



KIPS BAY
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

MADE FOR MORE

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WE ARE **MADE FOR MORE**

In a world that too often gives less—less patience, less opportunity, less belief—Kips Bay chooses to give more. We believe every child is built for bigger dreams, deeper potential, and brighter futures.

And we're here to make sure they have the space, the support, and the love to discover all of it.

More moments of joy. More voices being heard. More chances to play, to create, to grow.

More art to express what words can't. More sports to learn teamwork and confidence. More support to navigate the hard stuff in life.

Kids deserve more than what the world typically gives them. It means showing up with open arms, open ears, and open hearts. It means giving them the tools, the trust, and the time to become who they're meant to be.





Dear Kips Bay Friends,

2024 was a year of challenges. We embarked on an expansion project that limited space and came with an array of inconveniences. Throughout that time, however, we didn't skip a beat. As you will see from the following pages, we surpassed our circumstances and delivered on another great year.

As we always teach our members, resilience is key! We are creative, we stay committed and we move forward. We are Made for More!

We overcame the digital divide with partners T-Mobile and Actor Common whose collaborative efforts allowed Club members access to free Wi-Fi and equipment to utilize it. It leveled the playing field for disadvantaged youngsters whose households struggle to afford the cost of technology and connectivity.

These exemplary alumni were Made for More! Please meet alumnus Engel Silvestri. In 2015, he was an 11-year-old boy entering the Coudert Clubhouse with an interest in the baseball program. Now he is signed by the Major League Colorado Rockies baseball franchise. Alumnus Brandon Stores, Jr. received a full basketball scholarship from Georgia Tech. He participated in the basketball program at the Throggs Neck Unit where he honed his skills.

Our longstanding partnership with the New York Yankees is greater than ever. They have supported Kips Bay continuously and always seem to raise the bar.

Dedicated staff are the cornerstone of our organization. We've highlighted two exceptional staff members who are unique in their approach but extremely effective in their outcomes.

We remember and revere a trustee who has passed and honored and celebrate one who has embraced our mission in both advocacy and action.

There are many more notable highlights to enjoy demonstrating we are Made for More! We carry out our mission at 10 locations throughout the Bronx serving 11,000 youngsters with programs in 5 critical areas that cover the Arts; Sports, Fitness and Recreation; Character and Leadership Development; Education and Career Development and Emotional Health. Programs that help nurture our youth to reach their potential.

Thank you for your continued generosity. It supports us in providing a safe space where our members can thrive. We are forever grateful.

Sincerely,

Daniel Quintero
Executive Director
Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club

James P. Druckman
President and CEO
New York Design Center

President
Board of Trustees
Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club



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MORE PROGRAMS MORE PATHWAYS

At Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club, we believe that when kids are exposed to more, they become more. That's why we provide such a wide range of programs.

Arts. Athletics. STEM. College Prep. Dance. Digital Media. Leadership. Wellness. The list just keeps going.

Because when kids have more opportunities, they discover more of who they're meant to be.



94%
OF CLUB MEMBERS
SAY THEY ENJOY
COMING TO
THE CLUB



Arts

- The Arts 101
- Digital Arts
- Podcasting
- Videography
- Photography
- Pottery
- Visual Arts
- Kips Bay Performing Arts Program
- Drama
- Dance and Disciplines
- K-Company and Jr. K. Traveling Dance Company

Sports, Fitness, and Recreation

- Aquatics: Varsity Swim Team
- Learn to Swim Classes
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Flag Football
- Ice Hockey
- Soccer
- Ice Rink Activities
- Figure Skating
- Family Skate

Character and Leadership Development

- Torch Club
- Keystone: The Premier Teen Club
- Passport to Manhood
- Youth of the Year
- Leadership Development Club
- Chess Club
- Junior Leaders Club

Education and Career Development

- Book Club (Intermediates)
- Diplomas2Degrees
- College Readiness for Teens
- DIY STEM
- Power Hour: Homework Help
- Financial Literacy
- Kips Bay Scholars Program
- UPS Rode Code
- Computer Literacy
- Summer Youth Employment Program

Emotional Health

- Brent's Club
- Culinary Arts
- Healthy Habits
- Smart Girls
- Smart Moves
- SONYC: Youth Development for Middle Schoolers
- Social Emotional Support Programs



“OUR PROGRAMS HELP OUR MEMBERS BEKB BY HELPING TO UNCOVER, NURTURE, AND GROW THEIR POTENTIAL.”

—DANIEL QUINTERO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KIPS BAY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

THE ONES WHO



THERE AREN'T ENOUGH “THANK YOUS” IN THE WORLD FOR YASMIN BROWN

For nearly a decade, she's been the steady force behind so much of what makes Kips Bay run.

