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HUNDREDS ATTEND ANNUAL KIDS WALK IN CENTRAL PARK



he rain drenched city streets and parks all week long but on August 6, 2003, it let up just enough for hundreds of kids from New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Community Centers Citywide to gather at Central Park for NYCHA's Second Annual Kids Walk. "We're here today to teach our kids about the importance of good health," NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez said to the young crowd. "Thank you for bringing out the sunshine. You are the reason the sun came out today," Parks Department Commissioner Adrian Benepe added. Everyone came out to support the kids as they prepared to take the 1 1/2-mile walk to promote good health - Vice Chairman Earl Andrews Jr., Board Member JoAnna Aniello, Community Operations Deputy General Manager Hugh Spence and Citywide Programs Director Denise Falco-Lara joined a host of others. Even Police Dog McGruff stopped by to provide moral support to the kids along with DJ Julius Dicen of Power 105. SpongeBob SquarePants was there too, to hear Commissioner Benepe, in the voice of Mr. Krabs, sing the SpongeBob theme song. Each participating Community Center walked, proudly displaying their banner to promote "Good Health," "Exercise" and "Nutrition." Some banners read "STOP OBESITY GO WITH GOOD HEALTH," "HOLA 4 LIFE FOOD 4 THOUGHT," and "PROMOTE LIFE, FIT-NESS AND GOOD, HEALTH THROUGH HEALTHY EATING." Soundview Community Center in the Bronx, Ravenswood Community Center in Queens, Todt Hill Community Center in Staten Island, Atlantic Terminal Community Center in Brooklyn, and Campos Community Center in Manhattan were all declared winners for having the best banners. When the walk was completed the walkers received bottled water and a healthy lunch while they were entertained by step-dancers from various community centers.

—Deborah Williams

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Mayor Honors NYCHA Employee For Going Beyond The Call of Duty

hen the lights went out at 4:11PM on August 14, 2003 at the start of the biggest blackout in U.S. history, Community Coordinator Myra Miller and 15 children between the ages of six and 12 from the Langston Hughes Community Center Summer Day Camp in Brooklyn had just returned from a computer training class at the local library. Ms. Miller and her staff-Community Assistant Aisha Duckett and Community Service Aide Nereida Martinez - were preparing the children's afternoon snacks when the electricity died.

The older children were sent home. Others were escorted home and others waited in the Community Center for a parent or family member to pick them up. Most of the children were reunited with their families later that night except for three. The three remaining spent a long dark night at the Community Center, with Ms. Miller there to make sure they stayed safe. The last child was finally reunited with his grandfather at seven the following morning.

"We just did the best we could. We tried to keep the children calm, (Continued on page 2)



Community Coordinator Myra Miller

Arnold Schwarzenegger Announces Winner Of Inner City Games Contest



Arnold Schwarzenegger with Campos Plaza resident Dezirae Arias at a party held in Dezirae's honor at the Campos Community Center.

-By Eileen Elliott

ourteen-year-old Campos Plaza resident Dezirae Arias won the Inner City Games (ICG) Foundation's "Name The Games" contest to rename ICG. Her entry, "After-School All-Stars," now ICG's new official name, won out over thousands of names. ICG founder and Chairman Arnold Schwarzenegger paid a visit to City College of the City University of New York in Harlem on August 11, 2003, to announce the foundation's new name, to congratulate Ms. Arias, and to present her with prizes.

The mission of Inner-City Games, which was formed in 1995, is to provide opportunities for inner-city youth to participate in sports, educational, cultural and community enrichment programs; to build confidence and self-esteem; to encourage youth to say "no" to gangs, drugs and violence and "yes" to hope, learning and life.

NYCHA's collaboration with Inner-City Games began in 1996 as a joint effort between NYCHA and the Educational Department at St. John's University in Queens. The ICG CampUS program, a month-long summer day camp for NYCHA youth between the ages of 7 and 13, held at St. John's, currently serves 800 NYCHA residents. This year, an additional 50 young people from public housing participated in a CampUS program at City College. A total of 150 youth who participate in CampUS and who reside in NYCHA developments and in homeless facilities in the Bronx and Manhattan filled the audience at the press conference.

NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez joined Ms. Arias and Mr. Schwarzenegger on the dais. "I'm really delighted to be here with you today," the Chairman said. "NYCHA has had an association with ICG for seven years and Arnold has been here every year. Rest assured that when he says, 'I'll be back,' he means it!"

After thanking a list of sponsors including NYCHA, St. John's, the Laureus Sports Foundation and Hummer, Schwarzenegger sent a clear (Continued on page 3)

Have a Great School Year!

