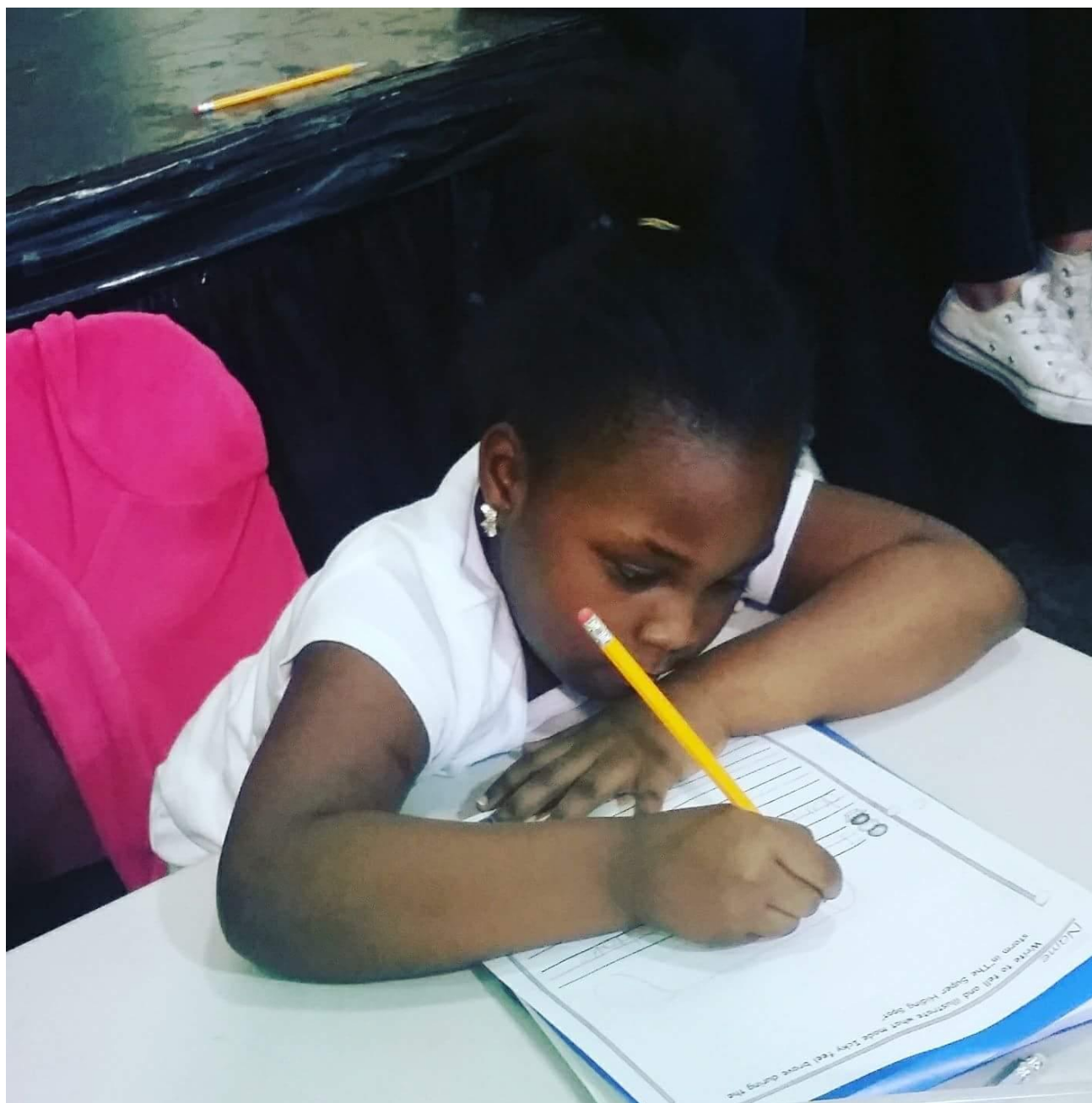


2017 Annual Report



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”.