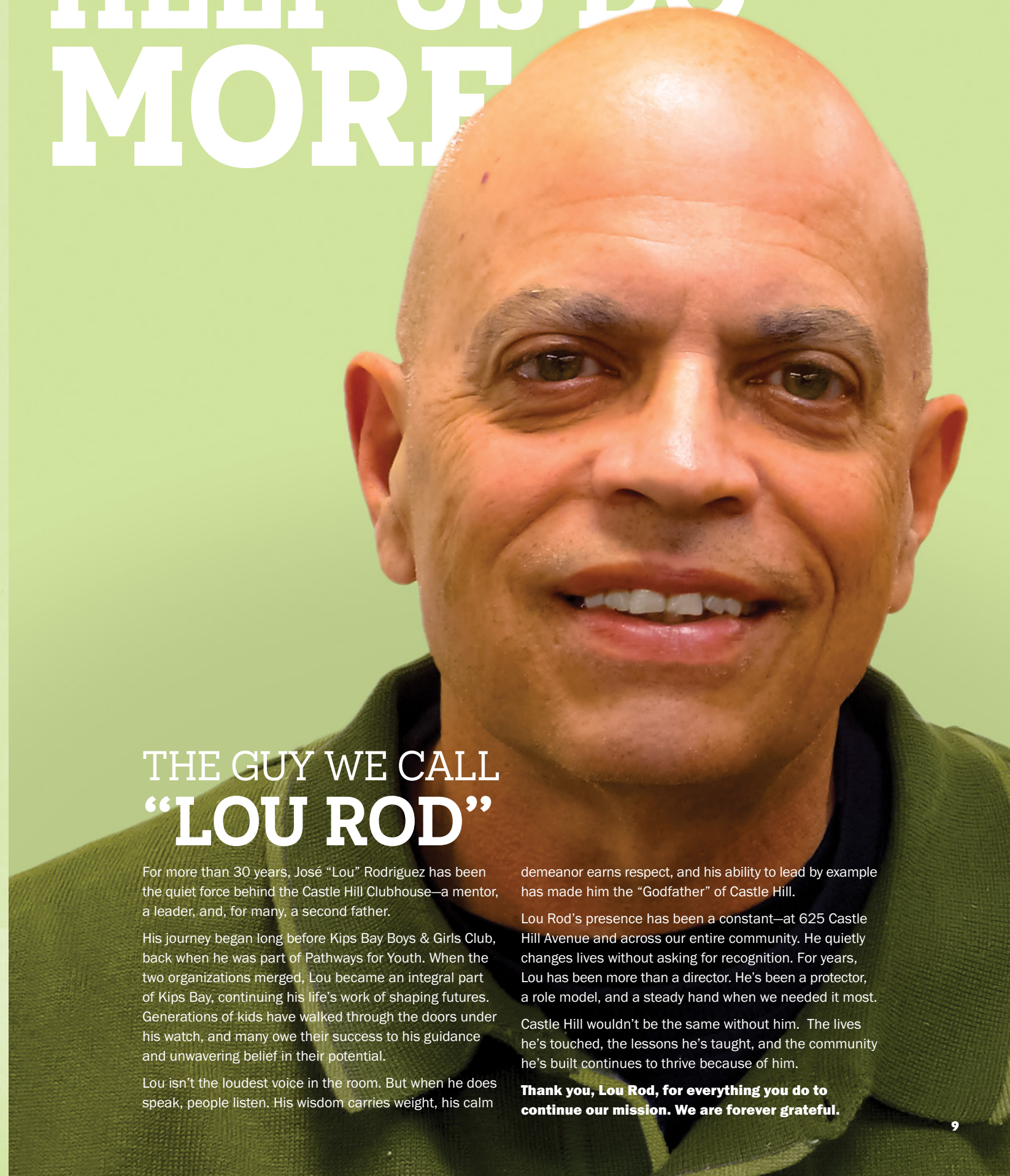
Yasmin started her journey at Kips Bay as the Education Director at our main Clubhouse, setting the stage for the countless young minds that passed through our doors. Today, as the Director of Contracted Services, Yasmin ensures that every “I” is dotted and every “T” is crossed—whether it's working with the Department of Health, the Department of Education, the FDNY, or any of the many regulatory bodies that intersect with our work. She also handles onboarding, ensuring that every new team member understands the culture and responsibility that comes with being part of Kips Bay.

But to know Yasmin is to know that her strength extends far beyond paperwork and policies. She is a leader. A mentor. A force. One whose presence commands respect—not because she asks for it, but because she earns it through her dedication and hard work.

Kips Bay would not be the same without Yasmin Brown. She is a true example of leadership in action, and we are beyond grateful for the impact she continues to make.



HELP US DO MORE



THE GUY WE CALL “LOU ROD”

For more than 30 years, José “Lou” Rodríguez has been the quiet force behind the Castle Hill Clubhouse—a mentor, a leader, and, for many, a second father.

His journey began long before Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club, back when he was part of Pathways for Youth. When the two organizations merged, Lou became an integral part of Kips Bay, continuing his life's work of shaping futures. Generations of kids have walked through the doors under his watch, and many owe their success to his guidance and unwavering belief in their potential.

Lou isn't the loudest voice in the room. But when he does speak, people listen. His wisdom carries weight, his calm

demeanor earns respect, and his ability to lead by example has made him the “Godfather” of Castle Hill.

Lou Rod's presence has been a constant—at 625 Castle Hill Avenue and across our entire community. He quietly changes lives without asking for recognition. For years, Lou has been more than a director. He's been a protector, a role model, and a steady hand when we needed it most.

Castle Hill wouldn't be the same without him. The lives he's touched, the lessons he's taught, and the community he's built continues to thrive because of him.

