











THE NEW BRONX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT:

The New Bronx Chamber of Commerce is a force for business advocacy and development. The Chamber plays an active and significant role in the economic development of the borough, creating new approaches to the challenges faced by the members and guiding the extraordinary spirit of Bronx businesses and the future that confronts them.

FOUR TIERS OF SERVICE



SERVICES/ PROGRAMS

CHAMBER ON THE GO

Chamber On-the-Go connects small business owners in neighborhoods across the Bronx with free services, including: business courses, legal assistance, financing assistance, incentives awareness, navigating government, recruitment assistance, training, selling to government, Minority and Women-Owned Business Certification, Locally Based Enterprise Certification, and Emerging Business Enterprise Certification. The Bronx Chamber of Commerce conducts a free Rapid On-Site Assessment, identifying your business strength and needs. A Chamber on the Go specialist then connects you to the resources that will help your business succeed. Chamber on the Go focuses on supporting and enhancing the various activities of the Chamber. The goal of this outreach is to provide on-site assistance to business owners throughout The Bronx.

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce has Reached and Served over 1,500 businesses over the course of 3 years.

5 CHAMBER ALLIANCE

Thanks to support from the TD Bank Charitable Foundation, there is funding to support the 5 Chamber Alliance and coordinate service delivery across the five boroughs. The goal of the 5 Chamber Alliance is to support businesses and individuals in low- to moderate income and immigrant communities. The Bronx Chamber of Commerce has worked with the 5 Chamber Alliance on putting together over 15 workshops to help support businesses and individuals.

MWBE (MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES CERTIFICATION)

The City of New York Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBE) Program expands opportunities for minority and women entrepreneurs to access government contracts and grow their businesses. When eligible businesses are certified with the City they become more visible to prospective buyers, including City agencies and private contractors seeking to purchase goods and services.

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce has helped over 100 businesses in the course of the last 3 years, with both Certifying and Re-certifying their business.

H.I.R.E. PROGRAM

Helps to ensure that new and existing Bronx Businesses and institutions employ Bronx residents, but it also creates a hands on worker development program. Bronx workers receive support for additional certifications, help with resumes, interview preparation, application assistance, and extensive follow-up services for positions to which H.I.R.E. participants have applied.

The Bronx Chamber successfully placed thousands of Bronxites to work in Bronx based businesses.



MEMBERSHIP/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The primary goal of the Membership & Business Development Committee (MBD) is the formation of programs that create opportunities for growth and provide support for our members. MBD Committee members consult with the President and the Board in the areas of networking, member exposure to consumers, M/WBE Certifications, job fairs, workshops and seminars, directory resources, advocacy and the coordination of business principles within the efforts of other Chamber committees.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee is responsible for establishing the annual budget for the Board to ensure administrative continuity of the Programs and Services sponsored by the association.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

The Young Professional Committee (YPC) is charged with developing the Bronx Chamber of Commerce Young Professional programs, implementing the program and helping to disseminate to members. Committee members will be focused on the logistics behind committee initiatives and finding new and exciting ways to engage young entrepreneurs in our membership and the community as a whole.

H.I.R.E. PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The committee promotes employer and employee education by hosting job fairs, workshops, and speaker series. We support member businesses by adopting the best workplace practices that encourage talent development.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Events Committee is responsible for planning the formal Annual Gala, Golf Outing, Holiday Party, Hispanic Heritage Luncheon, African Heritage Luncheon, Irish Heritage Luncheon, and Italian Heritage Luncheon. Awards are presented to distinguished individuals at each event.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee works directly with the Bronx Chamber of Commerce to advocate for improved economic conditions within the borough. This group also works to enhance the interaction between Bronx Chamber Members and public officials. Advocacy has emerged as one of the most significant areas that the Chamber can provide direct services to the full spectrum of businesses in the Bronx. Through advocacy, the committee will shape the way the chamber represents and provides value to members. The committee develops aggressive programming that combines research, as well as government and community relations.

AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

The Bronx Chamber Ambassadors are member professionals who donate their time to serve as mentors for the organization. The Ambassadors guide and assist new members so they can get maximum value for their investment. The program enables new members to utilize the many opportunities available for involvement at the Bronx Chamber.

