

# 2016 Annual Report

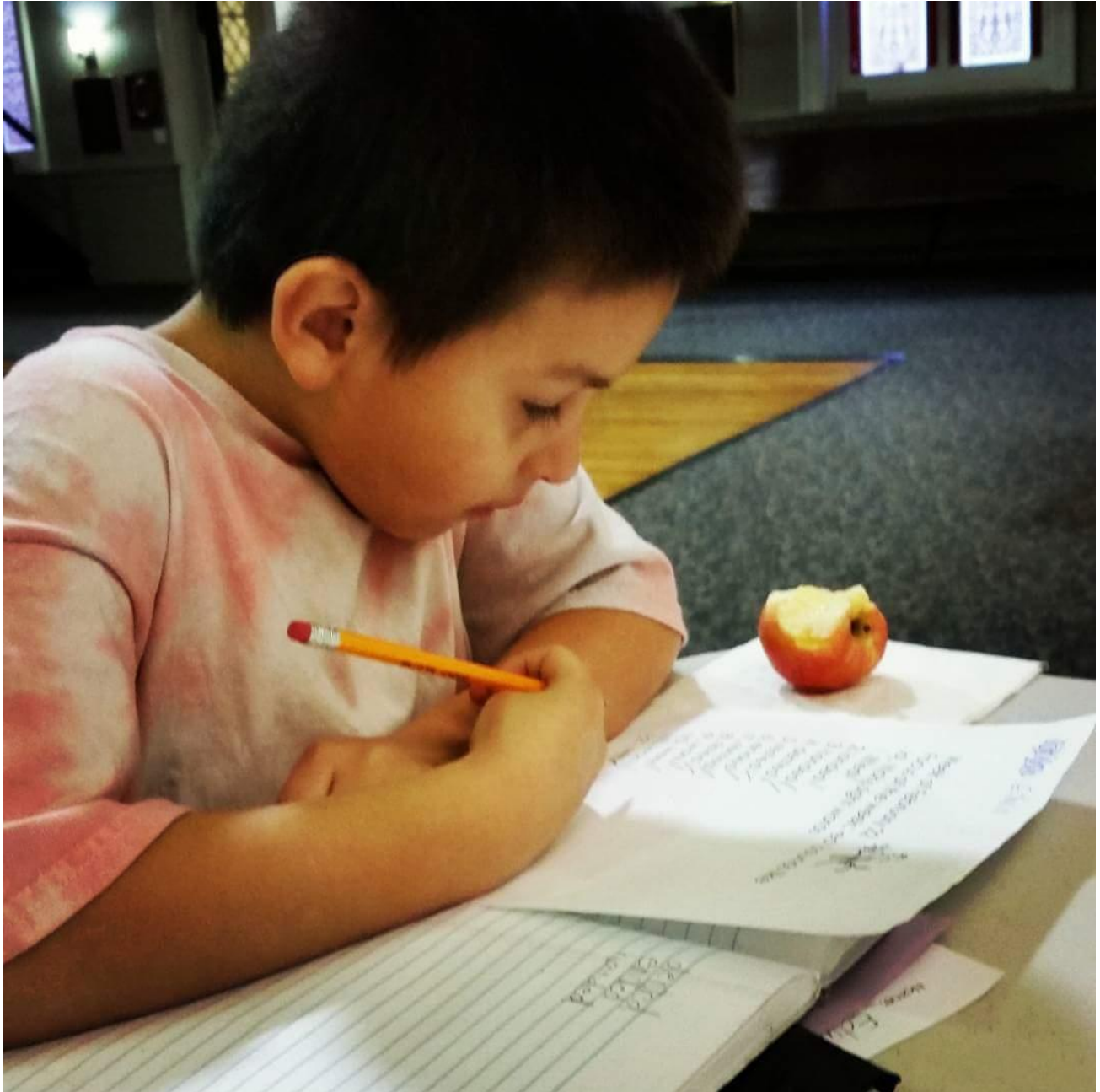


CELEBRATING  
**25** YEARS  
OF SERVICE



## Our Mission

*“Nyack Center serves the Nyacks and the larger community of Rockland County by supporting children, youth and families through educational and recreational programs. Our non-profit organization provides a welcoming gathering space for vital before-and-after school activities, cultural celebrations and community events”.*