Thank you, Lou Rod, for everything you do to continue our mission. We are forever grateful.

A COMMON CAUSE



Imagine a world without instant access to information. No Google. No Wi-Fi. No easily available devices and services to complete homework or research a school project. For many New York City students, this is their daily reality.

Recognizing this digital divide, T-Mobile launched Project 10 Million in 2020, a bold initiative aimed at connecting 10 million eligible K-12 students across the country with free internet, mobile hotspots, and access to low-cost devices. So far, the program has provided more than \$6 billion in products and services, connecting six million students.

In September 2024, this commitment was on full display at Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club Lucile Palmaro Clubhouse, where more than 200 kids gathered for an exciting announcement. T-Mobile's Vice President of Social Impact and Sustainability, Brigitta Witt, took the stage and shared that each child's household would be gifted 200GB of free internet—approximately 650 hours of connectivity. The room erupted in cheers, but the surprises didn't stop there. To help spread the message, T-Mobile enlisted Grammy-winning artist, actor, and activist, Common.

As Common entered the gym, the energy was electric. The teenage dance group K-Company welcomed him with a choreographed routine to his song, "Imagine," setting the stage for an unforgettable visit.

"How many of you know that you're valued?" he asked the crowd. When not every hand went up, he leaned in.

"Wi-Fi is something that we all use. We all need access to information, to do our work, to connect. And when I ask if you know you're valued, it's because you deserve access."

According to a NYC Council report, nearly 25% of households in the city lack a high-speed internet subscription. In some community districts—many in the Bronx—that number leaps to 40%. The digital divide isn't just an inconvenience. It's a concrete barrier to education and opportunity.

But beyond access, Common delivered something equally important: inspiration. He wowed the crowd with an impromptu freestyle, feeding off the energy of the kids as they stomped and cheered along. He also took time to stress the importance of good role models, sharing how his mother, an educator, played a pivotal role in shaping his life.

The Kips Bay team works tirelessly to identify and forge relationships like the one with Project 10 Million. These corporate engagements provide unprecedented opportunities for our young members—in this case, critical access that connects, educates, and empowers.



RAPPER AND ACTIVIST HELPS BRIDGE DIGITAL DIVIDE

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OF CLUB MEMBERS
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TREAT EACH OTHER





PINSTripES + PURPOSE



The Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club has built a remarkable team-up with the New York Yankees, one rooted in generosity, celebration, and unforgettable opportunities for its members.

Each year, the Yankees provide a foundation grant. They also provide Kips Bay with a luxury suite at Yankee Stadium. But this hot ticket is about more than just an evening of baseball. This invaluable gift serves as the underpinning for one of the organization's key fundraising efforts. It's an opportunity to rally support and raise crucial revenue that helps sustain the Club's programs.

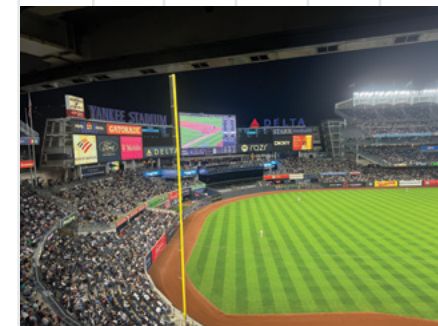
Winter Wonderland is yet another way the Yankees give back, by providing a magical seasonal celebration. Each Kips Bay member receives a ticket to Yankee Stadium, where they get to explore the ballpark and soak in the festive atmosphere. It's a moment of pure joy and gratitude, a reminder that the spirit of the season is alive and well in the Bronx.

The Yankees don't stop there. The team is always dreaming new ways to provide even more. Kips Bay members were granted with a once-in-a-lifetime experience on the field. This year, during the home games of the championship series, two young members had the honor of delivering the game ball to home plate. The lucky kids took center stage, walking onto the hallowed ground of Yankee Stadium to cameras flashing. With thousands of eyes watching, they carried the ball to the mound, handing it off to the designated individual who throws the first-pitch.

Whether it's a holiday celebration, an unforgettable night at the ballpark, or a moment in the spotlight before a game, the Yankees continue to show up for Kips Bay, knocking it out of the park every time.

“OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE YANKEES HAS BEEN INVALUABLE TO THE CLUB AND IT'S MEMBERS. WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THEY'VE DONE OVER THE YEARS.”

– DAN QUINTERO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KIPS BAY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



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STAFF AND PEERS



CARDINAL MCCLOSKEY SCHOOL

Afterschool programs to enhance members' academic, social and emotional learning.

FREDERIC R. & MARGARET COUDERT CLUBHOUSE

This 28,000 square foot facility, has a sports complex, performing arts hall, Digital Arts Center, and Culinary Learning Center.

HELP MORRIS

HELP CROTONA

Academic, social, and creative programs and services help children develop a sense of stability and self-worth and focus on their education. Located in homeless shelters run by HELP USA.



With 10 locations across the Bronx, including a new location, we bring opportunity closer to the communities that need it most.

From school-based programs and community centers to shelters and two flagship Clubhouses, every space is designed to spark growth, learning, and connection.

