



From The Desk Of Dr. Kofi A. Boateng, WHDC Executive Director

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board and Staff of West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC), I hope that you and yours are well during this period of COVID-19 pandemic. Let us remember that this is not the first time New Yorkers have had to band together against attack, fear, and the unknown. As in the past, we shall overcome this crisis, coming out stronger on the other side.

We have provided links to trusted resources on our website for your information and application. Please use them to help you and your family navigate this new way of life (hopefully not for long). In the meantime, WHDC will continue to offer support and services to our grantees and community in accord with WHDC's custom.

We are accepting applications for the annual summer camp lottery, the ARISE! youth development program, and the Summer Senior Employment Program (SSEP). All precautions will be taken if and when the programs begin. Perhaps now more than ever, our community's need for these programs, especially the educational component of ARISE! and the living wage paying jobs, are urgent and expanding.

With caution and mandated state-wide closures, WHDC has closed its offices and staff is working from home until further notice. We shall post any changes to WHDC's programs and office activities on our website. We are employing the tools necessary to remain accessible, so feel free to continue to call, email, or visit our website (www.westharlemdc.org). Connect with @WestHarlemDC on social media.

For now, let us pray for the present and push toward an expected end soonest. We should each obey all the recommended precautions. WHDC's Board and Staff will rise to the occasion to address the aftermath of COVID-19.

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Two Weeks of Free Summer Camp

West Harlem Development Corporation will conduct a lottery for two week scholarships to summer camps to either Columbia University or Riverside Park Conservancy.

You must be a resident of Community District 9 to qualify.
CD9 runs from 118th Street and 119th Street from the Hudson River to an eastern boundary along Manhattan, Morningside, St Nicholas, Bradford and Edgcombe Avenues.

Riverside Park Conservancy	Columbia University
Summer Sports Camp	Little Lions Camp
June 8–August 28	June 8–July 27
Ages: 4–13	Ages: 6–12

The deadline to apply is **Friday, April 10, 2020 at 5:00pm**.
Selected recipients will be contacted beginning Tuesday, April 14.
To download the application, please visit our website at: www.westharlemdc.org

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WHDC's Free Summer Camp Lottery
WHDC has extended the deadline for our Summer Camp Lottery until April 10, 2020. Participants could win two weeks of camp at either Riverside Park Conservancy or Columbia University's Little Lions.

ARISE!
ALL
RISE
IN
STRENGTHENING
EXCELLENCE

Paid summer employment & education enrichment
July 6th–August 14th, 2020

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN HARLEM
Open to current students (8th–11th grade) at least 14 years of age who are West Harlem residents (MCD9)

- EMPLOYMENT**
Project-based work experiences for career readiness
- EDUCATION**
Academic experiences to help prevent the summer slide
- EXPOSURE**
Guest speakers plus trips help students become critically engaged

For more information call (646) 476-3394, email Alicia Barfoot@whdc.org, Program Manager at alicia@whdc.org or visit www.westharlemdc.org

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ARISE! Youth Development Program
Pending any further updates, we intend for the ARISE! program to take place this summer. We encourage youth to complete the online application and will keep you informed around each phase of the process.

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