# Annual Meeting Agenda

## Presentation of Board of Directors

Sandy Page-Cook, Board Chair

## Annual Nyack Center Highlights

Kim Cross, Executive Director

## Financial Highlights

Nick Howard, Treasurer

## Advisory Board

Sandy Page-Cook, Board Chair

## Remarks and Sound & Recording Studio Ribbon Cutting

Hon. Ellen Jaffee, New York State Assemblywoman

## Special Thanks & Recognition

Glenn Meyerson. Board Chair

The Nyack Center Board of Directors cordially invites you to join us for a reception following the meeting



# Letter from the Board Chair

May 2015



Every year at the Nyack Center comes with its own set of memories and milestones. Looking back at 2015, however, we can truly say it was a year to remember.

2015 marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Nyack Center. Could the visionaries who began the center have imagined it would not just exist, but thrive twenty-five years later? We celebrated with a 25year blog, a glittering Legacy Gala – our most successful ever, a very special Holiday Readings event and a host of other celebratory moments.

2015 was also the middle year of our three-year plan. This was a year largely devoted to infrastructure - strengthening the core of our organization. The unglamorous work that ensures we will be still be thriving 25 years from now, including enhanced communications and data management, media studio buildout and maximizing our financial security.

Notable successes in 2015 include:

- Winning a new grant from the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation (IICF). This will allow us to upgrade our computer lab, and deepen our collaboration with Nyack Public Schools, thus enhancing the curriculum relevant educational support we offer.

- Completing the groundwork for the Nyack Center to purchase our land, expected to be complete by the end of 2016.
- Enhancing organizational capacity, allowing us to seamlessly adapt to more stringent state rules and requirements for After School Programs.

This is all in addition to the backbeat of our regular programs: After School Program, Breakfast Club, Computer Time, Summer Camp, Teen Council, Family Connections; and the myriad meetings, events, celebrations, exhibitions, support groups, screenings and other community activities that happen at the Nyack Center.

Every success is thanks to the hard work and dedication of Nyack Center board, staff, volunteers, donors and community supporters.

Our first 25 years have been a time of accomplishment and also lessons learned. We are more committed than ever to meet our mission and make our vision a reality: A community where every child is valued, all families are supported, and each individual is celebrated.

With thanks to everyone.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandy Page-Cook". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sandy Page-Cook



## Annual Highlights

As we close the chapter on our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of service, we want to express our gratitude to our beloved community

People often ask how Nyack Center can be the lowest cost school age care in the Hudson Valley region? The short answer is our community. Our donors and pro-bono supporters make it happen every day! Many thanks to all of you for making a difference in the lives of children and families in our community, 98% of whom are at or below the Federal Income Guidelines for Poverty.

Since we were together last we have-planted in our **Please Pick Gardens**, celebrated the life of Cynthia Hesdra and dedicated a **Bench by the Road** with Toni Morrison. We ended the 2014 school year with talent shows and a picnic and BBQ. We had a wonderful **Men Cooking** for Nyack Center fundraiser!

At the onset of summer, we rented our space to "Orange is The New Black" We had 104 campers at **Camp Nyack**. The Summer Food Program served free breakfast and lunch at **Camp Nyack** and **Nyack Center** each weekday. All throughout the summer, we had about 17-40 kids each day in our **Drop-In** and more again in evening hours.

