



MAKING AN IMPACT



NEW BEGINNINGS - CLASS OF 2024

In September, we started a new cohort and held a two-week Orientation which included self-discovery, team building activities and understanding the journey they were about to embark on. The future is bright for these young people, and we are looking forward to building a brighter future together.



Ms. Shelly Gray attended the Con Edison Green job fair to promote YB vocational programs hosted at The Village, A Chance in Life. This event encouraged community members to learn more about green jobs and take advantage of various job openings. Participants received incentives and bags of non-perishable food items. Ms. Gray was able to introduce the YouthBuild program to community residents. Also, took the opportunity to network with several other attending organizations.



Stephen Humpries and Alex Ayala from GoodCall hosted a workshop for program participants. This workshop focused on the support services provided by GoodCall for NYC residents who are arrested and the procedures to take following an arrest.

Ms. Billy from Eden II visited YouthBuild to lead an information session on the work that Eden II provides, discuss the positions that are currently available and the requirements necessary to qualify for those positions. Some students were very interested and applied for a part time position as a Direct Support Professional (DSP).



YouthBuild Fall 2023 Students Orientation



“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” – Nelson Mandela



YouthBuild Orientation week is the first of many exciting events that includes a variety of activities for the new students. Orientation is most important for students and consisted of a combination of academic and social activities that are meant to welcome and introduce new students, get acquainted with their academic community and obtain official general rules and policies of the program.



Congrats to All the Winners!

**NIKE Gift Card
\$200 WINNER**



YOUTHBUILD
APPLY TO YOUTHBUILD IMPACT
GET A FREE
RAFFLE
Enter to Win
1ST PLACE \$200 GIFT CARD
2ND PLACE \$100 GIFT CARD
3RD PLACE \$50 GIFT CARD
WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED VIRTUALLY DURING OUR
INFO SESSION ON AUGUST 31ST @ 1PM
ZOOM MEETING ID: 829 0037 7038 PASSCODE: 383007

The Central Family Life Center is an equal opportunity employer and YouthBuild is an equal opportunity program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request. The total cost of the YouthBuild IMPACT program is \$1,405,185. The US Department of Labor funds \$1,258,127 (90%) and the other \$147,058 (10%) is funded through non-Federal resources.

Congratulations



Sam Chierchio

Case Manager

Since May, Samantha has been supporting the YouthBuild program as a Social Work Intern under the Wurzweller School of Social Worker at Yeshiva University. These past few months she has worked really hard to assist our youth through counseling, group work and sharing resources. We are delighted to now have her on the team.

Yasmine Miller

I had the opportunity to intern with a diverse, determined, intelligent and born to win cohort of students at YouthBuild IMPACT. Through my experience I was able to sharpen my tools as a social worker helping youth navigate lived experience, life challenges and planning for success. The amazing staff of YouthBuild (Mrs. Morgan, Mr. DeSilva, Shelly, Ms. Moore, Kwasi and Melina) allowed me to not only learn from them but bring my own expertise into their existing foundation and share in the vision. Through my time here I was able to build long standing connections that will carry me into the next chapter of my life. I am forever grateful for YouthBuild and the IMPACT for our youth.

Yasmin Miller
MSW



Lawrence DeSilva

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Lawrence DeSilva's who has successfully achieved his Master's Degree in Human Resource Services and has already started his Doctoral Degree in Organizational Leadership and Development.

Congratulation on your graduation!
THE TASSEL WAS WORTH THE HASSLE!!



MEET Ms. MOORE OUR CONSTRUCTION TRAINER!!

Student Reviews

The construction class/course is fun and very engaging!

-Jasean

The class of construction provides a lot of knowledge and I have gained more confident with my peers and teacher because everyone respects each other.

-Theodore

I love being in Mrs Moore's construction class as well as

YouthBuild. It's very productive and strategic.

Mrs. Moore is eminently experienced, and I am very appreciative of her.

-Azahria

I feel like being in Mrs. Moore's class has drastically impacted my life to the point where I have gained some stability. I remain grounded and look forward to one day becoming as successful as a scholar and a student in a trade that was once foreign to me.

-Jesus

I feel this course and school is very encouraging and loving. I learned a lot and had support from my team and the most fun and motivating teacher you can get. YouthBuild is 10/10, all love to the fam.

-Joseph



I am Mrs. Moore, the recently appointed Construction instructor at YouthBuild IMPACT! Joining this team has been a source of immense pride, and their support has made my transition into teaching incredibly enjoyable. I've been a member of the Local 79 Laborers union since 2012. I went through their apprenticeship program at the Mason Tenders Training Fund. Additionally, I'm a member of the Positive Work Force Organization, a Not-For-Profit Organization employing dedicated workers for 35+ years. Over the years, I've witnessed the hard work of construction professionals, both in the union and non-union settings, as they strive to provide for their families. My objective is to bridge the gap and serve as a liaison for construction workers. The foundation for this endeavor lies in acquiring fundamental construction skills, knowledge, and ensuring safety. Ultimately, I aspire for everyone to achieve success in their endeavors, but equally important, I want each individual to return home safely to their loved ones at the end of the day. Through our pre-apprenticeship program at YouthBuild IMPACT, we equip our students with the essential training, education, and hands-on learning. This comprehensive approach prepares them not only for apprenticeship programs but also provides the experience needed to embark on entry-level positions as construction workers. The diverse opportunities within various trades become accessible to our graduates, opening doors to a range of career paths in the construction industry.

CONSTRUCTION CLASS

NEW

NEW COHORT

● CLASS OF 2024



Mrs. Moore guiding each student on how to carefully cut wood.



Students have already completed their OSHA 30 and Site Safety Training, leaving only one more certificate to be earned. The NCCER certification is the final credential they will obtain upon completing the pre-apprenticeship program!!

ROCKING OUR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT!



Excitement fills the entry-level construction class as we embark on this journey. Students eagerly anticipate gaining essential skills for their future careers through a dynamic mix of theory and hands-on training in the YouthBuild IMPACT construction program. The carefully crafted curriculum covers crucial construction topics, enhancing teamwork and making learning enjoyable. The shared enthusiasm for newfound skills and promising opportunities creates a motivating atmosphere as we navigate the program together.

-Mrs. Moore,
“Construction Instructor”

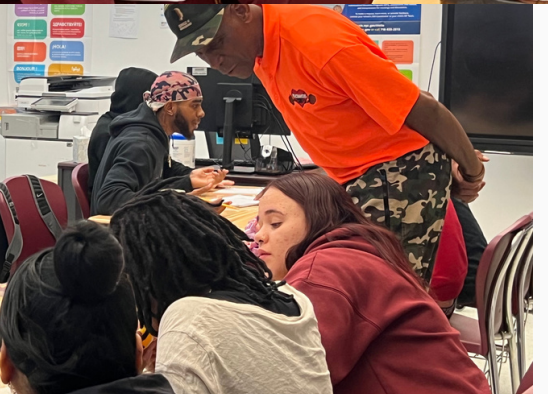


MENTAL TOUGHNESS WEEK 2023 with Bro. Lyle Grandison CIRCLE OF BROTHERS & TRUE2LIFE

A week dedicated to commitment to self, empowerment, change, growth and teamwork!



“If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal not to people or things.”
ALBERT EINSTEIN



FRIENDSGIVING



YouthBuild family celebrated Friendsgiving with a Potluck. Staff and students brought a combination of delicious homemade food and desserts. Each dish was shared among everyone.



YouthBuild students had the pleasure of volunteering at the JCC Community Center in Stapleton to help serve Thanksgiving hot meals to the seniors as part of the City of New York's Breaking Bread Initiative.