September 2003

Message From The Mayor

Starting The New School Year with Children First



when the school year began on September 8th, there were eight million new books awaiting students in their classrooms. Along with the contents of 14,500 new classroom libraries, these books included textbooks supporting the new math and literacy curriculum that is a central element of the Children First reform agenda I announced with Chancellor Joel I. Klein in January. The preparedness of the

am pleased to announce that

City's schools is due to the effectiveness of the newly reorganized structure of the school system, completed this year as part of the Children First reform agenda. The new management structure is designed to support the instructional goals of the new comprehensive curriculum and to enhance parent involvement. The reorganization streamlined the structure of the school system and redirected resources from bureaucracies to schools. It maximizes accountability for performance and achievement and increases the support provided to principals, teachers, and schools

Children First is first and foremost about teaching and learning. We must be certain that our children are mastering the basic reading, writing and math skills that they need to succeed both in school and after. The new citywide core curriculum brings to our classrooms a rigorous instructional approach to literacy and math that will help us raise student achievement across the board. The new instructional approach to math and literacy includes daily instruction for all elementary and middle school students. All kindergarten through eighth grade classrooms are now equipped with rich, varied classroom libraries stocked with books that will interest children and encourage independent reading. For high school students who continue to struggle with reading, writing and math, the curriculum includes special instructional programs designed to assist older students in these areas.

To introduce the new curriculum and raise student achievement citywide, the City is also taking unprecedented steps to train teachers through strong and coherent professional development. Teachers in each region of the school system have completed an intensive three-day professional development program on the new curriculum that was coordinated and led by the Department of Education's ten Regional Superintendents. In addition, the Department has distributed 80,000 instructional CDs and 80,000 literacy and math handbooks and offered voluntary courses on the new curriculum. In addition, teachers will be provided with ongoing professional development throughout the school year, including an additional 50minute period of professional development for teachers each week. All principals, whether experienced or new, are participating in innovative leadership development programs conducted by the Leadership Academy.

The Department has also implemented Children First reforms to make schools more welcoming to parents and to strengthen the essential partnership between schools and their students' parents and families. The Department has hired and trained 1,185 new Parent Coordinators who are now working full-time in schools to address parent concerns and expand parent outreach. The school-based Parent Coordinators will be supported by fully staffed regional Parent Support Offices, which will provide parents with additional access to the school system. Parents may obtain help at any of the Parent Support Offices on weekdays, Monday and Wednesday evenings, Saturdays, and the first Sunday of each month.

Active parent involvement is absolutely critical to raising student achievement. We need to work together to motivate, support and encourage our schoolchildren. Our reforms recognize that parents must be full partners with our schools in the important work of education.

Michael R. Bloomberg

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Mayor Honors NYCHA Employee (Continued from page 1)

playing table games," Ms. Miller said at a press conference held at City Hall on August 19. Ms. Miller was one of a number of City employees who was honored by Mayor Bloomberg for performing heroic acts and acts that went above and beyond the call of duty during the blackout. Fire, Police, Transit, Health & Hospitals Corporation, Environmental Protection and Department of Transportation employees were also presented with Certificates of Appreciation by the Mayor.

Today is a happy day," said Mr. Bloomberg. "We're here to honor some people who helped the City with countless acts of decency and compassion, courage. President Bush put it best when he said New Yorkers and others affected by the blackout showed the country the true mettle of the American people. On behalf of a grateful City, we thank you very much."

The Mayor was quick to point out that by calling attention to those honored at City Hall, he was recognizing the work of their colleagues as well.

Not only did she stay with the children Ms Miller kept the Community Center open all night for seniors and others in the surrounding area, providing them with ice packs and the small amount of water that could be spared. Residents used the center to drop off their bags so they didn't have to carry them up flights of stairs, or just to rest.

"We were in darkness from about 9:30 that night until the next morning," Ms. Miller remarked. "After awhile our emergency lights went out, the flashlights eventually died." She noted that officers from the local Police Service Area stopped by to make sure they were okay.

The mother of a nine-year-old herself, Ms. Miller said that she was motivated to stay because she put herself in the place of the parents who were prevented from getting to their children. (Her own son was dropped off at the Community Center and so was with her throughout the blackout.)

All over the City NYCHA staff and residents pulled together to make the best of things. Many Community Centers remained open, staff accompanied residents to their apartments, stayed with the elderly overnight, allowed children and parents to use their cell phones, handed out water, flashlights, and in some cases even cooked for residents. And so, although it was Ms. Miller who was honored, she truly represented many NYCHA staff and residents as well.