We started September off with a wonderful **Back to School BBQ**. We served hot dogs and hamburgers, gave out over 200 backpacks of school supplies, and danced to a DJ all in our parking lot. About 175 community members attended! Our heartfelt thanks to **People to People, Rotary Club of Nyack and Bon Secours** for donating back packs, school supplies and getting our children off on a year of school success! By the start of the 2015-16 school year, Breakfast Club and After School Programs were full. We held our second annual **Hispanic Heritage Night** with food, dancing and art by **Ana De la Paz** and **Circle in the Farm**

Our fall programming was full with parents from our programs and throughout the Nyack School District meeting with Nyack Schools Elementary, Middle School and High School principals and our Superintendent, Jim Montesano at Nyack Center for **WELCOME NIGHT**, a collaboration with The **Family Resource Centers!** **PEOPLE to PEOPLE** continued their support with "**It's in the Bag**", a weekly backpack full of food for

100 children in Nyack Center's Programs given on Fridays for the weekend.



Eve Ensler hosted an evening to benefit our **Family Connections** program, **A Conversation on Restorative Justice**. The sold out event was organized by Jen Mancusco.

We marched in the Halloween Parade and our **Monster Mash** was a smashing success with live performance by our friend **Danna Banana!**

In November at our **Legacy Gala** Nyack Center celebrated our 25 Anniversary and honored community angels Chris & Bert Hughes and Sally & Roger Seiler! Thanks to overwhelming community support and a sold out crowd, we netted \$60,000 for our vital programs and Legacy Fund. At the event, a generous donor offered "**The Mark Jacobs Challenge Grant**", a matching grant of up to \$25,000. We have many people to thank-our amazing event chairs, fantastic committee, honorees, Nyack Center Board of Directors, staff, sponsors, Ned Kelly, advertisers, auction donors and everyone who helped make the night such a success! It was truly a spectacular 25 Anniversary!

This was followed by **Made by Hand**- a fantastic Arts and Crafts Bazaar now a preholiday shopping staple.

December was heralded in with Holiday Readings. Our thanks go to Elliott Forrest and Kevin Pariseau, all our

performers for creating a magical night of neighbors performing for neighbors.

**Nyack Rotary** had its annual holiday luncheon for 49 community seniors. Santa will be stopped by for a few ho ho hos! Over 200 gifts for our children at Nyack Center were donated by **People to People, Grace Church, Orangetown Police Dept., Christine Corday Salon, Wright Brothers Real Estate, The Rosner Family, Riverview Nursery School, Kappa Alpha Phi Fraternity and Legacy X** along with many other individuals and families. It is so touching that so many people care about our kids!

We kicked off our 2016 fundraising with our **Black History Celebration** “. We got lots of wonderful feedback about how moved our honorees were and inspired the audience was by the Oratory Contest and the program with a special shout out to Naomi’s Program of Excellence. We participated with other community groups in **The Flint Water Challenge** and helped collect over 10,000. Then we had a sold out crowd for our **Women of Leadership and Vision Brunch**. Our honorees were touched and generous in their appreciation of Nyack Center. We hosted the **Life After Life** photography exhibit in March as well. It was an interesting and inspiring panel discussion organized by Jen Mancusco to benefit **Family Connections**.

A huge shout out to Nick Howard and Glenn Meyerson for delivering mulch as part of **Mulch Madness**. Another big thanks for Jen and Stu Chaitin and **Superior Waste and Carting** for donating all the mulch! Thanks to all of you who ordered it. Our **Rowathon- “Pull for a Purpose”** sponsored by our partners **The Rockland Rowing Association** was a great way to bring new faces and our teen Council into Nyack Center. Our children and staff marched in the **Nyack African American Parade**.

Each year we come closer to fulfilling our mission and the dream of a beloved community. It all happens because of the community we serve and the community that holds us.



## Our Programs

Our programs are open to the Nyacks and Rockland County. Nyack Center is committed to providing low cost before and after school care to low income working families. Our fees for before and after school care are the lowest in Rockland County. As poverty rates rose in Rockland County, Nyack Center has seen an increase in the number of families we serve at or below the Federal Income Guidelines for Poverty. In 2015 98% of the children in our programs were at or below the Federal Income Guidelines for Poverty, an 8% increase from 2013. For a family of four that is \$24,250.

Most of our students are from our primary catchment area, which includes the low-income housing complexes near the Center, many of whom come from single-parent households

Priority is given to working parents. In a recent survey and focus group given to parents who use Nyack Centers programs, parents found that without affordable options provided by Nyack Center, they could not afford to work or live in our community.

