WHDC's Community Impact

Grant Awards

Direct Programs

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$10.8M
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508
TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANT AWARDS
In its commitment to help grantees achieve their objectives to have a positive and life-changing impact on West Harlem, WHDC has provided 508 awards to nonprofits that are located or provide services in MCD9.

173
NUMBER OF NONPROFIT GRANTEES
WHDC’s priority is to support activities aimed at benefiting West Harlem through project specific collaborations and capacity enhancements of nonprofit organizations and institutions.

7000
INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED ANNUALLY
WHDC has directly impacted 2000 residents of MCD9. Another 5000 are indirectly impacted by WHDC’s programs.
Financial Highlights

Figure 1 provides a breakdown of the programs that account for the $16.2 million in direct and indirect activities funded by WHDC from 2011-2018.

These expenditures are exclusive of the Low Income/Seniors Affordable Housing that WHDC will develop with a total investment of $20 million (WHDC has received $10 million for the Affordable Housing Fund). Also excluded are other housing preservation programs such as the WHDC Homeowners Loan Assistance Program that WHDC is initiating.

Figure 1

WHDC’s $16.2 million Disbursements for Programs, Direct and Indirect 2011- 2018

- Education, $4,962,058, 31%
- Summer Youth Employment (& Arise!SYEEP), $2,721,899, 17%
- Arts & Culture, $2,387,220, 15%
- Workforce & Economic Devpt., $1,710,290, 11%
- Community Facilities, $1,322,462, 8%
- Summer Seniors Employment, $1,249,463, 8%
- Grant/Manhattanville-Designated, $568,079, 3%
- Housing Support Services*, $686,361, 4%
- Historical Preservation & Environment, $400,007, 2%
- Programs Technical Assistance, $206,053, 1%
Grant Awards by Category

Figure 2  Distribution of $10.8 million in Grant Awards 2013-2018

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Direct Program Activities

Figure 3  Distribution of $5.4 million in WHDC's Direct Program Activities 2011-2018

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The mission of the West Harlem Development Corporation is to promote increased economic opportunities and quality of life to sustain a vibrant West Harlem community.

WHDC’s priority is to support West Harlem-based community projects by deploying funds contributed by Columbia University pursuant to the 2009 Community Benefits Agreement through its Grant-Making Program and strategic direct services.

WHDC’s addresses the needs of the West Harlem community through grant-making, collaborations and capacity enhancements of community-based organizations and institutions.

Selected nonprofit organizations must be located in or provide services to Manhattan Community District 9 (MCD9 West Harlem). The pages that follow are highlights of some of WHDC’s grantees in their own words.

FOCUS AREAS

- EDUCATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
- LOW-INCOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Photos credited to the respective grantees
People Against Landlord Abuse & Tenant Exploitation’s mission is to assist low to middle income residents living in Northern Manhattan and the Bronx to protect their tenancy rights.

With WHDC’s help, the organization hosted its Demystifying Housing Conference in Summer 2018 for renters and homeowners. The three-day event included a legal clinic, round-table talks, and over 30 technical and poster sessions on cutting edge issues for renters and homeowners. Through 2018, WHDC has awarded PA’LANTE $237,434 in grants.
COMMUNITY LABS

BioBus Community Laboratories are state-of-the-art learning spaces located in underserved communities where students develop their initial excitement into regular science practice through in-depth science programs after school, on weekends, and during the summer.

BioBus’s newest community lab is a collaboration with Columbia’s Zuckerman Institute and is housed in the new Jerome L. Greene Science Center in West Harlem. Through 2018, WHDC has awarded BioBus $89,738.

MOBILE LABS

BioBus mobile laboratories are research-grade microscope labs built on a bus or trailer and equipped with over $130,000 of equipment that visits area schools and community events. Mobile labs are staffed by masters and Ph.D.-level scientists who provide introductory, hands-on science experience for students in Pre-K through grade 12.
LiLY creates compelling programs that galvanize people to raise the quality-of-life-standard for our oldest community members.

When college education for girls was considered taboo in her native India, Rajeswari Murty, PhD helped found The Sri Venkateswara Women’s College there. After a teaching career, including Columbia University’s Teachers College, at 96 years old, she is now a resident of Morningside Heights and a beloved LiLY neighbor.

Through 2018, WHDC has awarded $138,126 in grants to LiLY.
WHDC helps fund MRHS's Cluster Care Project which enables elderly residents of Morningside Gardens to remain living safely and comfortably at home by providing access to home care.

As part of the program, the MRHS nurse and the home health aide coordinate and provide in-home services such as laundry, shopping, and personal care. Through 2018, WHDC has provided $111,994 in grants to MRHS.

"IT'S IMPORTANT TO PLAY!" - ANNA ADDLER, MRHS SPARC ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE
HEAF changes the lives of underserved young people beginning in middle school and continuing in college and beyond through a youth development approach that includes rigorous year-round academic enrichment, social and cultural exposure and constant individual attention. HEAF’s belief that education gives youth the power to beat an uncertain future is not new. For years, thanks to the generous support of organizations like WHDC, thousands of children from underserved communities have come to HEAF to build academic skills, prepare for the college application process, broaden their horizons through campus tours, cultural arts and literacy programs, and for leadership development. WHDC has awarded $191,429 in grants to HEAF through 2018.

