Fritz" Coudert**, left, late President of Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club, takes the first shovel for the as-yet-unnamed new clubhouse in June 2005.



**Mrs. Margaret Coudert**, far right, cuts ribbon for the Frederic R. & Margaret Coudert Clubhouse on March 17, 2010. (l. to r.) **Cynthia Coudert**, **Paul H. Ross**, **Adolfo Carrion** and **Daniel Quintero**.

# FREDERIC R. & MARGARET COUDERT CLUBHOUSE



Kips Bay's long awaited 10th service venue is now open for children and families. We are delighted to bring the first Boys & Girls Club programming to the West Bronx Heights, a geographically distinct strip bounded by Jerome Avenue, 161st Street, the Harlem River and Fordham Road.

Great accomplishments have great champions and the Frederic R. & Margaret Coudert Clubhouse is no exception. One is **Adolfo Carrion**, currently the White House Director of Urban Affairs. As a young City Councilman, Mr. Carrion looked where others saw an abandoned and blighted historic house of worship, and envisioned instead a treasure for Bronx children and families for generations to come.

The new edifice is named for a true champion, the late **Frederic R. "Fritz" Coudert** and his wife **Margaret Coudert**. Their outstanding generosity and vision were indispensable in bringing a dream to reality.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club is to improve and enhance the quality of life for all young people, ages 6 to 18, with special emphasis on those who need us most. Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club exists to assist as many young people as possible to realize and achieve their potential for growth and development, and to attain the skills necessary to live and succeed in a complex world.

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## President's Message

# LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As you read this, the Frederic R. & Margaret Coudert Clubhouse, our 10th service venue, is open for children and families. More than eight years in the making, the reconstruction of a derelict building is now fully complete. Our Trustees committed more than \$500,000 in 2000 for early site and architectural work. In 2007, we added \$4 million in funding to the very generous amounts allocated by the New York City Housing Authority, two Borough Presidents, and Borough City Council members.



The new Clubhouse is stunning. With its state-of-the-art e-technology, it is surely destined to become a best practices laboratory for Boys & Girls Club tech programming. It features dedicated space for health services and health career exploration, addressing such issues as asthma, hyper-tension and obesity, all of which are elevated among Bronx children. A full floor is devoted to educational programming, so urgently needed in a school district with one of the lowest high school graduation rates in New York City.

I am proud to have met many of our alumni at our 40th anniversary celebration of moving from Manhattan to the Bronx this past fall. There are literally thousands of Kips Bay Boys & Girls alumni who can make a difference in the lives of our current club members, as their predecessors did for them. Welcome back to the family!

As you would expect, the past year has been a challenging one from a fund raising side. We responded with aggressive control of costs, to levels even below our revised budget.

But much must be done. We look forward to replenishing our endowment, as well as increasing annual income to operate a growing Kips Bay to our standards. For this I welcome and ask for the continuing partnership of our financial family. I know that you will open your heart as you always have.

Thanks to your generous support, no child is turned away.

With best wishes and thanks to each of you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul H. Ross".

Paul H. Ross  
President of the Board of Trustees

# KIPS BAY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

## CELEBRATING 40 YEARS IN THE BRONX

by DANIEL QUINTERO  
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

October 24, 2009 was a special day in the 94-year history of Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club. We celebrated 40 years in the Bronx, at the Lucile Palmaro Clubhouse, where this great mission began in June 1969. I hope you enjoy these photos from that happy family event.

A word about the move from Manhattan to the Bronx is appropriate since it shows a nobility of purpose by the voluntary and professional leaders of that era. I salute those men and women on whose shoulders we stand today. They knew that New York's neediest youngsters weren't to be found near our clubhouse on East 52nd Street, and they acted.

And so Kips Bay Boys Club came to the Bronx, and a community grew up with it. I know. I was one of those boys. In fact, my mother had insisted on moving to Bolton Avenue (one block from the shiny new clubhouse) so that I could attend what we soon came to call "The Bay."

### Lucile Palmaro Clubhouse October 24, 2009



*Board President **Paul H. Ross**, center; and Executive Director, **Daniel Quintero**, behind Mr. Ross to the right, pose with alumni (l. to r.) **Joseph Alejandro**, **Deacon Jamie Bello**, **Eric Alvarado** and **Newville Roberts**. More than 300 alumni returned for the 40th Anniversary Celebration, many for the first time since their days as club members. Spirits soared and smiles were broad as alumni, parent volunteers, former staff and current staff reconnected at "The Bay."*

**Bobby Walters** and **George Lozada** are two alumni who came back on October 24, each for the first time since they were club members. How I remember them! That first summer/fall, in 1969, a basketball team was organized to compete in city-wide youth program competition. Our team became City champions. Bobby, now an attorney, and George, a businessman, were on that team.

