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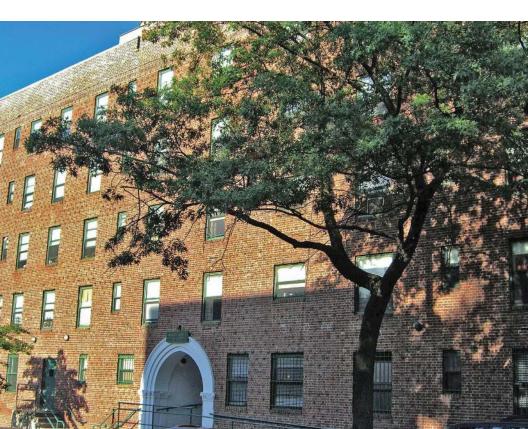
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our *Feels Like Home, Feels Like Hope* Virtual Gala!

Never in BCHS' history has the need for our work been more urgent, nor has the challenge seemed as great. March of 2020 feels like yesterday, and it feels like a lifetime ago.

Yet through it all we have been inspired by the extraordinary outpouring of compassion and support from friends like you, who are standing with BCHS to ensure that the most vulnerable and fragile among us are making it through this crisis.

The heroic efforts of our staff and the dedication of our Board have helped us keep most of our residents healthy and safe during this fraught time, but nothing we do would be possible without your goodwill and support, and we are greatly appreciative.

In some ways tonight's event is a departure from our traditional Galas – no handshakes or hugs, and our only toasts will be virtual. But in the most important ways tonight will be the same as all our Galas: a celebration of the power of community; a vivid display of hope; and a fun, entertaining and exciting program. We are thrilled that Grammy Award-nominee Bobby Sanabria and his band will be treating us to a special guest performance – his rich and wonderful music has moved so many, and we are fortunate to have him with us. And we are so pleased that the multi-talented Kimberley Locke will be hosting this evening's activities.

We are excited to honor M&T Bank Corp. and our friend, V.P. Jonathan Vazcones; NCheng LLP and the firm's founder and Managing Partner, Nerou Cheng; and BCHS Board Member Clifford Cohen and his wife Leslie, who have been community leaders in education and the arts for decades. All our Honorees have had a tremendous, positive impact on our community and we are grateful for their efforts.

<u>Thank you</u> so much for your generous support, for standing with us through this challenging time, and for being part of the effort to end homelessness in Brooklyn. We hope you have a terrific evening!

With appreciation,

Jens Peter Hansen Chair, Board of Directors

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We are pleased to join you in celebrating this year's esteemed honorees.

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BCHS is committed to ending homelessness in Brooklyn. We provide safe and clean supportive housing each year for more than 1,000 formerly homeless and at-risk women, children, and men, and help them learn how to live productively and independently, with dignity and hope.

What has always made BCHS unique in its field is our primary focus on trying to create a sense of community for all of the formerly homeless residents who come to us, and then using this as a concrete programmatic model and clinical approach.

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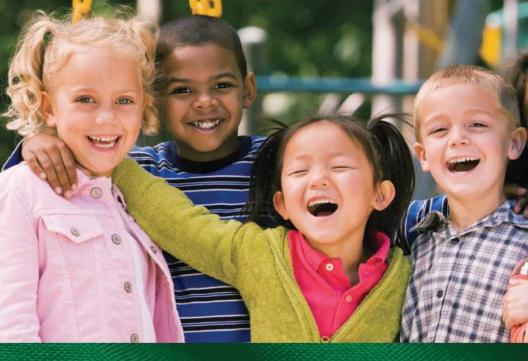
Jonathan Vazcones Vice President

For more than 160 years, M&T Bank has helped communities make sound financial decisions, so they can live better today and realize their goals for tomorrow. Known as one of the most ethical and community-focused financial institutions in the country, M&T is a trusted beacon for countless non-profit organizations like BCHS. During Covid-19, M&T has helped small businesses and non-profits secure urgently needed PPP loans, while providing sound advice and financial assistance to the individuals and businesses they serve.

Through Jonathan Vazcones and Steven Flax, M&T Bank has been a long-time supporter of community development efforts in New York City, helping strengthen neighborhoods through ambitious grass roots projects that often would not get off the ground if not for M&T's support.