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Annual Meeting Agenda

Presentation of Board of Directors

Glenn Meyerson, Board Chair

Annual Nyack Center Highlights

Kim Cross, Executive Director

Financial Highlights

Rainey Mancini, Treasurer

Strategic Plan & Goals 2017-2020

Glenn Meyerson, Board Chair

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.



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Letter from the Board Chair

May 2017

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Annual Highlights

As we close the chapter on our 27 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** with the amazing project creator **Suzanne Barish**. We ended the 2016 school year with talent shows, a picnic and BBQ.

We broke all the records for **Men Cooking** for Nyack Center fundraiser with over 300 guests! Thank you to event chairs, Glenn Meyerson, Dave Prouty, Antonio Oliveira, Jen Smith and our sponsors **Donna Cox Better Homes & Gardens Rand Realty, Keep Rockland Beautiful, Nyack Wine Cellar and Michael & Nelly Bly Arougheti**.

At the onset of summer, we had 105 campers all with scholarships 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. One of our amazing volunteers, Maria Carmen started **Please Pick and Cook**, an extension of the **Please Pick Project**. Community chefs created recipes and led our youth in harvesting and cooking classes culminating in a group meal.



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We ran a successful bike drive for children in our programs and the second **Family Bike Day!** Nyack Center cannot thank **Rachel Mack, Meg Mayo, Melody Patrick and Jen Smith** enough for their hard work. Our gratitude to **9W Bikes, Mack Productions, Camp Bow Wow, Palisades Center, Tappan zee Bridge Construction, Weld Realty, Wright Bros Realty, Jamis Bikes, Velo, Nyack News and Views, Visit Nyack, The Village of Nyack, Jeff Rubin Band**, all the volunteers and Nyack Center Staff for making the day so great!

We started September off with **Our Back to School BBQ**. This year we gave out a record 300 plus backpacks (100 more than last year)! thanks to **People to People, Diane Serratore, Christine Cordey Salon, Hailey Raab, Nyack Center Board and Staff, Nyack Village Trustees and Village Clerk, Nyack Middle School Principal Dave Johnson State Senator David Carlucci, Sue Smith, Venita Whidbee-Jordan, Alex Cabraie, Jen Smith, Jane Smith, Lori Zawel, Emily Klein, Noemi Radziemski** and everyone who helped with the drive! By the start of the 2016-17 school year, Breakfast Club and After School Programs were full. We held our second annual **Hispanic Heritage Night** with food, Mexican arts and crafts, dancing by **Ana De la Paz** and percussion by **Mayra Casales**.

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.



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Nyack Center was honored **by Headstart of Rockland** at their annual Gala. Our grateful appreciation to Headstart of Rockland for honoring us and your ongoing support.

Thank you to the Shops on South Broadway for a terrific new shopping event and to everyone who shopped! Participating stores were **Archive Home, ML and Maria Luisa, Sanctuary, Gene Reed and Christine Cordey and Festoon!**

We marched in the Halloween Parade and our **Monster Mash** was a smashing success thanks to event co-chairs Jane Smith and Lori Zawel with live performance by our friend **Jeffrey Friedberg and Bossy Frog!** Thank you to Brian Pia who created an amazing float in homage to Edward Hopper's Nighthawks. Thank you to Jen, Stu and Adam Chaitin of **ASCAPE** for loaning us one of their beautiful trucks and trailers again this year! Kudos to all our staff, volunteers, parents and children for a super spooky fun night. Finally thank you to our wonderful Mayor Jen Laird-White who took 35 plus pies for Nyack Center along with Trustee Marie Lorenzini and Clarkstown Trustee Stephanie Hausner.