They were older teens and I was a 10-year-old, looking up to these guys, who somehow knew to carry themselves in the clubhouse as role models. That first championship at this wonderful new club said to all of us: We can be the best. The men who work here will help us to be the best.

Over the years thousands of youngsters' lives have been enriched here. We officially became a Boys & Girls Club in 1988, although we welcomed girls as "guests" in the 70's, and as members starting in the 80's. The **Helen Hollerith Wing** was completed in 1983 to accommodate a growing girl membership, and became home, in the mid-1980's, to our nationally recognized performing arts program.

Kips Bay began to work in public schools in 1991, a commitment that we continue to maintain. In 1994, Trustee **Lucile Palmaro** left a magnificent bequest that greatly empowered our mission. In 1998, Kips Bay led the national Boys & Girls Club Movement into homeless shelters, establishing permanent year-round programming at 2 Bronx shelters.

We opened the **Frederic R. Coudert Sports Complex** in 2002, offering our youngsters the Bronx' only ice rink, and the opportunity to play winter baseball in the air-supported dome.

In 2005, we added two permanent sites at NYC Housing Authority community centers. **Camp Sebago**, an upstate rustic camp, came in 2006, affording the time-honored benefits of bucolic camping to new generations of Bronx youngsters.



*Veronica Vasquez, (above) shown performing at the 40th Anniversary event, was an original K-Company member who performed at four Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Conferences, including the Minneapolis conference where she was the special guest of Kips Bay alumnus and Trustee **Manny Villafana** who lives in Minnesota. Veronica attended SUNY New Paltz for two years before leaving to sign with Mercury Records and pursue a music career, which has netted her two Billboard #1 Hit Dance Charts recordings. A mom of two, including a 4-month-old, Veronica still gives 50 performances per year.*

*Veronica is married to actor/singer **Chris Jackson** who currently stars in the Broadway monster hit "In the Heights". Their son, 4 ½ year old Chris Gregory Jackson, has autism. Says Veronica: "You never really know how things will happen. You have to put your family first. I couldn't do 'In the Heights' because I attend to my son. But it is super rewarding and I wouldn't have it any other way."*



*Imani de Jesus, age 10, dances in Jr. K-Company, takes acting lessons with long-time Kips Bay drama coach, **Richie Ramirez**; and attends Ballet Hispanico on a dance scholarship. Here Imani is participating in an aerobics class in our dance studio, an activity we promote for health and obesity prevention.*



***Eddie Torres, Jr.** (left) joins dad, **Eddie Torres Sr.**, on our 40th Anniversary stage. The 40th Anniversary special honoree **Harold Maldonado** brought Torres Sr. to Kips Bay in 1992 to be our first Latin dance instructor, and to work with the nascent K-Company. K-Company member Eddie Jr. also studies at Ballet Hispanico on scholarship.*

As many of our friends will know, our most recent accomplishment is the Spring 2010 opening of our 10th service venue, the **Frederic R. & Margaret Coudert Clubhouse**. Our late Board President and his wife, for whom the clubhouse is named, made a gift of \$2,000,000. Honorary Trustees **Manny** and **Elizabeth Villafana** have made a \$500,000 gift to the ongoing named-gift campaign for the state-of-the-art facility, which results from the construction renovation of the long-abandoned *Hebrew Institute of University Heights* at 1835 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (formerly University Avenue).

We are delighted to be bringing the first Boys & Girls Club Clubhouse to the West Bronx Heights, a densely populated, congested and needy 1½ mile by ½ mile elevated strip bounded by Jerome Avenue, 161st Street, the Harlem River and Fordham Road.

The contiguous census tracts that comprise the immediate Clubhouse neighborhood (number's 243 and 245) reveal an average poverty rate of 40.75%, and 60% of children living in single parent homes. School District 9, where the project is located, has a 2004 cohort high school graduation rate of only 40% after 4 years.

Delivering Boys & Girls Club programming in the new Clubhouse is both a challenge--made more so by an economy still to fully recover--and a wonderful opportunity. The challenge is to take very finite resources and to offer quality activities, for girls and boys, ages 6 to 18, in 5 different core areas. The opportunity is to create a safe oasis for educational, physical and social development in the non-school hours for all school-age children.

We will offer such specific programming as academic tutoring, computer education, performing arts, college guidance, scholarship assistance, handicapped services, drug and alcohol abuse prevention, job exploration and placement, physical education, camping, and civic and leadership clubs, *et al.*

*(continued following DONOR LIST)*



**Russell Johnson**, (above) now 29, flashes the smile and enthusiasm that helped make him Youth of the Year in 1998. No youngster ever made better use of Kips Bay than Russell, who joined every activity he could and excelled in each. A Kips Bay scholarship helped Russell attend the prestigious Fordham Prep High School where he set the varsity football rushing record.