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Message From The Chairman

Everything September



Summer is over already and another school year has started. What a summer it was! Over the last few months, I had the pleasure of spending my weekends with NYCHA residents at Family Days and Anniversary celebrations all around the City. It was great to see so many residents come out to celebrate their developments and their communities. I can't tell you how much I enjoyed the barbeques, chatting with the seniors, and seeing the delight on the faces of so many young peo-

ple who participated in a vareity of games and activities. But more importantly, these weekend festivities gave me a chance to meet with Resident Association presidents and their boards so that I could hear firsthand about the issues affecting NYCHA residents. As a memento, this paper includes a spread of photos from some of the Family Days and Anniversaries on Pages 6 and 7.

And then of course, there was the Blackout of 2003. Having our City thrown into this unforeseen situation presented a challenge to all New Yorkers. It is a tribute to the Police, Fire, Transit, Office of Emergency Management and numerous other City agencies, as well as the Housing Authority, that the blackout did not have more serious consequences.

NYCHA staff and residents performed admirably. Reports came into Central Office from every borough, of staff and residents working together to help each other cope with the sudden loss of electricity. At a City Hall Ceremony, Mayor Bloomberg honored Myra Miller, who stayed with three young people at the Langston Hughes Community Center through the night and I would also like to commend Ms. Miller for her caring and dedication. (See page 1.) There were many others who performed acts that are equally commendable.

In response to the blackout NYCHA continued to provide only its most critical functions until electricity was restored. Our first priority was to deploy staff from the Housing Authority's elevator division to inspect NYCHA's 3,318 elevators. NYCHA staff safely removed 340 passengers from elevators in 89 separate housing developments. NYCHA staff and resident patrol leaders went door-todoor at the 42 senior developments to ensure the health and safety of our elderly residents. Staff at the developments escorted residents up and down stairs, to and from apartments, and provided drinking water for residents on the higher floors of high rise buildings where lack of water was a problem. In addition, NYCHA also opened approximately 70 community centers for residents who needed a place to go during the blackout.

Of course, the month of September now has a special significance, since the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The City commemorated the date of the attacks with a ceremony where the World Trade Center once stood and NYCHA residents commemorated it with candlelight vigils and ceremonies in their developments. It's been two years and our City has remained safe. NYCHA was represented at Ground Zero as part of an honor guard made up of individuals representing City, State, Federal and nonprofit agencies and members of the victims' families. Four members of NYCHA's staff took their assigned turn in this commemoration.

Summer seems to have flown by and we're opening to a clean page in that notebook again. Pretty soon much of our activity will move indoors, into our community centers, schoolrooms and homes. Let's make the most of every moment so that when next summer rolls around we can look back on a year of new growth and achievements.

Tino Hernandez

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY JOURNAL

Satellite Dishes Not Permitted In NYCHA Developments



For safety reasons, NYCHA residents are not permitted to have any television or other antenna on window sills or any place outside of their apartments. This includes any type of satellite dish antenna that might be attached to window frames, window guards or brickwork.



and emphatic message to the youth in the audience, encouraging them to make positive choices in their lives and congratulating them for participating in the CampUS program.

"I want you kids to know what an exciting day this is and how much people love you." He encouraged the youth in the audience to dream big. "Don't worry about where you come from, concentrate on where you are going. Have big dreams and go after those dreams. People will provide you with the opportunities."

Mr. Schwarzenegger elaborated on the importance of providing programs for youth in the afterschool hours because otherwise many would be home alone without adult supervision.

In addition to a party for 75 of her friends, Ms. Arias received a number of prizes for winning the contest, which were presented to her by Mr. Schwarzenegger. These included a \$5,000 college scholarship, a laptop computer, an autographed poster for the movie Terminator 3, and a Hummer bicycle. Today. ICG serves over 200.000

children in 15 cities nationwide.