Our current student enrollment is 46% Latino 48% African American, 4% White and 2% Asian. Our Latino and African-American students still under perform scholastically in Nyack Public Schools and nationally when compared to their white peers. Many of the youth in our community are at risk due to economic, social, educational and judicial issues. Our students range from Kindergarten to High School depending on the program.

In 2016 we were awarded a special grant by **The Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation** for a unique literacy based pilot program at Nyack Center. The goal of the program is to strengthen our children's reading skills and better equip them to be successful with Common Core and ultimately school outcomes. We are upgrading our Computer Lab and will have a rolling laptop cart.





## Breakfast Club

Provides 43 children, grades K-8 with nurturing, educational and recreational activities and a nourishing breakfast before school, from 7:00am to 8:15am. In collaboration with The Nyack School District, students are bused to their various schools. The program is free.

## After School

Operating until 5:30pm, 82 students K-8 in The Nyack School District receive homework help and a nutritional after school snack. Children participate in educational, creative and recreational activities. In collaboration with The Nyack School District, students are bused from their various schools to the center. Parents pay on a sliding scale based on family income.

## Camp Nyack

For the last six years, Nyack Center has contracted with the Village of Nyack to run its summer camp for children K-6 grade. The camp is six weeks, 5 days a week from 8:30-3. Activities include lunch, swimming, arts and crafts, gym time, computer time, reading and weekly field trips. Campers pay based on a sliding scale based on family income.



## Computer Time

The free program provides about 25 youth daily with computer and recreational activities Monday-Friday 5:30-8:30 pm throughout the year. A Computer Coach supervises and mentors the teens.

## Teen Night Fridays

A substance free program for teenagers. A collaboration with O.C.A.D.A., The Nyack Center Teen Council and an adult advisor coordinate the program. Students meet every Monday at 6pm and plan events 2 or 3 times a month. This program is free to local teens.

## Teen Council

A weekly meeting of teen leaders at Nyack Center. As part of our collaboration with O.C.A.D.A., the group and adult advisors plan Teen Nights at Nyack Center. Teens attend community groups and workshops to develop leadership skills and learn more about our community and world.



## Nyack Youth Collaborative

A monthly meeting of over 40 youth service organizations in Rockland County. A series of youth and employment forums are run each year. The first of its kind in Rockland County. 4 different Rockland collaborative grew from this pilot.

## Family Connections

Family Connections at Nyack Center supports families living in Rockland County who are separated due to the incarceration of a parent. The program provides professional and peer support, education and link to vital community resources to parents incarcerated in the Rockland County Correctional Facility, their children and families. There is a weekly mothers support group in the County Jail, part time pre- and post-case management services, and some mentoring for parents and their children. Family Connections Nyack Center is one of a kind program and has a proven track record in building stronger youth and





## Community Programs @ Nyack Center



### **Rivertown Film**

**Occasional Wednesdays at 8:00 PM**

Rivertown Film presents screenings of contemporary international, independent films at the Nyack Center, often with the opportunity to meet the filmmaker and discuss the film. Check [www.rivertownfilm.org](http://www.rivertownfilm.org) for dates, titles, and other programs.



### **Face 2 Face with C.A.N.D.L.E.**

**Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-8:30pm**

Offers a safe and welcoming environment in which youth can speak to professional staff. They can drop-in for an informal conversation regarding concerns, stressors and pressures in their life which may be related to school, family, community, substance use. We also offer assessments, short-term counseling, resource materials, and referrals. Services are free of charge. *For more information- Lois Ross, LMSW* [lross@candlerockland.org](mailto:lross@candlerockland.org)



### **NAACP Youth Council, Nyack Branch**

First Wednesday of each month, 6:30-8:30 PM.

### **Nyack Branch NAACP**

Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm



### **Working Together for Racial Justice**

**2nd Wednesday of every month, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

A continued monthly discussion to offer each other mentoring, ideas and support informed by the tenets of the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond's Undoing Racism Workshop. The discussion is free to attend and is held at the Nyack Center.