Every neighborhood deserves more. And every child is **MADE FOR MORE.**



LUCILE PALMARO CLUBHOUSE

The flagship Clubhouse. Approximately 57% of Kips Bay kids are enrolled here.

P.S. 138

A City Comprehensive After School System of NYC (COMPASS) program offering academic, athletic, and arts programs.

CASTLE HILL COMMUNITY CENTER

Leadership, academic, physical fitness, and social programs for teens, along with Senior Citizens services.

P.S. 304 AND M.S. 101

After-school programs to develop and enhance academic and social skills.

THROGGS NECK COMMUNITY CENTER

A City Comprehensive After School System of NYC (COMPASS) program, located in New York City public housing. Academic, social, and creative programs are provided year-round.

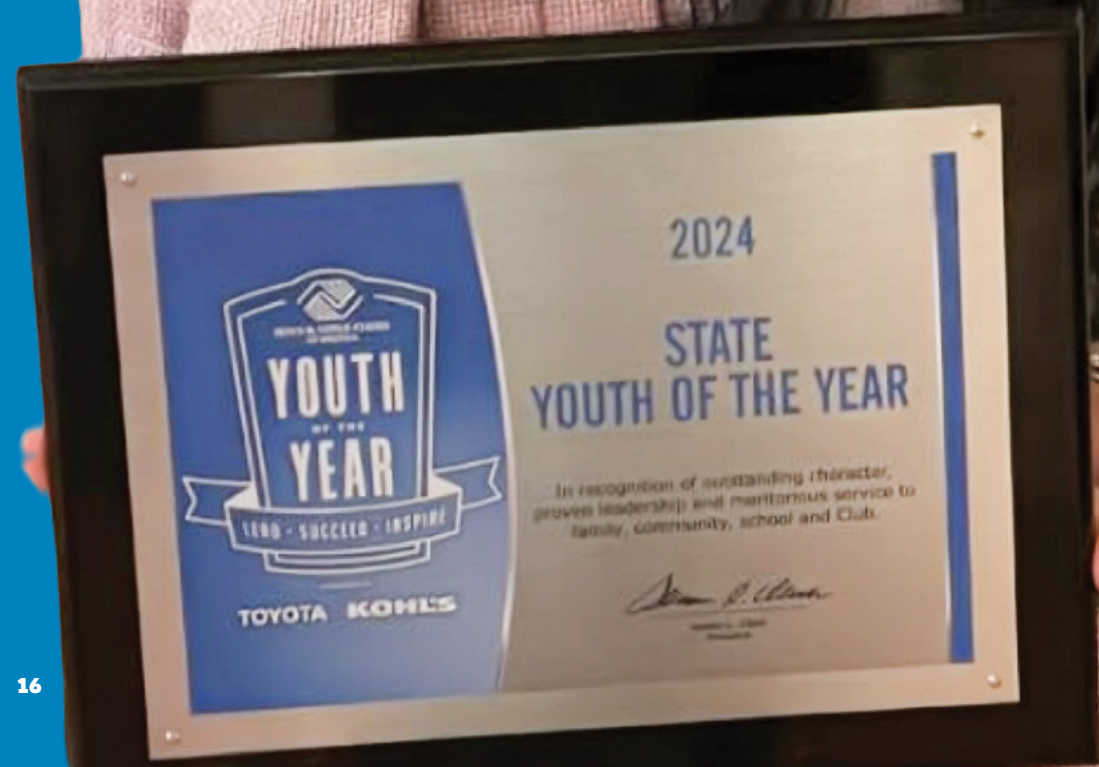
EQUALITY CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club has launched a new program at Equality Charter Elementary School in District 11, serving over 80 underserved Kindergarten and 1st-grade students.

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SAY THEIR IDEAS
COUNT AT THE CLUB

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—KENYA D., KIPS BAY STATE YOUTH OF THE YEAR



TAKE A BOW KENYA D.

OUR KIPS BAY STATE YOUTH OF THE YEAR

For Kenya Davis, dance isn't just movement. It's a lifeline and language, her unique way of releasing what words can't say. And just like the moment before stepping onto the stage, her journey began in uncertainty, then transformed into resilience and, ultimately, triumph.

Kenya Davis embodies the spirit of resilience, leadership, and passion that defines the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club. Born in Antigua and raised in the Bronx's Castle Hill neighborhood, Kenya grew up surrounded by violence, substance abuse, and loss. But she found solace at Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club, becoming a member at seven years old. It became her village, teaching her social skills, keeping her off the streets, and providing a sense of stability when her heart ached the most.

Her gratitude for Kips Bay deepened after an unimaginable loss.

On September 29, 2022, Kenya's oldest brother died by suicide. In those darkest moments, Kenya leaned into Kips Bay more than ever, pouring herself into dance with the Castle Hill Evolution team. That's when what had once been a pastime became her lifeline. Every movement provided some temporary relief from the weight of her loss. And she just kept dancing.

Finding her rhythm as a mentor and leader.

The younger dancers who joined the team often came from similar backgrounds—each with their own struggles. Over time, Kenya realized she wasn't just healing herself. By sharing her knowledge and skills, she was helping them heal, too. She became a mentor, a source of hope for those looking for guidance, the kind of support she'd once needed. She saw the reflection of her younger self in their eyes—the same need for inspiration, the same desire for belonging. And this is where Kenya truly shined, stepping up as the ultimate role model.