Jonathan has helped lead these efforts and has worked closely with BCHS as a true partner, helping to secure generous support for BCHS' mission for a number of years – and this year, M&T was able to provide extra assistance to help BCHS in its response to Covid-19.

Recognized in Crain Magazine's "40 under 40" rising leaders list this year, Jonathan Vazcones serves as M&T Bank's Regional Community Reinvestment Act Officer for the Metro New York & Connecticut areas as well as manages the M&T Charitable Foundation's grants to non-profits servicing low-to-moderate income communities in New York City and Long Island. Prior to joining M&T, he worked at the Brooklyn Cooperative Federal Credit Union, at Endeavor Chile, and at Bolsas Reutizables in Santiago de Chile. Jonathan received his B.A. in Economics and Philosophy from CUNY Queens College and currently resides with his wife and daughter in Forest Hills, Queens.



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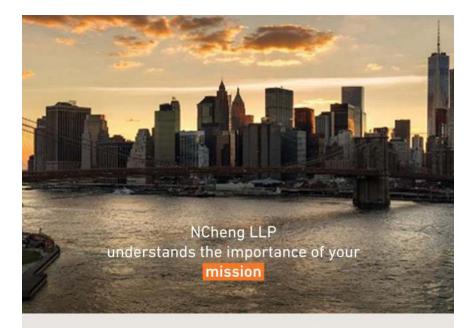




Nerou Cheng CPA and Founder

Nerou Cheng, **CPA** is the founder and Managing Partner of NCheng LLP, a multi-cultural accounting and advisory firm based in New York. Over the past 30 years, Nerou has built NCheng LLP into an 80-person firm dedicated exclusively to serving the non-profit and philanthropic sector. NCheng LLP provides assurance, financial management, tax and CFO services that empower its non-profit clients so they can focus on their mission, and specializes in creating solutions for internal controls, governance and regulatory compliance. Thanks to Nerou's leadership, the firm is renowned in the industry for its expertise and is considered the leading financial advisory firm for non-profits in New York City.

Nerou serves on the boards of The New American Leaders Project, Apicha Community Health Center, Friends Without A Border and Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC). He has an MBA from Ball State University, a BSBA from Georgetown University, and holds a Certificate in Public Accounting from Pace University.



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Clifford Cohen has been a member of BCHS' Board since 2004. The longtime Chair of the Board's Program Committee, Clifford's creative and compassionate leadership have been essential in guiding the agency's work through much of its history. A highly renowned and innovative Counselor in New York City's public schools for many years, Clifford focused on helping at-risk students and students who were dealing with a wide range of cognitive, emotional, and behavioral issues. Clifford now shares his expertise as a Lecturer at both Hunter College and NYU.

Beginning her career at Vogue and Mademoiselle magazines and then serving as a founding partner of "Art & Commerce," **Leslie Cohen** has used her expertise to push for an increase in diversity and accessibility in the arts throughout Brooklyn for decades. A Board Member at BRIC Arts Media since 2011, Leslie's leadership has helped BRIC become the leading presenter of free cultural arts programming in Brooklyn.

Both Clifford and Leslie Cohen provide essential leadership on the Boards of numerous additional community-based organizations as well.

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CELEBRITY EMCEE: KIMBERLEY LOCKE

Kimberley Locke TV Personality and Singer/Songwriter

Kimberley Locke became a fan favorite on the 2003 *American Idol*[®] series, eventually placing second that season. Immediately afterwards, Kimberley signed to Curb Records, where she released three full-length albums, eight Top 20 Adult Contemporary singles, and four #1 Dance hits (Including the international dance hit "Feel the Love").



Following American Idol, Kimberley modeled for Lane Bryant and Ford Modeling Agency and co-hosted many of television's top talk shows, including Good Day L.A. and The View. In 2010, Kimberley participated in VH1's Celebrity Fit Club and subsequently became a spokeswoman for Jenny Craig. Most recently, Kimberley is co-host and producer of her very own talk show titled The Dr. & The Diva on the newly launched network DABL, a division of CBS.



CELEBRITY EMCEE: KIMBERLEY LOCKE

In 2013 Kimberley created her web-based cooking show, *What's Cooking With Kimberley*, to explore health-conscious and savory recipes. This launched her into a world of celebrity chefs, working with legendary Chef Emeril Lagassé on his series *Emeril Everyday*.