For more information call Vanessa Green at (845) 634-5729 x305

<http://www.vcs-inc.org/social-justice-programs--trainings.html>





**VCS Woman to Woman**

**UPCOMING 2015 DATES: Oct 27, Nov 24 6:30 pm -8 pm**

**No matter how you identify, whether you are single or in a relationship, if you feel you belong, you are welcome.**

The group is growing and enjoyed by all who attend. If you have attended before – have not yet come- we look forward to welcoming, you! Feel free to drop-in at any session. Discussion begins at 6:30.

Held in Rockland County at Nyack Center, women from other communities are most welcome.

**For more info call 845-634-5729 x307 [www.rocklandpride.org](http://www.rocklandpride.org)**

**RGMA: Rockland Gay Men's Association**

**2nd Tuesday of each Month Tuesday ~ October 13, November 10, December 8 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

The RGMA is a meet-up, discussion group and social event. It's a confidential 1 1/2 hour meeting.

The group is open to men who identify as Gay, Bi, Queer, MSM, Same Gender Loving, Questioning or . . .

welcome. Feel free to drop-in at any session. The sessions are held at Nyack Center in Rockland County, and men from other communities are most

welcome.

**wish more information,**

**call VCS at 845 634-5729 x312 [www.rocklandpride.org](http://www.rocklandpride.org)**



# 2015 Honors & Scholarships

## Honors

Nyack Center annually honors community leaders at three of our events. At our Legacy Gala we honor individuals who have left a lasting Legacy at Nyack Center and Rockland County. At our Black History Celebration we recognize those who have contributed to the lives of African Americans and our community. During Women of Leadership and Vision Brunch we honor community minded achievers for their vision, innovation and leadership towards improving the quality of life for others.

### Legacy

Chris & Bert Hughes, Sally and Roger Seiler

### Black History Month Celebration

Vanessa Green, Rev. Weldon McWilliams IV and Victor Overton

### Women of Leadership and Vision

Judith Johnson, Dr. Lori Martin, Dr. Sharon Quayle



## Scholarships

Each year we give scholarships as awards the top finalists of our MLK Oratory Contest at our Black History Celebration.

This year we gave our fourth annual Young Woman of Leadership and Vision Scholarship. The \$1,000 award went to a young woman who is a High School Senior and is active in helping others in her community.

### Black History Month MLK Oratory Scholarship

### Young Woman of Leadership and Vision Scholarship

Megan Towler

# Events

## Community

- Bench By The Road
- Back to School BBQ
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration
- Welcome Night
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Holiday Gift Drive
- Holiday Feast
- Rotary Senior Luncheon
- Birthday Boxes-MLK Day of Service
- School Board Meetings
- OC.A.D.A. Community Meetings, NAACP and NAACP Youth Council Meetings. Village Meetings



## Fundraising

- Black History Celebration
- Rowathon-Pull for Purpose
- Women of Leadership and Vision Brunch
- Mulch Madness
- Men Cooking
- Family Bike Day
- Monster Mash
- Legacy Gala
- Fall Made by Hand-Art and Craft Bazaar
- Music and Readings in a Holiday Spirit



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# Community Partners and Partnership



Community Partners provide funds, in-kind help and valuable resources

Arts Rock  
BJ's Wholesale Club  
Black Lives Matter  
Bossy Frog  
C.A.N.D.L.E  
The Center for Safety and Change  
Chiku Awali African Dance and Drum  
Childcare Resources of Rockland County of Rockland  
Christine Cordey Salon  
Danna Banana  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority  
Rockland Chapter  
Dominican College  
Edward Hopper House  
Eyevolution Optique

First Niagara Bank  
First Presbyterian Church  
First Reformed Church of Nyack  
Friends of the Nyacks  
Germonds Presbyterian Church  
Grace Church  
Grace's Thrift Shop  
Head Start of Rockland  
Historical Society of the Nyacks  
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Naomi's Program of Excellence  
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Nyack Family Resource Centers  
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Nyack Homeless Project  
Nyack Public Library  
Nyack News and Views  
Nyack Plaza Tenants Association  
Nyack Public Schools  
Nyack Rotary Club  
NYS Office of Children and Family Services  
O & R  
O.C.A.D.A.