"HEAF is important to me because it’s a home away from home. I’ve built a family; I have developed relationships, and because of HEAF I’ve met some of my biggest supporters. HEAF makes my dream of going to Howard University a reality. Thank you to HEAF’s generous family of supporters who make limitless opportunities for students possible. I am grateful for my education and international experience in Nepal which sparked my political science interests. I am deepening my educational, cultural, and social interests in HEAF’s classroom and I am excited for my future."

Jay-Len ’21
DANCES FOR A VARIABLE POPULATION

DVP is a multi-generational (24-83 years young) dance company and educational organization that promotes strong and creative movement among adults of all abilities with a focus on seniors.

From its base in West Harlem, DVP has offered community-based dance programming for seniors through the Dances For Seniors and Movement Speaks® programs since 2008. DVP has engaged nearly 4,000 seniors through free dance programming at senior and community centers citywide. Through 2018, WHDC has awarded $130,230 in grants to DVP.

WHDC’s grant supports:
- Four free 10 to 34-week Movement Speaks® senior dance workshops at various MCD9 facilities
- MCD9 Senior Center 70-minute Dances For Seniors workshops
- Two performances of Revival at Columbia’s Lenfest Center
- Five 60-minute adult/senior dance workshops with Summer on the Hudson

Living Legends in West Harlem

THIS YEAR’S PERFORMANCES ENGAGED ALICE TEIRSTEIN, A LEGENDARY CHOREOGRAPHER AND TEACHER IN HER LATE EIGHTIES. TEIRSTEIN CONDUCTED REHEARSAL AT THE GEORGE BRUCE LIBRARY WORKING WITH A RECORD NUMBER OF SENIORS (25) INTERESTED IN PERFORMING.
NYC Urban Debate League

NYCUDL is the largest citywide debate league in the U.S.

"Our mission is every CD9 school should have a debate team and every CD9 student should have access to the best debate education opportunities."

Four years ago there were no competitive debate programs in Manhattan Community District 9 (CD9). Thanks to New York City Urban Debate League’s (NYCUDL) partnership with the West Harlem Development Corporation, we have changed that. WHDC has awarded $234,152 in grants to NYCUDL through 2018.

"For students, our Debate program provides a special opportunity for enrichment where students receive intensive training in public speaking and argumentation. Through studying evidence, preparing cases, and developing rhetorical skills, students engage in rigorous, common core aligned work with an exciting, interactive framework." Tyler Beattie, West Harlem Debate Director.
Starting in 2011, WHDC funded the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development's (DYCD) Summer Youth Employment Program for six years before starting the Arise! Summer Youth Employment & Education Program.

WHDC initiated its Arise! Summer Youth Employment & Education Program in 2017 to provide West Harlem high school students with paid summer employment and academic enrichment improving over DYCD's SYEP.

Since 2013, the Summer Seniors Employment Program has connected residents of West Harlem, age 55+, with rewarding, part-time summer employment opportunities at organizations throughout New York City.
WHDC's Arise! Summer Youth Employment & Education Program
WORKING IN WEST HARLEM.

123 YOUTH AT 33 ORGANIZATIONS IN 2018

"Arise was a good first job. I would like to come back next year. We worked with the Borough President’s office on a recycling program. We also worked to help senior citizens in West Harlem. Thank you Arise! for a great learning experience and opportunity to see different work sites, meet new friends, and the education experience. I enjoyed it all."

Jourdan Perez (above right with MBP Gale Brewer)

Arise! SYEEP participants work in community based organizations, government, and local institutions among others. The types of placements include (but are not limited to): clerical, customer service, educational and childcare, recreational, web-design, multi-media, technology, and community service.
Arise! SYEEP provided youth participants more than just part-time employment; youth, like Nathaniel Washington pictured here, became a part of the fabric of their West Harlem community.
Arise! SYEEP - Valuable Summer Experiences

Arise! SYEEP is more than a job placement program. It incorporates the core elements of successful youth-development programming including:

1. Adult support and guidance
2. Engaging activities
3. Input from the youth
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WEST HARLEM SKILLS TRAINING CENTER
500 WEST 134TH STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10031
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Nicholas Blake visited our West Harlem Skills Training Center (500 West 134th Street, New York City 10031) starting the job readiness process with Skills Center Manager, Migdalia Rodriguez.

After Blake completed Pathways to Apprenticeship "P2A", a program that prepares participants to be accepted into and succeed in construction union apprenticeship programs in New York City, he was accepted into Local 79.

Two days before starting however, the FDNY EMT called Blake to offer him a job instead! Blake was sworn in during a ceremony on October 15th 2018.
6th ANNUAL COMMUNITY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION & TOY GIVEAWAY

A Multi-Cultural Children's Holiday Event

DECEMBER 1, 2018
THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Free Toys & Books - Festive Performances
MANY THANKS TO OUR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION PARTNERS!

Hundreds of children & families welcomed

Thousands of free toys and books

Successful community partnerships

A West Harlem tradition
OUR VISION
2019 FORWARD

To develop a Low Income/Seniors affordable housing facility that will also provide space for year-round direct service programs: Arise! SYEEP and WHSTC.

It will be a crowning legacy for the 2009 Community Benefits Agreement with Columbia University.
Thank you

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