Throughout her expansive career, Kimberley has maintained her passion for helping others. In addition to giving back to the community, she works as a success coach, and in 2011 founded I AM Entertainment, using personal experience as motivation to help other artists develop their craft and establish their business.

In winter 2019, Kimberley was invited by Kristin Chenoweth to perform in her one-woman show *For The Girls*, which garnered her first standing ovation on Broadway. In February 2020 Kimberley launched another one-woman show in NY, titled *The Sum of All Parts*. Co-written with her dear friend David Galligan, the show uses storytelling and song to take audiences on an intimate journey down her very own yellow brick road...from growing up bi-racial, to being swept up into a tornado called *American Idol*, to finding herself in the music that flowed throughout her life.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the Staff and Board of BCHS for your can-do attitude and creativity in "carrying on" and serving your clients so faithfully over the last year.

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SPECIAL PERFORMANCE: BOBBY SANABRIA



Bobby Sanabria is a Grammy-nominated bandleader, drummer, percussionist, composer, arranger, conductor, documentary producer, educator, and activist.

A native son of the South Bronx born to Puerto Rican parents, he has performed and recorded with many major figures in the world of Latin jazz and salsa, from the founder of the Afro-Cuban/Latin jazz movement Mario Bauzá, to Tito Puente, Mongo Santamaría, and Dizzy Gillespie, to Ruben Blades, and Celia Cruz, to jazz luminaries as diverse as Henry Threadgill, Randy Brecker, The Mills Brothers, and others.



SPECIAL PERFORMANCE: BOBBY SANABRIA

Bobby has been named Percussionist of the Year multiple times by DRUM! Magazine and the Jazz Journalists Association. In 2006, he was inducted into the Bronx Walk of Fame, and in 2018 he was given Jazz Education Network (JEN) LeJENS of Jazz Lifetime Achievement Award for his work as a musician and educator.

All seven of his big band recordings, have been nominated for Grammy Awards. His 2018 recording, 'West Side Story Reimagined,' reached #1 on the national Jazz Week radio charts, was nominated for a 2018 Grammy, and won the prestigious 2019 Record of The Year Award from the Jazz Journalists Association.

His lifelong dedication to spreading the history, culture, of jazz and Latin jazz to the general public as a performer, as well as educating a new generation of players, composers, arrangers, has no parallel. He is the Co-Artistic Director of the Bronx Music Heritage Center and the forthcoming Bronx Music Hall. He is on the faculty of the New School and NYU and was on the faculty of the Manhattan School of Music for 20 years. He is also the on-air host of the Latin Jazz Cruise on WBGO FM and wbgo.org, the number one jazz station in the nation.



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OPENING PERFORMANCE: JOYA BRAVO



Eclectic powerhouse performer Joya Bravo combines her Jamaican roots, Atlanta upbringing and her native New York style in all of her unique performances. This vocalist, rapper, actress and classically trained violinist has traveled to, and done music work in many countries and states including Brazil, Germany, the UK, Japan, Atlanta, Los Angeles and of course New York City.

From the big stage to the subway, Joya Bravo is putting in the work to create a foundation for global success! Her violin performances consist of timeless classics and todays hit music.

Joya Bravo brings her talents to the public, creating spaces where people of all walks of life can, for a moment, forget the hustle and bustle of New York living, to embrace the connection with people they otherwise would not have. This is Joya Bravo's truest gift and greatest joy.



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BCHS' HISTORY

BCHS was founded in 1978 as Pastoral & Educational Services (PAES) by a group of clergy and concerned citizens from Downtown Brooklyn, who were alarmed by the growing number of individuals with a mental illness that were sleeping on the street and seeking help from local parishes.

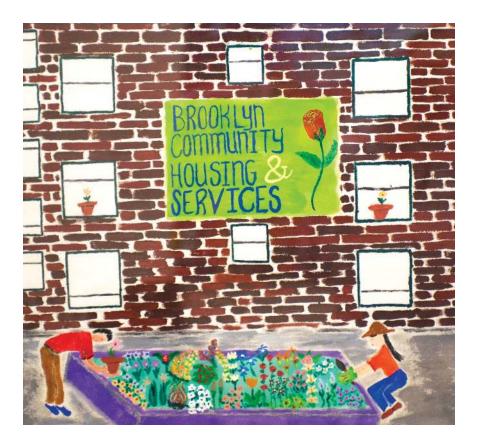
In 1980, BCHS began one of the first Scattered-Site Apartment Programs for homeless mentally ill adults in the country, subsequently embarking upon an ambitious construction project called Brooklyn Gardens (BG), which opened in 1991. Located in Fort Greene, BG is a 180-bed complex serving formerly homeless families, adults with severe psychiatric disorders, and adults with a chronic mental illness. BG not only received national attention for its innovative design and programming, but its attractive presence—along with a community room, events open to the public, and 24/7 staff who reached out regularly to local residents—helped stabilize a neighborhood reeling from years of violence and abandonment.



