

Young Men's Initiative

NEWSLETTER

The COVID-19 pandemic has made our collective work even more important. We are all witnessing how structural disparities have manifested in disproportionate pain and suffering for our communities during this crisis. We at the Young Men's Initiative (YMI) are dedicated to working with you, and all of our partners, to help ameliorate these disparities. Below are important updates about the work of YMI and our partner organizations, as well as links to resources for our community.

- ★ YMI has partnered with the Neighborhood Opportunity Network (NeONs) Nutrition Kitchens and the Food Bank of NYC to provide 1 week of free pre-packaged groceries to any New Yorker in need. So far, thousands of New Yorkers have received groceries. The locations and hours of the sites can be found below. [More info](#)
- ★ The Children's Cabinet, YMI and the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity (NYC Opportunity) launched a free new digital platform to provide safe, fun, and entertaining virtual activities for New York City's teens and young adults. This first-of-its-kind campaign combines city and community resources to engage teens who are at home during the COVID-19 crisis, and also provides tips to cope with the public and mental health challenges that may arise during this difficult time. [More info](#)
- ★ **Open Enrollment** for the CUNY Fatherhood Academy. Funded by YMI, this program provides participants with a range of academic, personal and financing supports, including TASC (High School Equivalency test) preparation classes, tutoring, individualized counseling, parenting seminars, job preparation and a stipend. This program is now offered virtually. [Apply here](#)



Harlem NeON Nutrition Kitchen at the Living Redemption Youth Opportunity Hub serving the community.

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Breaking News

Mayor Bill de Blasio Appoints Jordan Stockdale as Executive Director of the Young Men's Initiative.

[More Info](#)

Meet Jordan as he engages in an online discussion with our NYC Men Teach team on **May 14th at 5:30 PM** on [Instagram Live](#)

Please also join us in welcoming our new Deputy Executive Director

[Nathifa Forde](#)

Nathifa comes to YMI with a wealth of knowledge and experience in work-force development, philanthropy and youth development.

Resources

Please find resources related to COVID-19 below:

- [Generation NYC](#)
- [COVID-19 Resources for People with Disabilities](#)
- [Coping Through COVID-19](#)

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Programmatic Updates

- ★ **Advance & Earn:** The Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), NYC Opportunity, and the Young Men's Initiative recently launched Advance & Earn -- a new program that will offer comprehensive education, training, and employment services to "opportunity youth." [Read more here](#)
- ★ **Jobs-Plus:** The Department of Social Services, NYC Opportunity, NYCHA and the Young Men's Initiative recently expanded Jobs Plus -- a evidence-based workforce development program -- to 44 housing developments citywide. A recent study shows the program greatly increased members' average quarterly earnings. [Read more here](#)
- ★ **NYC Men Teach:** Save the date for Thursday, April 30th at 7 PM. NYC Men Teach will be joined by the Black Male Educators Alliance of Michigan and Sterling Grimes from Philadelphia for a national virtual discussion about the importance of creating a village of support for male educators of color! This event will kick off the start to our national network as we continue to engage organizations across the nation who are passionate about education and leading the charge in supporting male educators of color.

Additional Resources

- [Centralized COVID19 information](#)
- [FAQs for Pandemic Unemployment Benefits](#)
- [Assistance with food, money, housing, work and more](#)
- [Mental Health Resources](#)
- [Worker's Rights](#)
- [Resources for Immigrant Communities](#)
- Text 'COVID' to 692692 (NYC-NYC) for real-time updates from NotifyNYC
- Text 'COVIDESP' for updates in Spanish

Feedback

Please send any questions, concerns, and even compliments to ymi@cityhall.nyc.gov



**NeONSM Nutrition
Kitchen**

nyc.gov/neon

Community Day Food Distribution : Expanded Hours & New Location

Bronx : 198 E 161 Street
Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday
9am - Noon
718.537.5395

Queens : 162-24 Jamaica Ave.
Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday
10am - 1pm
718.520.2142

Brooklyn : 345 Adams Street
Monday / Wednesday / Friday
9am - Noon
718.488.3618

Staten Island: 340 Bay Street
Monday / Wednesday / Thursday
9am - Noon
718.876.8660

Manhattan : 302 West 124 Street
© Living Redemption Youth Opportunity Hub
Wednesday / Friday
1pm - 4pm
917.809.8990



NeON Nutrition Kitchens are operated in partnership with
Food Bank of NYC, the Mayor's Fund to Advance NYC with COVID-19 funding provided by the NYC Young Men's Initiative.

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