In November, our **Legacy Gala** was the place to be! Nyack Center honored community angels Donna Cox and Susan Wilmink & Thomas Schneck! Thanks to overwhelming community support and a sold-out crowd, we raised record breaking funds for our vital programs and Legacy Fund. Between auctioneer Ned Kelly and the generous Mark Jacobs and Noemi and Michael Radziemski's donations the night took on a magical quality that galvanized the crowd to donate and bid generously. Special thanks to **Didier Dumas, Rockland Roots, Kris Burns of Festoon and Connie of Mystic Catering.** We have many people to thank-our amazing event co-chairs Tracie McLee and Noemi Radziemski, fantastic committee, honorees, Nyack Center Board of Directors, staff, sponsors-**Steve Canal Family, R2M Realty, Better Homes and Gardens Prudential Rand Realty, Docuware, Christopher Street Financial, Think Tank, Donna Cox, Orange & Rockland, 65 on Main, Brickhouse, Girls Gone Green, Superior Waste & Carting, Festoon, ASCAPE, Ned Kelly, Caixa Geral de Depositos, Planet Wings, Procida, Tallman Beach & Pool, Jeremy & Jennifer Patuto, K-Force, Orange Bank & Trust,** our advertisers, auction donors and everyone who helped make the night such a success!

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This was followed by **Made by Hand**- a fantastic Arts and Crafts Bazaar now a preholiday shopping staple thanks to event chair Linda Hope and the committee.

December was heralded in with Holiday Readings. Thank you to the ridiculously talented group of friends and neighbors who performed in our **21st Annual Music and Readings in a Holiday Spirit**, an audio play of "A Christmas Carol" to benefit Nyack Center! The evening featured the amazing **Tony Roberts**, legendary actor from Annie Hall, as Scrooge. Our gratitude to Elliott Forrest and Kevin Pariseau for co-producing this terrific evening of Holiday magic.



Nyack Rotary had its annual holiday luncheon for over 100 community seniors. **Nyack High Schools Advanced Chorus** performed. Santa will be stopped by for a few ho ho hos! **Nyack Rotary** also held a "Cocktails for Charity Event" to benefit Nyack Center and donated \$500.



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, Nyack Boot Camp, The Rosner Family, Howard University Alum Association, Riverview Nursery School, Kappa Alpha Phi Fraternity and Legacy X** along with many other individuals and families. We are grateful that so many people care about our children!

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We hosted our first large donor event thanks to the generosity of **Sixty5 on Main**. Thanks to Glenn Meyerson, Jen Smith, Jane Smith, Matt Dubeau and Jill Lobo for organizing a wonderful evening.

Three girls from Nyack Center and our Executive Director strolled through Nyack on Valentine's Day. We were spread love and valentines to all the wonderful people and businesses who support us.

Artist **Bill Batson** created The Nighthawks window (as part of the Nyack Holiday Window Project) with children in our programs at Nyack Center. Thanks to **Hopper House** for their support of the project!



Project Chairs Sandy Page-Cook and Dave Prouty initiated our new **Advisory Board** and began the survey and focus group process to create our **2017-20 Strategic Plan**.

We hosted a groundbreaking Police Hearing with community partners-**VCS, Village of Nyack and The Orangetown Police Dept.** along with a second follow up hearing some months later.



We kicked off our 2017 fundraising with our **Black History Celebration "Celebrating Hope"**. The evening, generously sponsored by **O and R and Emily Klein & Tom Suguira** was so packed it was standing room only! With terrific honorees-Wilber Aldridge, Karl Dubuisson, Mary Johnson, Jose St. Victor, Dana Stilley, the MLK Oratory finalists, **Motherland Rhythms, Naomi's Program of Excellence**, all our performers, judges it was a special evening.

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Nyack Center along with many 10 groups was part of our **First Annual Resolution Run for Hunger** by The Nyack Hunger Coalition! Our thanks to Annie Hekker, Ken Sharp, Rev. Owen Thompson, Diane Serratore and all our runners and volunteers for this awesome event!

We hosted a wonderful talk with **Susan Smith on Islamophobia, Refugees and The United States** to benefit our **Family Connections Program**. Our thanks to **Jen Mancuso** for organizing this program!

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. Thank you to our spectacular WOLVS Team-headed by Kristin Walsh, Venita Whidbee-Jordan, Denise Lipson, Kim-Adele Rosner, Emily Klein and Enid Weishaus! Our gratitude to event sponsors **Active International, The Rockland County Women's Bar Association** and **Susan and Ken Cain** The scholarship winners Caitlin Holt and

Yenni Molina, performers Marla Pasquale, Alice Leon, Suzie Devoe and our honorees were eloquent and inspiring.