Kenya's journey at Kips Bay was a total transformation.

Programs like Smart Girls taught her self-worth. Brent's Club provided support and education in the wake of her family's battles with addiction. Today, she's an employee at Kips Bay, managing three different dance teams. She has also found her voice, showcasing her public speaking skills in city-wide competitions. "My experiences have taught me that no matter our background or circumstances, we all have the power to overcome adversity and make a difference in the lives of others," Kenya says. "By embracing our role as leaders, we can create a future where every individual is empowered to reach their full potential."

CONGRATULATIONS, KENYA. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT IMPACT YOU CHOREOGRAPH NEXT.



FROM THE BRONX TO THE BIG LEAGUES

THE STORY OF ENGEL SILVESTRI

In 2015, an 11-year-old boy walked into the Coudert Clubhouse at the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club for the first time. He had only been in the country for a few years. He spoke no English. Yet his excitement was undeniable. His smile stretched ear to ear as he took in his new surroundings.

Staff members welcomed him, gave him a tour, and quickly noticed something special. When Engel picked up a baseball glove, there was a spark. Even at 11, his arm was electric—throwing pitches with a speed and precision well beyond his years.

He was invited to join the baseball team and soon, Engel became more than just a player. He was an everyday presence at the Coudert Clubhouse—doing homework, playing billiards, and showing up for every practice. He pitched the Kips Bay team to multiple championships, anchored first base, and proved time and again that he was destined for something great.

Then COVID hit.

Engel's journey took a curve. He and his family moved to the Dominican Republic and, for a while, we lost touch. Until we got the news. Engel Silvestri had been signed by the Colorado Rockies. The kid with the big smile and the golden arm had made it to the majors.

Last year, Engel walked back through our doors—not as a member, but as an alumnus. He celebrated with us, wearing a custom Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club jersey, and the grown-up Engel toured the place that had been his second home.

Dreams don't start in stadiums. They start in places like Kips Bay.

Engel's journey from the Bronx to the big leagues is proof that the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club is more than just an after-school program. It's a place where kids discover their potential, where dreams take shape, and where a single opportunity—like joining a baseball team—can change a life forever.



THE BALLER FROM THE BRONX



Brandon Stores, Jr. wasn't always a basketball superstar. In fact, when he first started playing the game at Kips Bay, Brandon was just a regular kid attending summer camp at the Kips Bay Throggs Neck Community Center. He wasn't the tallest, the fastest, or the most skilled. In fact, during one of his very first basketball practices, Brandon got laughed at by other kids. The coach made them run laps, reminding them they were once beginners, too. But what stood out that day wasn't the coach's discipline. It was Brandon's response.

He didn't cry. He didn't complain. He didn't even flinch. He just said, "I'm going to get better."

Brandon's father, a longtime Kips Bay member himself, saw it happening. He watched his son not only fall in love with the game, but with the grind. By the time he left St. Raymond High School for Boys, Brandon had become its all-time leading scorer. After leading his team to the

2024 CHSAA Archdiocesan Championship, Brandon considered Division I offers from Rutgers, George Mason, Syracuse, Washington and Xavier, ultimately choosing Georgia Tech.

But what makes Brandon special isn't just what he does on the court. It's who he is when he isn't dribbling or shooting threes. He returns to his old neighborhood every year to host back-to-school drives. He talks to kids from the same blocks he grew up on, letting them know that someone just like them made it—and that they can, too. "He's just an all-around good kid," says his dad.

Brandon's story is proof that greatness doesn't start with a trophy. It starts with a safe place to grow, people who believe in you, and the courage to keep working.

He may be chasing the NBA. But no matter how far Brandon goes, his roots – and his heart – are forever at Kips Bay.



KIPS BAY HOCKEY PLAYERS EXPERIENCE THE WORLD BEYOND THE RINK

One of the most unique programs at Kips Bay is the hockey program, made possible by an exciting partnership with the New York Rangers. For a remarkably affordable price, Club members are issued full ice hockey gear, and receive expert lessons, including top-tier drills from the Junior Ranger staff. This collaboration has been a game-changer for many of the kids in the Bronx, providing them with not only the skills they need to succeed in the sport but also a sense of belonging and achievement.

One of the most enriching experiences for the Kips Bay hockey team came last year when the Rangers offered an incredible opportunity—a trip to Saskatchewan, Canada, to visit the Big River First Nation. The Club selected a group of eight members, accompanied by their parents, for the full-ride journey to this remote Native American community.

Over the course of four days, the Kips Bay team participated in a wide array of activities, including fishing, playing ice hockey, and camping. It was eye-opening for members to immerse themselves in a different culture, learning about the traditions and perspectives of the Big River community.

For the Kips Bay parents, the memories of this trip remain vivid, with many of them still talking about the powerful experience they shared with their children.

The trip was so intensely rewarding, we wanted to return the favor. So, the Big River First Nation's youth will be visiting Kips Bay. Through this exchange, both the Kips Bay and Big River communities are sharing much more than just a love of hockey. They're sharing a deeper understanding of each other's worlds and stories.