Orangetown Police Department  
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Rockland Community College  
Rockland County Department of Health  
Rockland County District Attorney's Office  
Rockland Rowing Association  
Rockland YMCA  
Schools of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
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St. John's Deliverance Tabernacle  
St. Phillips AME Zion  
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Village of Nyack  
V.C.S. Inc.  
The Villager  
Village of S. Nyack  
Weld Realty  
Ira Wickes, Arborists

## Facility

Nyack Center's building turns 177 years old this year. Thanks to the many donors and volunteers who help keep our building in good shape. Regular maintenance and painting is ongoing. Routine visits are made by plumbers, contractors and others to make the repairs that a building of this age demands.

## Sound and Recording Studio

A team of musicians, sound and recording professionals have worked to make a sound and recording studio here at Nyack Center a reality with \$250,000 in funds secured by Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee. The studio will provide an incredible resource to youth in the community, people who use the Center and will be available to rent as an additional funding stream.

## Land

Over 20 years ago, The Hudson Presbytery sold Nyack Center our beautiful building formerly a Presbyterian Church but, held onto the land. While we have been responsible for the building, The Hudson Presbytery held a lease with Nyack Center for the land. About a year ago, The HP offered to sell Nyack Center the land. We now have an agreement that would allow Nyack Center to do so. Our goal is to purchase the land in 2016.

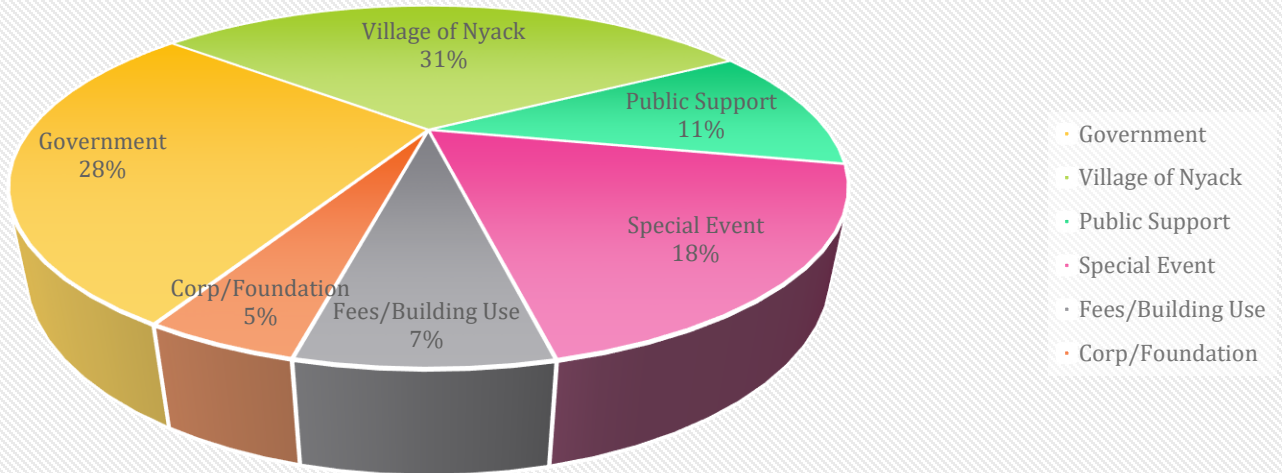
## Building Sign

Our sign above the front doors was damaged and came down in a wind storm. Our sign was lovingly restored by original sign painter Barbara Stark with a new design by designer Matt Dubeau. Thanks to Wilfred Saintosil and staff for rehanging it back above our red doors to welcome the community.