BCHS' HISTORY

Innovation and excellence have been BCHS' hallmarks. The agency was part of a team that opened Navy Green, a 97-bed award-winning supportive housing building on the site of the former Navy jail, and has created innovative programming for low-income households facing eviction, military veterans, formerly homeless seniors, and individuals with histories of incarceration who are returning to the community.

Currently, BCHS provides housing for 412 individuals daily and 1,000 annually.



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Bravo - and thank you for your dedication to BCHS and our Brooklyn.

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Arbor Inn offers short-term housing for homeless mothers, each with one child up to the age of eight. The program consistently places more than 90% of the homeless families who were deemed housing ready by DHS were placed into permanent housing of their own in the community, with a typical time to placement of eight months.

Ivy House is a transitional residence for single adults with a serious mental illness and is often the first step back into community living for people who have experienced long-term institutional care. More than 95% of Ivy House residents maintain their housing successfully or move on to other independent housing.

Oak Hall is a permanent housing, single-room-occupancy (SRO) facility serving men and women with a mental illness who have been homeless or are at high risk of homelessness. More than 95% of Oak Hall residents successfully maintain their housing with the agency or move on to other independent housing.





The Scattered-Site Apartment Programs places 135 adults with serious mental illnesses into private apartments throughout Brooklyn. Staff then travel to the apartments to help residents learn how to live independently. More than 95% of the residents successfully maintain their housing with the agency or move on to greater independence each year.

Healthy Aging and Re-entry Housing—The "Model SRO"

Through the "Model SRO" initiative, BCHS provides a range of specialized services at our Oak Hall SRO to two growing client populations that face particularly daunting challenges in trying to sustain their independence—formerly homeless seniors, and individuals with significant histories of incarceration who are returning to the community. Remarkably, the "Model SRO" program achieved a success rate of more than 90% each year, as nearly all of the participating residents are able to maintain their housing successfully or move on to other appropriate housing.

Navy Green is permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless men and women with a mental illness and a history of substance abuse, and for low-income working adults from the community. More than 95% of Navy Green residents typically maintain their housing with the agency or move on to other independent housing.

Moving On identifies the agency's most stable residents and helps them graduate from BCHS housing and live independently in the community. Since the program began four years ago, approximately 50 residents have transitioned from BCHS to their own independent housing.

Vocational Assistance provides training and education, job readiness preparation, computer training, and a free computer lab to its residents, as well as to low-income Brooklyn residents from throughout the borough. In an average year, over 600 residents from BCHS and throughout Brooklyn utilize our Vocational Assistance.

The Veterans Initiative offers comprehensive assistance to at-risk Veterans in Brooklyn. Programming focuses on housing stability, social supports, and health and wellness issues, and more than 200 veterans have been helped since we started the initiative in 2017.



Fresh Start was started by BCHS two years ago to address the growing incidence of domestic violence and mental health and related emotional disorders being experienced by mothers and families who have become homeless, Through the Fresh Start initiative, BCHS seeks to provide enhanced mental health services and supports for homeless families in its Arbor Inn program who have mental health or related issues such as trauma and PTSD.

Thanks to Fresh Start, BCHS hired a highly experienced Family Clinician who works with families on their full range issues, while providing in-house clinical trainings and staff development this effort has been extremely effective and is urgently needed, especially during the pandemic. This year, the Fresh Start initiative is expanding to create an Aftercare program for families graduating from Arbor Inn onto their own housing.

Through the **Fresh Start Aftercare** program, an Aftercare Case Manager will work with each family who has graduated from Arbor Inn, and who has been placed into their own permanent apartment in the community. The families will be provided with a brand new laptop to ensure their children can take part in remote school or that the moms have the ability to engage in remote work, if necessary; the Case Manager will then provide handson housing support for up to a year, including regular home visits, to ensure housing stability. With a 24/7 Crisis Hotline for emergency assistance, along with training and on-site support groups, the Aftercare program will help its participants maintain their stability and independence, and avoid ever returning to the shelter system.





