

Information regarding those we donate products/ toys to as of December 2024:

Gifts collected during the Toy Drive sponsored by Council Member Lincoln Restler's Office will be distributed to youth in need at the five public schools with the highest rates of poverty identified in the District 33 school equity initiative.

We have partnered with Arbor Inn which is one of the three housing programs within Brooklyn Gardens since 2014. Arbor Inn offers short-term housing for 44 homeless mothers, each with one child up to the age of eight. Families are referred by the NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) Arbor Inn provides a secure environment where homeless women, many of whom have escaped domestic violence situations, begin to feel safe and achieve stability.

We have partnered with Camp Friendship since 2020. Camp Friendship works with class families in South Brooklyn and throughout the five boroughs. Providing homework help, mentoring, seasonal sports, and summer programming for youth between the ages of 5 and 14.

YWCA- a partnership which began 2021. The YWCA has 300 permanent, safe and affordable homes in their downtown Brooklyn building for low-income and formerly homeless women, many who have experienced gender-based violence. In addition to affordable housing, the YWCA Brooklyn provides college access and leadership development programs for girls of color and offers the immigrant women community free English, citizenship and adult computer literacy classes taught by certified women teachers.

Brooklyn Child Advocacy Center is one of many of Safe Horizon's programs- a partnership which began last year 2021. They work with children who have suffered sexual abuse or severe physical abuse. They are treated by caring teams who are fiercely dedicated to ending child abuse and helping children and families heal.

We have partnered with Fortitude House & Concord House two of the shelters Lutheran Social Services overseas. Fortitude House currently provides shelter and support to 129 children and their families who have recently arrived in our community. Concord House recently open this past August and currently provides shelter and support to 57 children and their families who have recently arrived in our community. The transition to a new country can be incredibly challenging, and the holiday season can be a particularly difficult time for these families. Many of them have left behind everything they own and are struggling to make ends meet as they build a new life for themselves.

Elm Place, an outpatient clinic of the NYS Office of Mental Health's South Beach Psychiatric Center, provides a variety of treatment and recovery services to adults aged 18-90 who are coping with mental health challenges. Through individual and group therapy, pharmacotherapy, art and music therapy, and other support services, they help their clients manage challenges and live their lives as active community members.

**WE THANK EVERYONE WHO ASSISTED IN RAISING FUNDS/TOYS.
YOUR DONATION EXPANDED THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN SHELTERS
WE ASSIST DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.**

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