# Finance

## Nyack Center Income 2015



### INCOME

**Total 2015 =830,685**

#### Government

Total 2015-229,520

#### Village of Nyack

Youth Services \$130,000

Camp Nyack \$127,000

#### Public Support

Individual Total 2015-93,371 and Corp/foundation Total \$37,600

#### Special Event Revenue

Total 2015-151,912

#### Program and Building Use Revenue

Total 2015-61,292

### EXPENSES

**Total 2015=\$828,770**

Audit- Our 2015 audit is pending. When complete, copies will be made available upon request.

Village of Nyack-The purpose of The Village of Nyack funding is to support our youth programs as well as running Camp Nyack-a summer camp for children. Nyack Center, in effect, serves as the Village's Community Center.

## Board of Directors

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Grace's Thrift Shop

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Lilo Kassel  
Lisa Kubie  
Petrina & Gerald Koblin  
Susan & Glenn Keene

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Xenia & Eugene Kalinin  
Constance & Chester Lubeck  
Leong & Mark Hussey  
Josephine Lore  
Julie Lifton  
Paula Lennard  
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Denise Weber-Mishkel  
Elizabeth McGory  
Ellen & Terrence McCabe  
Joan May  
Kathryn & Henry Minnerop  
Laura Miano & Don Wiggins

Evelyn

Lisa Magaro  
Lois Mergentime  
Megan Mayo and Fran Cathcart

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Elizabeth Kallen  
Laura Applebaum & Arthur Gunther  
Gail & Alan Koss  
Sarah Anderson  
Marsha Kellar & Jerome Muhlenberg  
Cane & Boniface Schulman Kissel & Keen  
Ellyse & Phillip Berg  
Susan Kaufman  
Geraldine & Joseph Bracken  
Mitchell Kayden  
Nancy Bermon  
& Leo Levinson  
Rosemarie & Bruce Bone  
LeVines  
Angela & Thomas Challacombe  
Robert Laufer  
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Elizabeth Carroll  
Diane Churchill  
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Karla Jones  
Jane Marino  
James Marshall  
Kenie Mittleman  
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Elizabeth Curtis & Claryce McLean  
Patricia McHugh & Matthew Seig  
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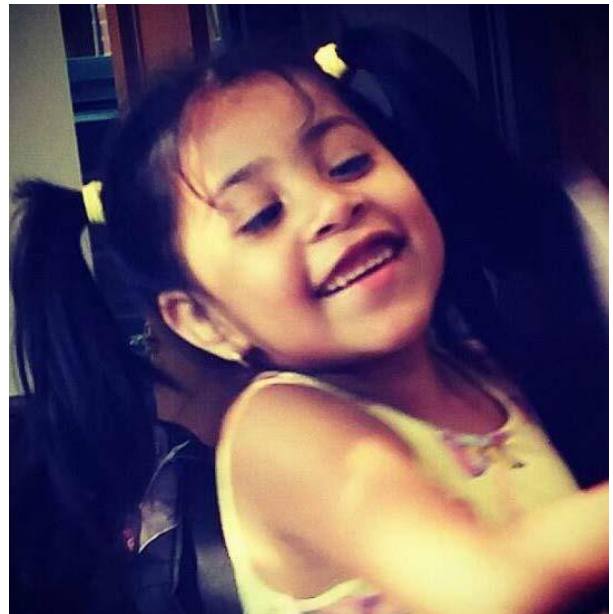
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# History

Nyack Center is located in a beautiful and historic church building in the heart of Nyack. The current building erected in 1839 is 177 years old this year.

In 2016 Nyack Center celebrates its 26<sup>th</sup> year of service at a center of community life in the Nyacks and Rockland County. The community we serve defines Nyack Center and the role we play. Nyack Center was developed as a model for community government partnership. The village and community members saw the need for services for youth especially and came up with this unique way of providing programs under a non-profit umbrella separate from the village. We are grateful to the Village of Nyack along with all of our government supporters for their commitment to Nyack Center.

T.S. Eliot said that, "What life have you if not a life together? There is no life that is not in community." Community life is what Nyack Center is all about. Nyack Center has long sought to provide a gathering place to discuss concerns and find solutions. To that end, Nyack Center provides space for discussion, programs to learn and services to youth to prevent more violence and find stable options for them to become successful in school, at home and in our community. We run programs for school age children, at risk youth, and teens. We provide space to many organizations that hold events, meetings and workshops that enhance our community life here in the heart of Nyack.