WELCOME OUR 2019 NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Lyons Mortgage Services, Inc. Law Offices of David Bliven K.E.B. Pest Control, LLC

Citibank

Hudson United Mortgage Saddle Tree Realty, Inc.

Zona De Cuba

Carr Xerox

Crescent Companies

American Maintenance 3 Janitorial Services & Supplies Co. Corp.

Better Homes & Garden Rand Realty
Jimmy Ryan's Bronx Bar & Grill
Agape Transportation Management
Clean Sweep Pest Control
Bronx Auto Repair Corp
Jahllur Wash & Fold
Smile New York Dental
Premiere Business Innovations, Inc
Paralegals for the Community, LLC
Vargas Pulinario Solutions, Inc.

New York Charter Bus Company
Verde Flowers
Bronxchange Partners, LLC
LDI Color Toolbox
Family First Chem-Dry
Servpro of South Bronx
Pibly Residential Program, Inc.
FlatRate Moving
Concourse Realty Partners LLC
MetroPlus Health Plan

Empanology, Inc.
Bronx Native
DINA Lumber & Building Materials Inc.
E218 Events Management
Eckerd Connects
LimeBike
Network Support Co
Petro Home Services
Pinnicale Multicare Nursing

and Rehabilitation

Two Sisters Cleaning Services LLC
Juliette Solutions, LLC
JUUL Labs, Inc.
PS Digital
Grab the Torch/ Horace Mann School
Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club
Bruckner Plumbing
Mott Hall Charter School
Bombazo Dance Co, Inc.
MBD Community Housing Corp.

Upcakes and Treats Shops
Exact Capital Group, LLC
New York Indian Council, Inc.
Champamerica Inc.
Storybook Lisa
New York Life
AHRC New York City Inc.
Shanghai Red
United Way of New York City
Paylocity



J & G Laundromat

Eminence Digital Marketing
Solutions, LLC
Nielsen Marketing Consulting
ENT and Allergy Associates, LLP
MWR Financial
4A Kids LLC/Pine Restaurant/F&J Pine
Nursing Personnel
Urban Health Plan, Inc.
Reform Architecture PLLC

South Bronx Job Corps Center

Liberty Tax

Bronx CRE
F2M Fire & Drafting Designs Inc
Mirman, Markovits & Landau, PC
Great Performances
Nos Quedamos - Anna Vincenty
DJ Drugs
The Bronx Health Link
Atlantic Tomorrow's Office
Cupid Homecare Agency, LLC

Hostos Community College
CMIT Solutions of Murray Hill
Friends of Fisher House
Greater New York, Inc.
BeGrowth Consulting
Munoz & Munoz Insurance
Nationwide Maintenance
Davidson Community Center, Inc./
Neighborhood 360
Bronx Optical Center
EZ Vision Brokerage
Nylon Fashion Boutique

EVENTS

The Bronx Chamber has hosted close to 1500 individuals at the 2019 B2B and Networking events, and almost 1000 individuals just on our signature events.

The Bronx Chamber signature events welcomed almost 1000 people.





Annual Golf Outing





B2B Networking Events





Meetings with Elected Officials





EVENTS





Workshops and Seminars







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MEDIA COVERAGE

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce has received media coverage for all of our events from the following local outlets:



Interview with Lisa Sorin regarding citywide commercial waste zoning system.



Game Night, Post Valentine, Women of Distinction Luncheon, Annual Golf Outing, Mon Amour, Mission BX, Summerfest, Legislative Breakfast, Salute to Veterans Luncheon and Halloween



YPC Kickoff



New Member Breakfast, Small Business Event, ENT Ribbon Cutting, Legislative Breakfast, Bronx Democratic Dinner and many other events.



Interview with Lisa Sorin regarding
Minimum Wage Increase



Annual Gala



RIBBON CUTTING EVENTS



ENT and Allergy Associates, LLP



Bretz & Cove Law Firm



Smile NY Dental



Affinity Health Plan



Soul Snacks Cafe



Upcakes Supplies & Treat Shop

OUR STAFF

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