2022 YEAR IN REVIEW
West Harlem was greatly affected by the pandemic - from business closures and job loss, to educational slides and loss of social programs. WHDC has worked to help bring back a sense of normalcy by providing cultural, educational and enrichment programs for youth and older adults, while collaborating with local institutions to create job opportunities and fund much needed services across all sectors in West Harlem. This review highlights some of the work and programs funded by WHDC in 2022. We look forward to building upon the progress we made and continuing the work to improve the quality of life for our West Harlem community.

It is a privilege and an honor to serve as the Chairperson of the West Harlem Development Corporation. The dedicated board of directors is committed to the efficient and effective administration of the Community Benefits Agreement. Through thoughtful and creative programming, together with targeted funding, we have supported and promoted successful initiatives to enhance the lives of the residents and organizations of West Harlem. We have much more to accomplish. Working together we will continue to address and impact the vital needs of our community.
WHDC FUNDED PROGRAMS

WHDC is committed to fund, educate, enrich, and support the different sectors of the community with annual programs.

Community Benefits Grant (CBG)

WHDC announced a $2m Community Benefits Grant in 2022 to support all eligible local non-profit orgs in West Harlem. The annual grant helps fund orgs that provide arts, education, training and other services to the West Harlem community.

ARISE! Youth Summer Program

The ARISE! summer youth enrichment employment initiative allows local teens to use their time in a diverse range of educational, cultural, and other enriching programs, while earning a stipend.

West Harlem Arts Alliance (WHAA)

A new community service org, the West Harlem Arts Alliance will be a dynamic and accessible umbrella arts organization providing resources and critical linkages to make West Harlem an important, active and vibrant arts hub Uptown.
2022 CBG GRANTEES

Award Inclusion Consulting, Inc.
African Diaspora Film Festival, Inc.
African Voices Communications, Inc.
America SCORES New York
Artistic Dreams International
Arts & Minds
Atlantic Theater Company
Bank Street College of Education
Behind the Book
BioBus, Inc.
Blackberry Productions, Inc.
Boys and Girls Club of Harlem (BGCH)
Broadway Community
Broadway Housing Communities (BHC)
Broadway Presbyterian Church Nursery School
Centro Civico Cultural Dominicano (CCCD)
City Harvest
CITYarts Inc.
Community Impact at Columbia University
Creative Art Works (CAW)
DanceWorks, Inc. dba Pentacle
Dances for a Variable Population (DVP)
Doing Art Together, Inc.
Every Voice Choirs (EVC)
Faces of Harlem
FCBC Community Development Corporation - The Dream Center
Figure Skating in Harlem, Inc.
Friends of Morrisongide Park & St Nicholas Park (Collaborative)
Generation Citizen, Inc.
Graham Windham
Harlem Advocates for Seniors, Inc. (HAS)
Harlem Educational Activities Fund, Inc. (HEAF)
Harlem Junior Tennis and Education Program (HJTEP)
Harlem Late Night Jazz, Inc. (HUNJ)
Harlem Media Group Inc.
Harlem One Stop, Inc.
Harlem Opera Theater, Inc.
Harlem Pride, Inc.
Harlem Renaissance Education Pipeline, Inc. (HREP)
Harlem School of the Arts (HSA)
Harlem Stage
Hit the Books
Hypothebils Inc.
IBREA Foundation
Jazzmobile, Inc.
José Limón Dance Foundation, Inc.
Kota Alliance
Ladies Of Hope Ministries (LOHM)
Lifeforce in Later Years (LALY)
Mama Foundation for the Arts, Inc.
MODArts Dance Collective, Inc.
Morningside Heights Community Coalition (MHCC)
Morningside Retirement and Health Services (MRRHS)
National Dance Institute, Inc. (NDI)
New York African Chorus Ensemble
New York City Urban Debate League, Inc. (NYCLUDL)
New York Women’s Chamber of Commerce
Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation (NMIC)
Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance (NoMAA)
Notes in Motion, Inc.
NYC For Youth Inc.
NYC Kidscast
Opera on Tap
Police Athletic League (PAL)
Reading Team
Red Balloon
Riverside Hawks: Hope Health and Hoops Corporation
Riverside Park Conservancy
Roads to Success
Science and Arts Engagement New York, Inc.
Sisters in Sharqui, Inc.
SoHarlem, Inc.
SR Socially Relevant Film Festival, Inc.
Stage Aurora NY Inc.
Stefanie Nelson Dance Group
Sugar Hill Children’s Museum of Art & Storytelling, Inc.
Sugar Hill Communications, Inc.
TechFlow Fund Inc.
The Brotherhood Sister Sol, Inc. (BroSol)
The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine
The Children’s Art Carnival (CAC)
The Classical Theatre of Harlem (CTH)
The Community Initiatives of NY (TICINY)
The Family Annex
The Gatekeepers Collective, Inc.
The Harlem Chamber Players, Inc.
The Horticultural Society of New York (The Hort)
The Jazz Drama Program dba Jazz Power Initiative
The Morningside Players
The National Jazz Museum in Harlem
The Tau Omega Charitable Trust Fund, Inc.
Three and a Half Acres Yoga
Uptown Dance Academy, Inc.
Uptown Inner City League, Inc.
Urban Assembly for the Performing Arts
USA-Mali Charitable Association of NYC
We All Really Matter (WARM)
Wendy Hilliard Foundation
West Harlem Environmental Action (WHEACT)
While We Are Still Here (WWHS)
Youth Construct
COMMUNITY BENEFITS GRANTS