1990 Establishment of Nyack Center. *"It was created in 1990 from the vision of two Presbyterian ministers who saw a potential to renovate the building to its past glory while benefiting the community. They foresaw an "urban mission" where townspeople would decide how best to utilize the space. Demographically, ethnic and poorer communities were located in the hills behind the Center, while the more affluent settled in front of the Center along the Hudson River. The ministers hoped to break down social barriers by emphasizing the Center's hospitality at both the back and front door. Current programs grew out of community needs. "The "Back Door", a teen run café, grew out of a need for teens to have their own space and express themselves. Children alone at home before school due to working parents' schedules, evolved into "Safe Haven", later*

*called "The Breakfast Club". Lastly, "The After School Program" solved a latchkey and homework help problem.*"from old fundraising documents

1991 Capital Campaign started

1992 Non-profit 501c3 status granted

1994 Steve Butler Executive Director

1995 Phase I exterior renovations included door and window upgrades, roofing and siding repair, complete exterior repainting and installation of a handicapped access ramp.

1997 Phase II interior renovations, seeking to make our space more flexible and usable included conversion of the sanctuary into a 400 seat auditorium/activity space; construction of offices, meeting rooms, activity areas, two secure computer labs; upgrading of utility systems and installation of handicapped accessible bathrooms. First Annual Black History Celebration.

Suzanne Barclay and Michael Killing Interim Executive Director

1998 Phase III renovations, completed in late 1998 converted a portion of the basement area into much needed storage space and included two new additional bathrooms and installation of a new boiler. Franz Payou Executive Director

1999 Phase IV converted the balance of the basement area into additional program activity space and will almost double the building's capacity. Alfred E. Prettyman Interim Executive Director.

2000 Alfred E. Prettyman Executive Director.

2001 First Annual Men Cooking Event. Tamara Kopko Interim Executive Director

2002 Kim Cross Executive Director

2004 Certified NY State School Age Care License. Installation of Film Screen and Rivertown Film.

2005 New Furnace installed in basement for entire building. New Acoustic System installed in Auditorium.

2006 Air Conditioning installed on main floor and in Auditorium.

2007 Computer Lab with 15 computer Stations. New Computers and phone system for staff. New Stairs, front doors and vestibule floor. Out of School Suspension collaboration with Nyack Schools begins. Establishment of Legacy Endowment and first Legacy Gala. First Women of Leadership and Vision Brunch.

2008 Camp Nyack contract awarded to Nyack Center to run. Gang Prevention Program begins. Pilot Youth Community Policing Initiative begins.

2009 Middle School Computer Time started. Village Summer Food Program housed at Nyack Center. NY State Sound and Recording Studio Grant announced. Rowathon event with River Rowing Association established. Gym Proposal presented to Village for 1.6-2 million.

2010 20 Anniversary Legacy Gala. Establishment of e-newsletter commUNITY. Nyack Center joins Facebook.

2011 Satellite Breakfast Club program started at Waldron Terrace. Establishment of The Rev. Martin Luther King Oratory Scholarship. Nyack Center joins Twitter.

2012 Nyack's first sketch mob at Nyack Center. Establishment of Young Woman of Leadership and Vision Scholarship. Nyack Center creates a new website. Nyack Center adopts a new logo design.

2013 Painting of front façade and stairs. Nyack Farmer's Market begins indoor winter market at Nyack Center. Family Connections program in Rockland County Jail comes under the auspices of Nyack Center.

2014 New roof installed. Renovation of Lobby, Middle Room and Terry Hekker Library. Auditorium painted.

2015 Sound & Recording Studio Renovation and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala!

2016 Completion of Sound and Recording Studio. Nyack Center joins Instagram and LinkedIn. Nyack Center and IICF begin a literacy initiative with support from certified teachers to improve participants reading skills.



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