Then it was on to Temple University, aided by a \$25,000 Boys & Girls Club/Oprah Winfrey Scholarship. At Temple, Russell's campus job in security led him to police work. After graduation Russell joined the New Jersey State Police. Of course, he has excelled, winning the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award 2 years running for his work in preventing drunk driving. Expect to hear more from this young man.

# THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH

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*(CELEBRATING 40 YEARS IN THE BRONX continued)*

I have just hit a few highlights, as surely you suspect. There are hundreds of professional staff, voluntary leaders, parent volunteers, and donors of all kinds who make Kips Bay the elite institution it is. Thousands of our alumni are contributing to society, inspired in part by values that were reinforced here. I thank them all.

I ask you, the Kips Bay family, to consider a gift to our mission in 2010. It has been a difficult last year for fundraising -- as you might expect. We have made adjustments and tightened our belts -- trying always to minimize impact on services to more than 13,000 youngsters annually.

We have grown much. And we have made recent retrenchments. But what will never change -- and hasn't changed since the doors first opened in the Bronx 40 years ago -- is this: Every club member, every day, gets the best programs, services and guidance we can offer.

And that is what your gift will help us do.

Blessings to you and yours this Summer of 2010.



*(l. to r.) Senior Program Director **Harold Maldonado Jr.** with parents **Anna** and **Harold Maldonado Sr.** display Harold's special recognition for service. On opening day in 1969 Harold, then 16, helped legendary staff member **Lenny Cohen** bring in books for the library and was hired on the spot, the very first of hundreds of future club members who would also hold coveted "Junior Staff" positions.*

# AROUND THE LUCILE PALMARO CLUBHOUSE



Almost everyone is excited about basketball academy.



Alena, 8, and Ryleigh, 6, enjoy arts and crafts.



Issac Yearwood, 10, crushes the ball to left field...



...and scores his first home run for the Jr. Mustangs.



They are the Kips Bay Divas. Softball is their game.  
You better watch out!



Dextine Rivera, 12, is a member of the resurgent Makos.

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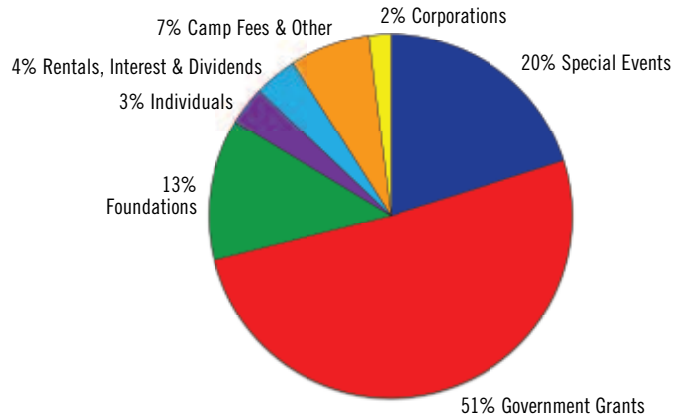
# SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

## REVENUE:

SPECIAL EVENTS:	\$1,349,007
GOVERNMENT GRANTS:	3,426,032
FOUNDATIONS:	845,747
INDIVIDUALS:	229,990
RENTALS, INTEREST, DIVIDENDS:	258,980
CAMP FEES AND OTHER SUPPORT:	478,720
CORPORATIONS:	132,341
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>6,720,817</b>

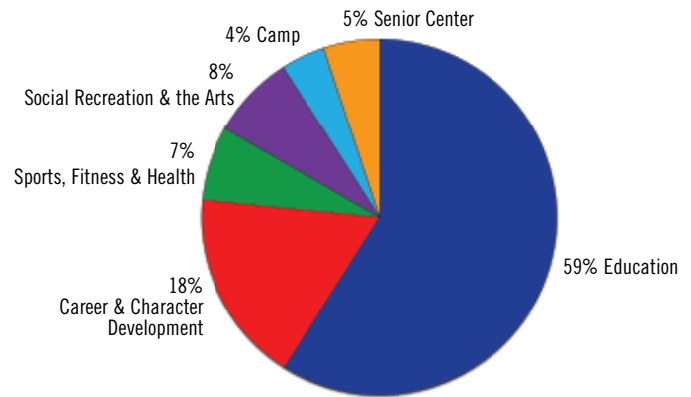
## INCOME SOURCES



## EXPENSES:

EDUCATION:	3,490,322
CAREER AND CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT:	1,042,564
SPORTS, FITNESS & HEALTH:	399,030
SOCIAL RECREATION & THE ARTS:	451,813
CAMP:	235,964
SENIOR CENTER:	301,115
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>5,920,808</b>