Thanks to artist **Peter Cheney and Kris Burns of Festoon**, 10% of Peter's show was donated to Nyack Center!

We celebrated the renovation of the kitchen at the Nyack Center with a ribbon cutting. **David Carlucci's** office worked with **The Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 7 and Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters** to have their time donated to do the renovations. Every day hundreds of kids will have a better place to go because of the dedication of so many caring members of our village. Thanks to everyone who made it happen!

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.



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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.



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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. This program has been enhanced by our IICF literacy initiative and partnership with The Rockland YMCA. All our children are learning to swim thanks to a program called Swim REX with the Y!



Camp Nyack

For the last eight 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.

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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. This program has been enhanced with the IICF grant upgrading our computer lab and staff.

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, go on college visits and learn more about our community and world.



Family Computer Time

New this year-a weekly program for any parents and children in our community to learn Computer 101 or have computer access. Skill building, navigating the web, access to children's school materials, resume writing etc. are part of the program. There are onsite bilingual staff and volunteers.



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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 with proven results. This is a collaboration with Episcopal Charities and Grace Episcopal Church.

SOAR-a project of Nyack Center

Nyack Center is delighted to announce that SOAR, is a new project at Nyack Center. Center. **SOAR**—the Science & Outdoor Alliance of Rockland—works to strengthen our children’s relationship with the natural world, including their understanding of the natural systems and myriad of species that make up life on Earth. This new project of the Nyack Center provides hands-on, project-based learning programs to spark children’s innate curiosity and bring the natural sciences alive.



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Community Programs @ Nyack Center



Rivertown Film

Office and films several Wednesday a month



FACE2FACE-free counseling by CANDLE

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



NAACP Monthly Meeting, Nyack Branch

4th Wednesday of each month, 6:30-8:30 PM.

NAACP Youth Council, Nyack Branch

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



ROCKLAND PRIDE CENTER

Woman 2 Woman: A Lesbian Support Group 4th Tuesday 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

The Rockland Gay Men's Association 2nd Tuesday of Each MONTH 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Talking about Gender: TaG Every Second Wednesday of the Month 7:30pm - 9pm



Working Together for Racial Justice

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

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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 2016

Donna Cox, Susan Wilmink & Thomas Schneck

Black History Month Celebration 2017

Wilbur T. Aldridge, Karl Dubuisson, Mary Johnson, Dana Stilley, Jose St. Victor

Women of Leadership and Vision 2017

Charlene Weaver, Kim-Adele Rosner and Susan Yellen



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 fifth 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.

The Lang Family has created a new scholarship also of \$1,000 for a High School Senior who is involved in some way at Nyack Center. the grant is for two consecutive years.

Also, new this year is the **Jo and Peter Baer I Made a Difference Scholarship** The award is meant to acknowledge and inspire young people to follow in the footsteps of our wonderful supporters Jo and Peter Baer. The award was created by and presented by Barbara Baer and Kelly Baer Mayhew.

Black History Month MLK Oratory Scholarship

Young Woman of Leadership and Vision Scholarship

Catlin Holt

The Lang Family Scholarship

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I Made a Difference Scholarship

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Events

Community

- 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 Meetings, O.C.A.D.A. Community Meetings, NAACP and NAACP Youth Council Meetings. Village Meetings



Fundraising

- Black History Celebration
- Women of Leadership and Vision Brunch
- Mulch Madness
- Men Cooking
- Family Bike Day
- Monster Mash
- Made by Hand
- Legacy Gala
- Music & Readings in a Holiday Spirit



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Childcare Resources of Rockland County of Rockland
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Facility

Nyack Center's building turns 178 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. In May Nyack Center purchased the land!