CAPTURING POTENTIAL

GIVING OUR KIDS A
PICTURE-PERFECT
OPPORTUNITY.



There's something powerful about seeing yourself through a new lens, both literally and figuratively. When we step outside our usual perspective, we begin to discover potential we didn't know was there. For the 12 participants in SONYC's photography program, "Focus & Frame," that new lens was the camera.

For seven weeks, members learned the craft of photography, from capturing candid moments around their Clubhouse to experimenting with nature shots outdoors. With cameras in hand, they didn't only discover the technical aspects of the art form, but also a new way of seeing the world.

A real highlight of the program came during a trip to LeVue Studios in Manhattan, where the aspiring photographers had the chance to apply their newfound skills in a professional setting. In a professional studio, surrounded by lights and high-quality cameras, members saw their images raised to new levels of expertise. For many, what began as a hobby on their phones transformed into an eye-opening experience about the potential of photography as a career.

The journey culminated in a gallery wall at the Kids Camera Club within the Clubhouse, where each participant's work was proudly displayed: blown-up images of their own creation. It was a tangible reminder of what can happen when we look at the world—and ourselves—through a new lens.



91%
OF CLUB MEMBERS
SAY THEY GET TO
EXPLORE NEW
THINGS AT THE CLUB

“I’VE ALWAYS LOVED TAKING PICTURES, THIS NEW PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY EXPLORE MY PASSION.”

—JENNY M., KIPS BAY PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM MEMBER



COMMEMORATING A LIFE

H. BARRY ROBINS

On behalf of the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club, the Board of Trustees, and the over 11,000 Club members we serve, we commemorate the life of Honorary Trustee H. Barry Robins and his contributions to the betterment of this organization.

Barry joined the Kips Bay Board of Trustees in April of 2006. Of course, he could always be counted on to fulfill his board commitment, but he also took an interest in the youth we served.

Early in his tenure, and thereafter, he conducted clinics for our ice hockey program and coached them frequently. He enjoyed his time with them inasmuch as he gave them. He was also generous in supporting the continuity of the program.

He served on various committees of the board and was particularly invested in the success of the annual Kips Bay Golf Classic, often engaging many of his colleagues to support the event, as well as the Evening at Yankee Stadium event where he sponsored every year and often bid on auction items himself to further our cause.

In most recent years, prior to becoming an Honorary Trustee, he invested in the Kips Bay Centennial Campaign which marked our 100th year in existence and laid out plans for our future—plans he generously supported.

The entire Kips Bay community is better for having known Barry and having benefited from his dedication to our mission.

In honor of his memory we thank him, his wife Jane, and sons Brian and David. We appreciate all Barry has done for Kips Bay and the fond memories we have created. He will be missed.

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– DAN QUINTERO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KIPS BAY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

EVERYTHING'S BIGGER IN TEXAS

From the glitzy venue in the style of a grand residence, to the record-breaking amount of money raised, this year's President's Dinner, and Kips Bay Decorator Show House Dallas, proved that everything is bigger in Texas. Guests gathered under the stars for an evening of philanthropy and celebration honoring both the spirit of giving and our extraordinary kids.

Held at the prestigious Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek, the President's Dinner brought together design professionals, philanthropists, and community leaders to support our ongoing work. The event raised an astounding \$1.4 million to fund our programs—funds that will provide essential education, mentorship, and personal development opportunities.

The exquisite tented setting at the Rosewood Mansion dazzled guests, while heartfelt speeches and meaningful connections highlighted the power of community support, underscoring the importance of such partnerships in achieving our mission. One of the evening's most memorable moments came with the recognition of Cosentino Group for its significant contributions to the Club. Eduardo Cosentino, CEO of Cosentino Americas, accepted the award on behalf of the company.

In addition to the celebration of philanthropy, we showcased the Kips Bay Decorator Show House Dallas. Interior designers collaborated to create breathtaking spaces, demonstrating how the worlds of creativity and philanthropy can come together to make a meaningful difference.

"Each of the twenty-five designers were hand selected for their distinctive flair and creativity" said Daniel Quintero, the Executive Director of the Kips Bay Boys

& Girls Club. "We are pleased to be back in Dallas for our fifth year, and we are excited to welcome the local community and design aficionados from around the world to experience the Show House and contribute to such an important cause."

The Kips Bay Decorator Show House Dallas also benefitted two local Dallas charities: Dwell with Dignity, a nonprofit agency dedicated to creating soothing, inspiring homes for families struggling with homelessness and poverty, and The Crystal Charity Ball, another Dallas-based organization whose mission is to aid, support and make contributions to children's charities in Dallas County.



“ EACH OF THE TWENTY-FIVE DESIGNERS WERE HAND SELECTED FOR THEIR DISTINCTIVE FLAIR AND CREATIVITY, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO UNVEILING THEIR CREATIONS AT THIS YEAR'S ICONIC DALLAS LOCATION. ”

– DAN QUINTERO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KIPS BAY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



DESIGNING A BRIGHTER

Great design is more than just a matter of aesthetics. It can transform how we feel... how we learn, even how we grow. Few understand this better than Ellie Cullman, a creative visionary whose design expertise has left an indelible mark on the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club.