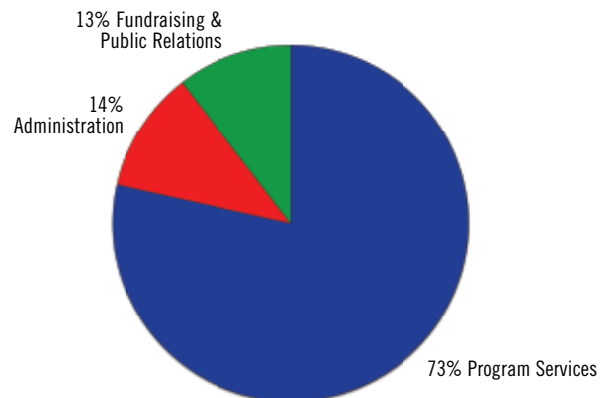
## PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES



## SUPPORTING SERVICES:

ADMINISTRATION:	1,152,166
FUNDRAISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:	1,086,612
<b>TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES:</b>	<b>2,238,778</b>

## EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION



**TOTAL EXPENSES:** \$ 8,159,586

ENDING NET ASSET BALANCE: \$ 31,551,583

The accounts of Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club Inc. for fiscal year 2009 have been examined by Loeb & Troper, L.L.P., Certified Public Accountants. Detailed figures are available upon request including figures on Investments and Capital Improvements. Annual operating deficits, if any, are addressed with transfers from endowment resources.

Debralee Nelson, Treasurer

## PLEASE CONSIDER A COUDERT CLUBHOUSE NAMED GIFT

In recent years Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club's investments have been significantly reduced by capital projects, operating expenditures designed to hold service retrenchments to the minimum level possible, and the decline in financial markets.

Your named gift in the Coudert Clubhouse builds endowment--helping to keep a growing Kips Bay open and available to 13,000 children -- a figure that will grow to 15,000 plus youngsters with the full utilization of the Coudert Clubhouse.



*(l. to r.) Elizabeth, Manuela, Elisa and Manny Villafana tour the new-clubhouse-in-progress with Dan Quintero and Owner Rep Chris McAninch in the fall of 2009.*

Above Honorary Trustees Manny & Elizabeth Villafana are shown on their visit to select a named gift at the Coudert Clubhouse. We thank them for their very generous gift to name the "Manny & Elizabeth Villafana Games Room."

## MANY NAMED-GIFT OPPORTUNITIES REMAIN

Won't you consider the opportunity to have your name or a family member's name permanently memorialized at the Coudert Clubhouse, where young lives will be molded and families assisted in the West Bronx for generations to come?

THANK YOU

EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR'S  
MESSAGE:  
BUILDING  
A  
DREAM



June 2005. That's me speaking at the ground breaking for the future clubhouse that would become the *Frederic R. & Margaret Coudert Clubhouse*. My friend from youth, then Bronx Borough President **Adolfo Carrion**, who launched the project with the first capital allocation as a City Councilman, is seated to my right.

Before it was transformed into a 21st Century youth-development facility, the building that became our new clubhouse was a landmark house of worship called the *Hebrew Institute of University Heights*. But for a generation it has been an abandoned hulk, steadily deteriorating, and blighting the West Bronx Heights main North-South thoroughfare, University Avenue.

Growing up in the Bronx in the 70's, I saw so much of the urban devastation that most of the nation first glimpsed during game 2 of the 1977 World Series. As a raging fire, not far from Yankee Stadium, filled the television screen, the inimitable Howard Cosell intoned: "Ladies and gentlemen, the Bronx is burning."

Those experiences and my years as a Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club member gave me a commitment: I would help build in my home borough - to the benefit of the children and hard-working adults who live here, making a better life, pursuing the American dream.

I got that opportunity in 1996 when I returned to Kips Bay. In the years since - with the full support of our remarkable voluntary leadership - we have grown from 5,559 annual members at 3 sites to more than 13,500 members at 10 service venues.

So a house of dreams opens in a community that has never had a Boys & Girls Club. I thank, once again, the donors and friends in the public sector who believe in our mission and support it with their dollars and deeds. You make the mission possible. To any and all who can help, I say: Welcome...join us...here you will make a difference...here we mold youth.

## INVEST WITH US

In Boys & Girls Clubs we often say that the most important thing that we, as administrators, must insure is that, every day, each child who walks through the door is met by an adult professional who cares.

For Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club this is an enormous responsibility, given that 2,200 youngsters walk through our doors every day ... more than 13,000 unduplicated Club members this year.

This is our promise to you when you invest your dollars and your time with Kips Bay: We will provide an environment, beginning with a talented and dedicated staff, that nourishes and guides every child and young adult.



*K-Company vocal stars, **Jocelyn Quiroz**, left, age 14, and **Christiana Brooks**, age 19 and a freshman at John Jay College, entertain at Kips Bay's celebration of 40 years in the Bronx on October 24, 2009.*

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