



Community Notes

Summer 2026

Pacific Street Development Opens its Doors!

This spring, we opened the doors to our newest supportive housing development, 2425 Pacific Street. Located in East New York, the building offers 236 units of permanent supportive and affordable housing, with priority given to mothers and children exiting the shelter system. Former Arbor Inn family shelter director Zakia Pendarvis and former assistant director of Navy Green supportive housing Tamika Harris serve as Director and Deputy Director, respectively.

2425 Pacific Street has many amenities for residents, including a large community room, playgrounds for older and younger children, a community garden, barbeque space, a children's reading and activity room, indoor gym, bike storage, laundry facilities, and more.

Thank you to our partners Alembic Community Development and Love Fellowship Tabernacle, along with Mega Contracting, for their collaboration on this impactful project.





A message from Chief Executive Officer Jeff Nemetsky

Dear friends,

The Knicks' thrilling teamwork this spring reminded us that when we support each other and come together with shared purpose, anything is possible. At BCHS, that same spirit has helped more than 25,000 children and adults achieve healing and independence since 1978.

Our flagship Brooklyn Gardens location—now listed on the National Register of Historic Places—has been a model of innovation since its earliest days, evolving from one of the nation's first subsidized affordable housing developments in 1929 to one of the country's pioneering supportive housing sites serving multiple populations under one roof.

This year, we're building on that legacy. This spring, the first residents moved into our new Pacific Street site in East New York. After years of development, we are excited to welcome 142 families and individuals who had been homeless as they move from crisis to community.

Continuing to expand our impact, construction of the Brownsville Arts Center & Apartments (BACA) is under way and work has begun at Kingsbrook Estates. BCHS is stepping forward to meet the urgent and growing need we see in our city and borough.

Some of our programs have been helping people for decades, others are brand new. But everything we do is in service of one goal—ending homelessness in Brooklyn. Our work is only possible because of an amazingly talented staff, a compassionate and dedicated Board, and truly, the extraordinary goodwill, generosity, and support of friends like you.

Together, we will continue the fight to end homelessness once and for all!

With appreciation,

Jeff Nemetsky
Chief Executive Officer

Pathways to Home

Hundreds of supporters gathered at the Brooklyn Museum for our annual Pathways to Home Gala on Wednesday, May 20 to celebrate the strides BCHS has made towards ending homelessness and providing stability to Brooklynites.

This year, we shed light on newly opened Pacific Street development. Guests viewed a brief video presentation, followed by remarks from Chief Program Officer Wendy Junious, Program Director Zakia Pendarvis, and Deputy Program Director Tamika Harris who shared the stories of some of Pacific Street's first tenants.



Richard Greenspan, current Chairperson and longtime board member was awarded the 2026 Builder of Hope Community Leadership Award for his dedication to our mission of ending homelessness in Brooklyn.

The event featured artwork by seven BCHS residents, music by DJ Rumor, a special performance by New York State Poet Laureate Kayden Hern, and live artwork by muralist Alice Mizrachi.

Thank you to our sponsors, vendors, and BCHS team members who made this an inspiring evening!



What's New at BCHS?

Celebrating Summertime



Summertime at BCHS is always filled with fun, laughs, and celebration! We kicked off the summer with our annual Memorial Day barbeque in the Brooklyn Gardens courtyard. Residents and staff from across our programs gathered for a sunny afternoon of delicious grilled up hot dogs and burgers made by Chef Leonard. Longtime veteran's group member Fred Turbee shared the origins of the day and led a special commemoration honoring Black service members who lost their lives while serving in the United States military.

At 2425 Pacific Street, our activities team hosted their first building-wide event to honor Juneteenth. Residents enjoyed a catered lunch in the community room as they got to know their neighbors.

For Father's Day, Pamper Me Quick, a mobile hairdresser and barber, visited Brooklyn Gardens. Residents across all programs were able to get their hair cut and styled to their liking. Thank you to the incredible Pamper Me Quick team for not only donating an additional hour of their time, but for making our residents feel comfortable and confident in their new looks!



Summer Splash

Summertime is best spent with fun and sun! A group of residents in our transitional housing and Scattered Site Apartment Treatment programs took a daytrip to Rye Playland Amusement Park in Westchester County to do just that! In coordination with our Activities Department, residents enjoyed all the park had to offer including adventurous rides and carnival-style games. Our Activities Coordinator Sherwin Michel played a major role in putting this trip together to ensure it was a great day for all participants. "It was rewarding to see so many smiles, laughter, and positive interactions such as getting on rides, playing music on the bus, and having lunch by the pond," reflected Michel.

Ahead of their trip, residents gathered at our Chapel Street community room for trip preparation sessions. They personalized their own bucket hats to keep them protected from the sun, while socializing and learning social and personal skills that would be helpful while at the amusement park.

Off-site trips into the community, such as this one, are crucial to the health and healing journey of our residents. "The outing provided a fun and supportive environment where residents could relax, build connections, and create lasting memories," remarked Michel.



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Welcome to the Team!

As we expand our footprint in Brooklyn, our team grows with it! With the opening of 2425 Pacific Street, we welcomed 20 new staff members to our BCHS team across programs and departments. We would like to take the time to welcome and introduce these new team members:

- Nicole A.**, Arbor Inn
Monique B., Scattered Site Apartment Treatment
Katelyn B., Development Department
Ricardo D., Pacific Street
Andrely E., Pacific Street
Sherria H., Navy Green
Dominique H., Pacific Street
Philip J., Pacific Street
Da-Quan J., Navy Green
Charles J., Navy Green

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