Computer Lab

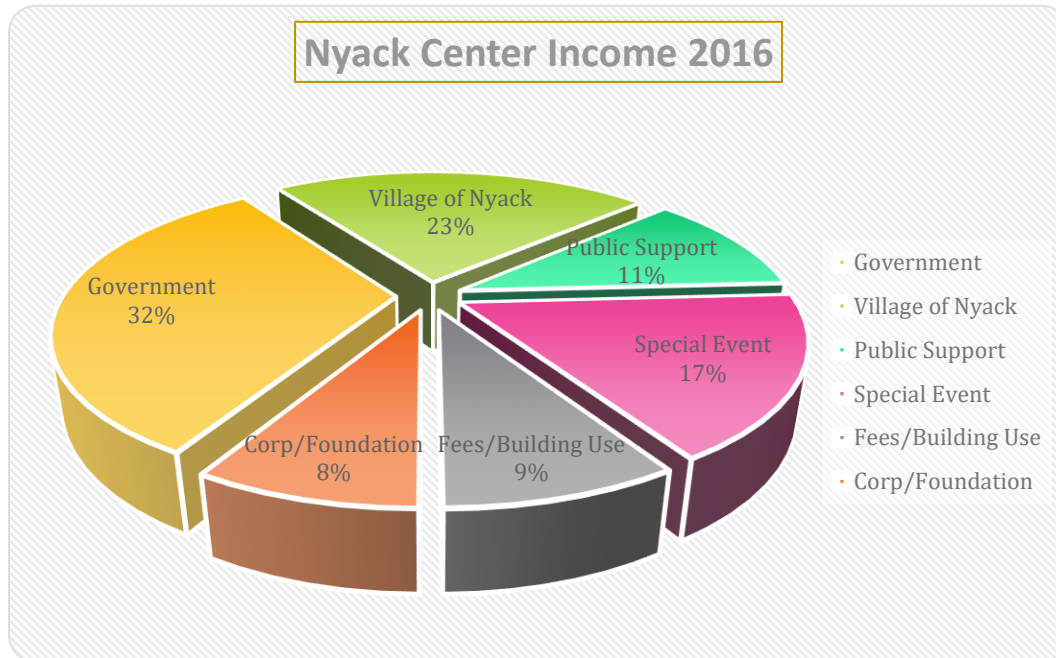
Thanks to a grant from the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation and countless volunteer hours by our tech guru Al Michalowski we upgraded our Computer Lab and created a portable laptop cart. With 11 new desktops and 7 laptops we have been able to expand our internet/computer use for children and parents in our programs.



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Finance



INCOME

Total 2016 = \$885,750

Government

Total 2016= \$368,800

Village of Nyack

Youth Services= \$130,000

Camp Nyack= \$132,000

Public Support

Individual Total 2016= \$125,860

Corp/foundation Total 2016= \$96,300

Special Event Revenue

Total 2016= \$195,977

Program and Building Use Revenue

Total 2016= \$101,312

EXPENSES

Total 2016= \$852,650

Audit- Our 2016 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.

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3 Year Strategic Priorities



Nyack Center Strategic Priorities (May 2017 to May 2020)

Completion

Goal #1: The Nyack Center will establish an operating reserve fund of \$150,000.



Goal #2: The Nyack Center will evaluate and enhance the effectiveness of its fundraising operation.



Goal #3: The Nyack Center will increase the capacity and lengthen the hours of its current core child-based programs.



Goal #4: The Nyack Center will work with the community and school system to add new academic support programs for older children and teens.



Goal #5: The Nyack Center will provide additional training and support for its staff.



Goal #6: The Nyack Center will develop and/or renovate its public spaces through donation activities, volunteer labor and professional assistance.



Goal #7: The Nyack Center will explore the viability of launching a 5 year capital campaign to expand the footprint of the Nyack Center.



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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 26th 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.

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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 25th 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.

2017 New floor and paint in Kitchen thanks to Senator Carlucci. Newly upgraded Computer Lab and mobile

laptop cart through IICF Grant. Nyack Center purchased its land from The Hudson Presbytery



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Upcoming 2017

Nyack Center Events-

June 4, Men Cooking for Nyack Center @ 5-7pm

Sept. 16, The Great Nyack Get-Together

Oct 28, Monster Mash, directly following Nyack
Halloween Parade

Nov.4, 10th Annual LEGACY GALA @ 7pm

Nov. 18, Made by Hand

Dec.10, Music & Readings in a Holiday Spirit
@7pm



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