For years, Ellie has dedicated her talent, resources, and unwavering support to Kips Bay. As a longtime contributor to the Kips Bay Decorator Show House, she played a pivotal role in raising funds to fuel our mission, ensuring that thousands of young people have access to opportunities that shape their futures. More, her generosity extends beyond fundraising. She has personally helped reimagine and elevate the environments where our kids learn, create, and dream.

Her influence can be seen in the culinary learning center, where vibrant, welcoming design meets hands-on education. Her contribution efforts ensure the space is more than just a kitchen. It's a hub of learning. A place where hundreds of young people each week discover the art of cooking, the importance of nutrition, and the confidence that comes from mastering a skill. She has also been deeply involved with our ongoing expansion project at the Lucile Palmaro Clubhouse, ensuring that every detail of this renovation fosters growth, creativity, and emotional well-being.

When a child walks into a space that is thoughtfully designed, it signals that they are valued, that their presence matters. Ellie infuses this belief into every project she touches, recognizing that the environment around us can lift the spirit just as much as it serves a function.

Beyond her design contributions, Ellie is a constant advocate for the kids and community—always ready to assist, whether through fundraising, providing her talent and skills, or championing our programs. She uses her platform, her resources, and her vision to create something greater than just beautiful spaces. She creates possibilities.

Ellie Cullman's legacy at Kips Bay is not just on the walls she's helped transform or rooms she's reimaged. It's in the thousands of kids who now walk into a space that makes them feel seen, represented, and empowered—and feel at home.

Thank you, Ellie, not only for your eye for design, but your heart for our mission.