Little Ms. Brooklyn - On July 23, 2003 residents of Van Dyke Houses gathered at the Brownsville Recreation Center for the Fifth Annual Brownsville Old Timers Club "Little Miss Brooklyn Pageant." "It takes more than beauty to win this pageant. You have to have poise, talent and know the history of Brownsville and the Old Timers Club," said Old Timers Club Organizer Lisa Kenner, who is also Tenant Association President of Van Dyke Houses. The mission of the Club, which was founded in 1963, is to educate youth under the age of 16. The youth hear poetry readings, learn the history of Brownsville, receive academic instruction, and participate in numerous fun-filled recreational activities. "Judging the pageant was no easy task. All seven contestants in the 6-8 year old category were outstanding," said Ms. Kenner. However, the one that walked away with the title Little Miss Brooklyn was (drum roll) Issis McIntosh. When asked the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Issis answered, "I want to be a pediatrician so that I can help other children." "Little Miss Brooklyn" made her debut appearance at the Van Dyke Family Day on August 23, 2003. If you are interested in joining the Brownsville Old Timers Club please contact Lisa Kenner for additional information at 718-345-5713. Issis, winning a pageant takes a lot of dedication and hard work. Stay focused and when you grow up you will have earned another title-Dr. Issis McIntosh. I would also like to congratulate Lisa Kenner because your dedication to the community is commendable. You found the time to work as the Tenant Association President and the organizer of the Brownsville Old Timers Club. You both deserve a round of applause!

You are never too old to learn! That's what everyone at the Betances Houses in the Bronx is saying about Lazaro Rodriguez, the 73-year-old resident who graduated on May 29, 2003 from John Jay College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology. Mr. Rodriguez also holds an Associate of Science Degree in Legal Studies that he obtained from Eugenia Maria de Hostos Community College. It all started in the fall of 1997, when he first enrolled in college. He was a bit skeptical and thought his health would interfere with his studies but he was persistent and with encouragement from Betances Houses Manager Ada Burgos he achieved his goal. Ms. Burgos recalls telling Mr. Rodriguez when he wanted to quit, "You can't do it-that's a bad example." Mr. Rodriguez's future plans include volunteering at the Betances Senior Center. In the Betances Houses newsletter, Mr. Rodriguez wrote, 'Today this old dream becomes a true story. It is an immense reality, and I hope it serves as an example to anybody." Mr. Rodriguez, it is said that if you set your sights high, the higher the better. When we set exciting worthwhile goals for ourselves, they work in two ways: We work on them, and they work for us. You are truly an extraordinary person with a vision for the future. Congratulations on your success!

Perfect Attendance — With the opening of school I would like to reinforce how important it is to attend every day. Perfect attendance is one key to success and no one knows that better than the Skinner sisters—Shannon, Dominique and Kennasia. On June 13, 2003, at the Ravenswood Resident Association Awards night they each received an award for perfect attendance at P.S. 111 and I.S. 204 for the 2002 – 2003 academic school year. Well girls, I have one word for you—Perfecto! I guess I don't have to worry about telling you to stay in school. You did it before you can do it again. Keep up the good work and congratulations!

Deborah's Diary is a column that is for you, the residents of NYCHA, to share significant events in your lives with your neighbors. As always, I plan to tell you about those individuals who are the "talk of the town," but I need your help in getting that news. So, remember the Diary! If you have news, share it with me and I will share it with my readers. Drop me a few lines or fax me at 212-577-1358. Or, hey, make it personal! Give me a call at 212-306-4752. I can't 100% guarantee it, but I'll do my best to see that your good news makes it into this column.

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The NYCHA "Not Wanted" List

In this issue we continue our editorial policy of publishing the names of individuals who have been permanently excluded from our public housing developments. Listing the proscribed persons is part of the effort to keep residents informed of NYCHA's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers in public housing and to allow for the peaceful and safe use of our facilities. Here follows a list of the people excluded after hearings were held on July 31, and August 7, 14, and 21, 2002.

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The Chief's Corner

Working Together To Reduce Crime

Greetings. I am truly honored by my recent appointment as the Chief of the Housing Bureau of the New York Ctiy Police Department. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to my predecessor, Chief Douglas Zeigler, in his new assignment as Chief of the Organized Crime Control Bureau. He will be greatly missed by both the residents and employees of the New York City Housing Authority, as well as the members of the Housing Bureau.

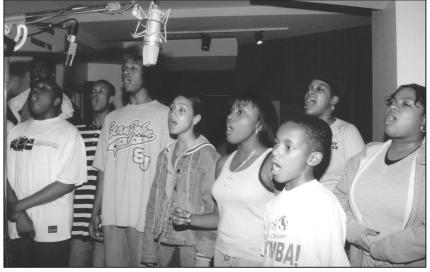
As the new Cheif, I am looking forward to working closely with both NYCHA's residents and management in reducing crime and improving the qualify of life in NYCHA developments. The Housing Bureau will utilize successful and proven crime-fighting techniques and be innovative in employing new crime strategies continuing the trend towards crime reduction.

Most importantly, I would like to thank all of our residents who volunteer their valuable time to help maintain a positive quality of life in our housing developments. I encourage all residents to join the tenant patrol programs to help us succeed in our ultimate goal of reducing crime.