The West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC) was pleased to announce the 2022 Community Benefits Grants cycle that attracted over 100 local non-profit organizations. We awarded $1.8m to 100 local orgs. One of the largest cohorts, these organizations provide a variety of important services to West Harlem.

Sectors include: Affordable Housing, Arts & Culture, Health & Human Services, Older Adults, Youth, and Economic / Workforce Development.
ARISE!

WHDC held the 2022 ARISE! summer youth academic and career development program in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Harlem (BGCH). The program was held in-person with local teens at BGCH’s flagship location on 521 W 145th St from July 11-August 12, 2022.

The 2022 ARISE! program covered financial literacy, SAT prep, theatre arts, hands-on environmental study, and career exploration. Participants also went on field trips to the Jean-Michel Basquiat Exhibit, King Pleasure Exhibit, the Jackie Robinson Museum, and Barnard College.

Beyond the comradery, education, hands on lessons, and fun trips, all of the participants received a stipend at the completion of the summer program.

2022 ARISE! COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- SOUND BUSINESS, INC. (SBI)– THEATER TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS
- LOCAL CIVICS
- PAYTON PARR– COMPUTER PROGRAMMING AND ROBOTICS
- THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK (THE HORT)
West Harlem Arts Alliance is an arts service organization with a mission to professionally resource and nurture the artists and arts organizations based in and serving West Harlem and facilitate and develop collaborations through partnerships with local business, educational and civic organizations to support the arts in West Harlem.
OTHER INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY WHDC

Kids/Teens
WHDC supported various scholarships for West Harlem kids and teens to attend summer enrichment camps and programs led by local West Harlem organizations.

Civic Engagement
WHDC funded the expansion of the "Team Up to Clean Up" (TU2CU) block association and volunteer-run community clean up effort in West Harlem.

Uptown Night Market
Co-founded and co-sponsored by WHDC, the Uptown Night Market in West Harlem quickly grew to become one of NYS's largest and most successful family fun street festivals. The UNM showcases local musical performers, restaurants, and businesses.
West Harlem Development Corporation funded, sponsored, or took part in events such as: job fairs; educational, cultural, and environmental forums and trips; community clean-up efforts; lectures; street festivals, and much more.
HOLIDAY EVENTS

WHDC makes strident efforts to help make sure the holiday season is a great time for all in our community.

WHDC had a children’s gift giving event with lunch and a holiday show for families that were temporarily homeless; we gave toys, books, balls and dolls to over a dozen West Harlem youth centers, police precincts, and educational not-for-profit organizations to distribute to kids in our community; we organized an older adult (100+ seniors) trip to see the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall; and we funded several food pantries to serve warm meals during the holiday season.
NYCHA EVENTS

Randall's Island outing

Halloween celebration

Basketball tournament

Computer lab opening

Turkey Giveaway

Ugly Sweater Party

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