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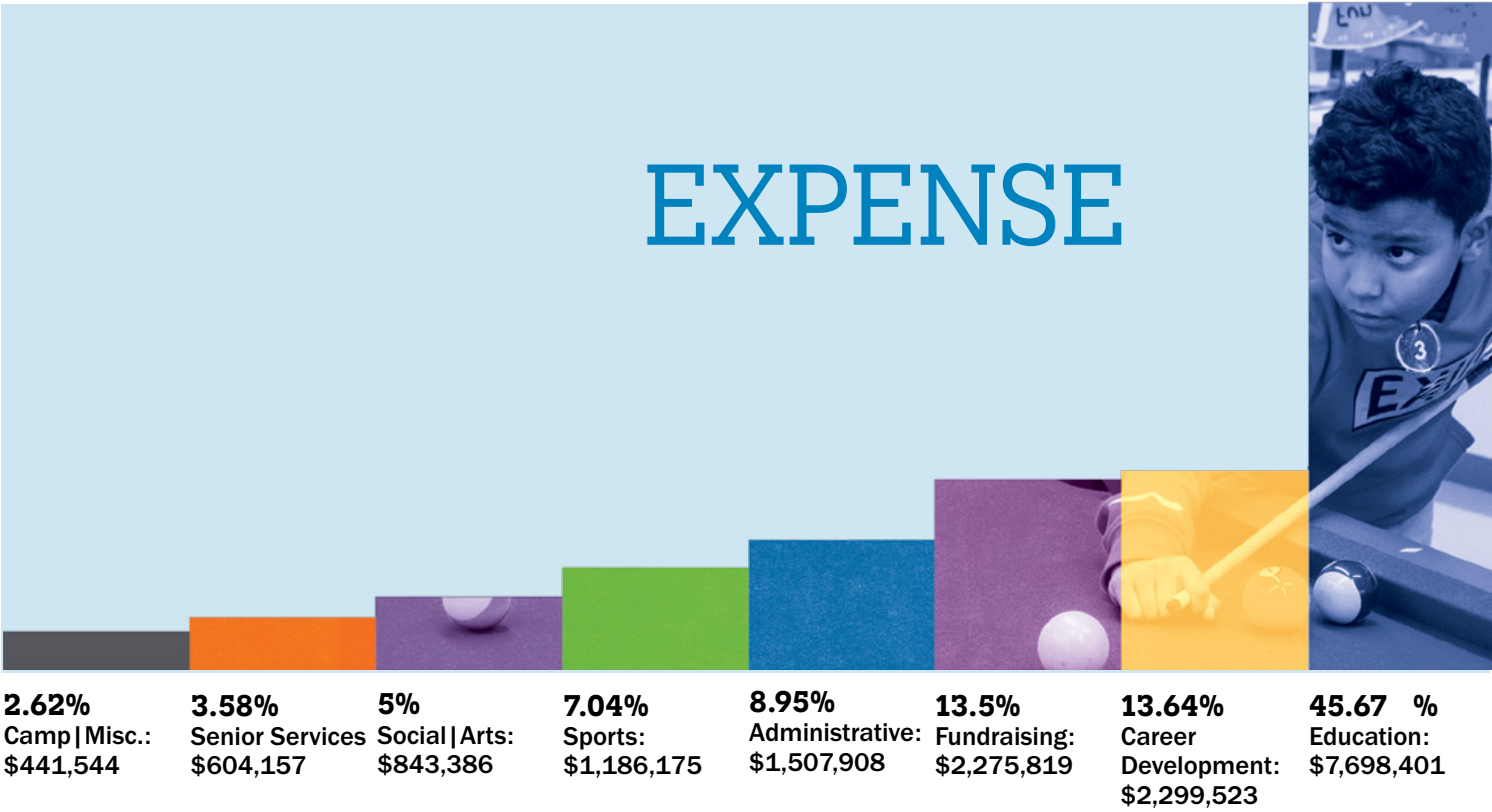
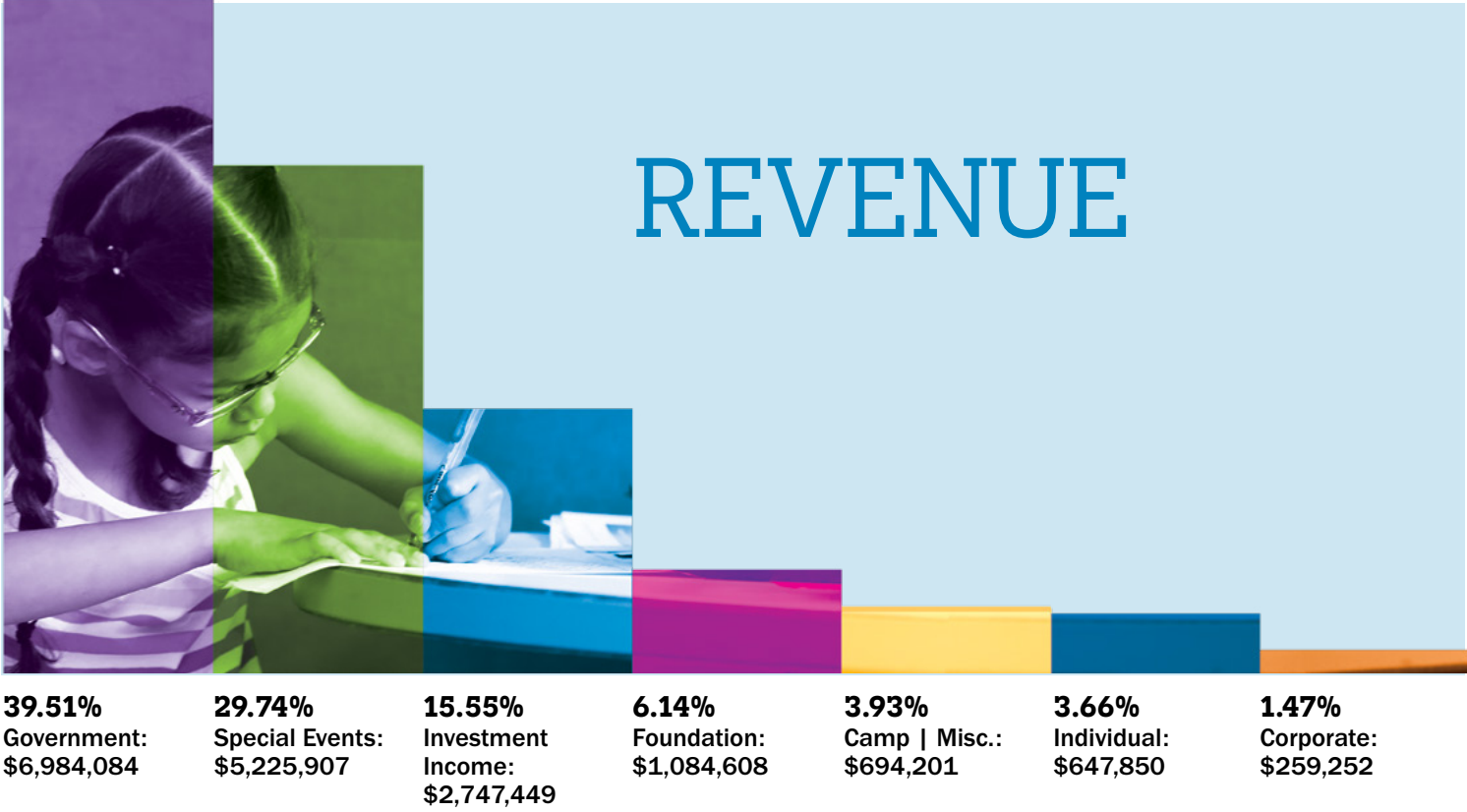


FUTURE

**HONORING
ELLIE CULLMAN,
LIFETIME
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD RECIPIENT**



2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY



The accounts of Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club, Inc. for fiscal year 2024 have been audited by Forvis Nazars, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. Audited financial statements are available upon request, including figures on investments and capital improvements. Annual operating deficits, if any, are addressed with transfers from Kips Bay reserve funds.

HELP MAKE US MORE

Kips Bay serves over 11,000 kids and teens across the Bronx every year, giving them the tools, support, and confidence to thrive. And your gift helps us do more.

Donations are the reason we can add programs, create new locations, and ultimately serve more kids.

Learn more about how you can make a difference at kipsbay.org — click “Ways to Give.”

Restricted Gifts

Donate to one or more specific Club programs or capital projects. Donate to Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club Reserve Fund.

Pledges

Make a commitment to donate a specific amount, which can be paid over a period of three to five years.

In Kind

Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club welcomes a range of non-monetary gifts, including professional services, equipment, and other tangible items.

Personal Property

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