Housing Bureau Police Chief Joanne Jaffe

YOUTH CHORUS RECORD CD



STUDIO RECORDING NYCHA Youth Chorus members record a CD entitled, "Urban Voices," at the Planet to Planet Recording Studio in Manhattan. Pictured here from left to right are: Levar Arrington, Ronnie Artis, Dorian Thomas-Allen, Daunte Pinckney, Shynequa Hopkins, Adriana Valerio, Joanna Mercer, Asa Raheem, and Melissa Roman. Andre Johnson also sang at the recording studio. Fifteen chorus members were selected for this project. According to Chorus Director Larry Matthews, deciding whose voice would be best suited for studio recording was a difficult one. Making a CD is hard work requiring long rehearsal sessions and weeks of preparation. The CD will have seven tracks: "Lift Every Voice," "Blessings Go the Distance," "Noyana," "Shadowland," "Somewhere," and "Thank You For One More Day." Chorus member Andre Johnson, smiling through an interview session said, "I felt proud and even honored that the Chorus Director Mr. Matthews selected me to be a part of the recording, even though I'm a new member." The CD should be completed this month. If you are interested in auditioning for the NYCHA Youth Chorus open auditions are being held through October. For more information call the Youth Chorus Hotline at (212) 427-8603 or (212) 427-6648.

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2003 ANNIVERSARIES... ...50th...



EDENWALD HOUSES Resident Association President Walter McNeil accepts the "NYCHA Apple" from Chairman Hernandez at the Edenwald 50th Anniversary on August 9th.



THROGGS NECK HOUSES' 50th Anniversary is marked by Resident Association President Dwayne Jenkins (left), Manager Angela Gadson-Floyd and Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. on August 16th.



COOPER PARK HOUSES Resident Association President Diane Jackson (right), Vice President Debra Bender (center) and Treasurer Althia Gambles at 50th Anniversary Celebration, also on August 16th.



Niki Azure, Resident Association President and COP Chair for Manhattan South welcomes the Chairman (right) and Vice Chairman (left) to **SMITH HOUSES'** 50th Anniversary on August 23rd.

....60th...



Residents celebrated the 60th Anniversary of **MARKHAM GARDENS** on Staten Island on August 23rd with entertainment by the young people of the development.

....65th...



Brooklyn Borough Management Deputy Director Joseph Fuccillo (far left) joined **WILLIAMSBURG HOUSES** Manager Veronica Davis (center with flowers), Resident Association President Betty Jones (to her left), Board Member JoAnna Aniello (to her left), Brooklyn Community Operations Director Carl Billington (far right) and residents for this photo.

... AND FAMILY DAYS!



INDEPENDENCE TOWERS tot asks, 'Are you for real...?"



SUMNER HOUSES' Harold Jones and son, Matthew in Brooklyn...



INDEPENDENCE TOWERS, WILLIAMS PLAZA and TAYLOR-WYTHE joined together in Brooklyn...here the Chairman and Independence Tower Resident Association President Solomon Lieser honor Taylor-Whythe resident Sonia Roman for her service to the community...



JACKIE ROBINSON HOUSES sent the fragrance of good food through East Harlem...



...and at the **OCEAN BAY APARTMENTS**, Resident Association President and Chair of the Queens Borough Council of Presidents Connie Taylor joins the Chairman in honoring Superintendent Armando Acevedo...



Residents (and Chairman Hernandez) danced at ADAMS HOUSES in the Bronx...



... funny faces at FOREST HOUSES in the Bronx ...



...Chatting with **SUMNER HOUSES** Resident Association President and Chair of the West Brooklyn Council of Presidents Raymond Ballard...



NYCHA Deputy General Manager for Community Operations Hugh B. Spence (left), joined Resident Association President Victor Gonzalez and Chairman Hernandez at **WISE TOWERS**, Manhattan.



POLO GROUNDS HOUSES Resident Association President Barbara Outlaw welcomes Chairman Hernandez and, to Ms. Outlaw's left, New York State Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell and NYCHA General Manager Douglas Apple.



...the whole gang at **JOHNSON HOUSES** in Manhattan got together for this, with Resident Association President Ethel Velez at the far right...

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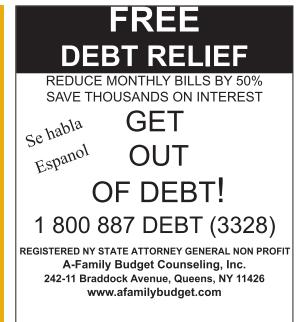
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