RESIDENT SUCCESS STORY

Eddie was raised in a middle class family on the Upper West Side, his father a teacher and his mother a concert pianist. When he was in college Eddie developed a love for computers and secured a job as an I.T. technician upon graduation. As a hobby he enjoyed classic automobiles and could take apart and re-assemble cars quickly, and expertly.

In his twenties Eddie had a serious relationship that lasted a few years, but when his girlfriend broke up with him it triggered a deep depression and psychotic break. He began hearing voices and struggled with anxiety, and he thought about suicide. No matter how hard Eddie tried he could not maintain a residence of his own, and he withdrew from his family and friends. Eddie became homeless.

Fortunately, a worker at the shelter where Eddie ended up thought he would be a good fit for BCHS' Scattered-Site Apartment Program and made a referral. Once he was accepted Eddie moved into a private apartment building with two other BCHS clients; all three quickly became friends.



RESIDENT SUCCESS STORY

A sympathetic case manager started meeting with Eddie three times a week, helping him better understand his mental illness and what he needed to do to take care of himself.

Over time Eddie learned how to keep track of his medications and how to talk about his feelings instead of keeping them bottled up. He actively participated in many BCHS recreational activities, and with the help of staff, returned to the workforce through a few different internships. He regained his sense of humor and, with his anxiety under control, began to focus once more on learning about the latest computer technology.

It has been nine years since Eddie first came to BCHS and he is doing better than ever. He has developed a wide network of friends; his mental health has remained stable; and, fulfilling one of his dreams, he has been working for a large office electronics store, providing customers with onsite consultation and advice about their computer needs.

Last year, with a steady income and savings, Eddie graduated from BCHS and moved to his own completely independent apartment in the community.



BCHS' NEW INITIATIVES

Kingsbrook Estates

BCHS was part of a team that won a New York State RFP in December 2019 to help transform Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center into apartment buildings with health, wellness, employment and support services. Working with partners Monadnock Development and Construction and CB-Emmanuel Realty LLC, Kingsbrook Estates will offer central Brooklyn 266 new units of housing in three buildings with affordable units for a range of income levels as well as supportive housing for formerly homeless seniors and Veterans. On-site amenities will include a therapeutic garden, outdoor exercise equipment, walkways, children's play areas, outdoor kitchens and grills as well as an indoor teaching kitchen.



BCHS' NEW INITIATIVES

Pacific Street Housing

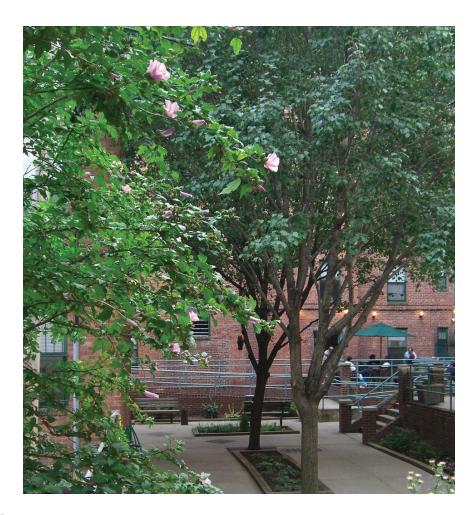
BCHS is working to create new housing in the East New York neighborhood of Brooklyn, as part of a team with Love Fellowship Church and Alembic Community Development. This new development will include 243 units of affordable housing, with 71 units set aside for formerly homeless families where the head of household has a mental illness, and 71 units set aside for single adults who had been homeless. A wide range of wellness, health, and mental health services with be available, as well as vocational training and creative arts therapies.



BCHS' NEW INITIATIVES

Brooklyn Gardens Renovation

BCHS is planning the substantial renovation of its historic Brooklyn Gardens facility at 105 Carlton Avenue. Originally built as tenement housing in 1919, and rehabilitated by BCHS in 1991, Brooklyn Gardens was one of the first supportive housing buildings of its kind in the country, housing a diverse mix of at-risk families and single adults. It is anticipated that renovation work will begin in 2022.



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