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*35th Anniversary  
Gala*



*April 30, 2009*

THE BRONX MUSEUM

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## Recent Victories

### SISTAS & BROTHAS UNITED

We opened our first Student Success Center at the Leadership Institute H.S. to provide increased support in counseling, job searching and career planning. We released the report *A Boom for Whom, How the Resurgence of the Bronx is Leaving Residents Behind* in July 2008. We developed BronXchanges, which is entirely envisioned and facilitated by youth leaders to integrate civic education with technology and the arts.

### EDUCATION

In March the Department of Education announced plans to build a 600 seat K-8 school on Webster Avenue just North of 204th St. in our very own Northwest Bronx! Though this school is still in the planning stages this is a big shift from all the cuts of planned schools that happened in the last two years.

### ARMORY

KARA is a trend-setting partnership of local congregations, community residents, schools, elected officials, RWDSU, SEIU 32BJ, and the Bronx Board of Business Agents of the New York State Building and the Construction Trades Council. Together they have developed a strategy to win a precedent-setting Labor Peace Agreement that will give workers the freedom to organize unions and enter collective bargaining.

### HOUSING

Through National People’s Action/National Training and Information Center, NWBCCC board members met with members of the Federal Reserve and are working to bring them to the Bronx to see the impact of the housing/foreclosure crisis in our community. We also continued to win repairs and services in neglected buildings.

### MUSLIM HOLIDAY

We have gotten every single city council member of the Bronx to co-sponsor the resolution for a Holiday except for Oliver Koppell. We are continuing to pressure the mayor to recognize the Muslim faith in NYC public schools.

### ORGANIZING CONGREGATIONS

In its seventh month now, our Clergy Caucus has brought together 50 clergy members from 12 denominations so far, creating a fellowship devoted to the faithful pursuit of justice. On April 28th, over 150 community residents participated in our Interfaith Celebration which included a myriad of religious voices including the Catholic, Muslim and Jewish traditions.

### WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Last year we weatherized over 400 units consisting of 1-4 family homes and privately owned and not for profit multi-dwellings, including over 100 senior citizens at Rosehill.

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## *Ally of the Year*

### Stuart Applebaum

is a long time union organizer and has been a member of more unions, committees and councils than one could possibly name. Since 1998 he has been the President of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union after holding many other leadership positions in the organization. Stuart previously served as Chief House Council of the National Committee and was an elected delegate to the last four Democratic National conventions. Last year he was a member of the Electoral College as an Obama elector from New York. Mr. Applebaum is a graduate of Brandeis University and graduated with honors from Harvard Law School. He is a member of the bar in Connecticut and lives in New York City.

*We recognize* Stuart Applebaum and the RWDSU for being committed supporters of the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Alliance.



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## *Visioning Partner*

### Robert Hughes

has long been an advocate for improving the NYC public school system. As President & CEO of New Visions for Public Schools since 2000 he has lead the drive for public school reform in the City. New Visions has created 122 new small public schools, including 86 New Century high schools. New Visions has helped fund the Leadership Institute High School which was formed by Sistas and Brothas United.

*We recognize* Robert Hughes today for all he has done to improve public schools in the North West Bronx.



**A NEW DAY**  
BUILDING LEADERS  
IN THE NORTHWEST BRONX

## PROGRAM

Reception and Museum Exhibit  
Intersections: The Grand Concourse at 100

Buffet-style dinner prepared by Northwest Bronx Leaders

### WELCOME

New Day Church Choir

### COMMENCEMENT OF 2009 AWARDS CEREMONY

#### President's Award

Fordham University  
Joseph Muriana, Brian Barnes

#### Astin Jacobo Award for Faith in Organizing

Father Thomas Lynch, Our Lady of Angels Church

#### Anne Devenney Award for Community Leadership

Mirquia Capellan | Chermel Rosmond

#### Ally of the Year Award

President Stuart Appelbaum  
Retail Wholesale, and Department Store Union (RWDSU)

President Paul Luddine and Vice President Fred LeMoine

The Building Trades Unions of the Bronx

#### Benefactor of the Year

Edward Odom of Citigroup, Director of Bronx Community Relations

#### Visioning Partner

New Visions for Public Schools  
Barbara Taveras accepts award on behalf of President Bob Hughes

#### Youth Leadership Award

Natia Williams | Adolfo Abreu

SPOKEN WORD PERFORMANCE

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# HONOREES



## *President's Award*

### Fordham University

As we celebrate our 35th anniversary, we want to recognize those who played a central role in creating and sustaining our organization. Back in the 1970s, seminarians and undergraduate students from Fordham University worked with local clergy and residents to stop the rapid decline of the Northwest Bronx community. Fordham has been an important partner in many affordable housing endeavors. And of course, Fordham University was key to the creation of the Leadership Institute, our small themed-based public high school, a child of Sistas and Brothas United, which will hold its first graduating class in June. As a result of Fordham's long-standing relationship to the NWBC-CC and its institutional commitment to community organizing and community service, we continue to win on housing, immigration, education and economic development issues.

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## *Youth Leadership*

### Natia Williams

is 18, a senior at the Leadership Institute High School, and has been organizing since her freshmen year. Born and raised in the Bronx, she has been a core leader in the LI's School Site campaign for the past four years. Natia has spoken in many meetings with prominent leaders and elected officials and has helped the school win many important improvements, including a new science lab and funds for new technology. Natia is the student government president and is looking forward to graduating in June.



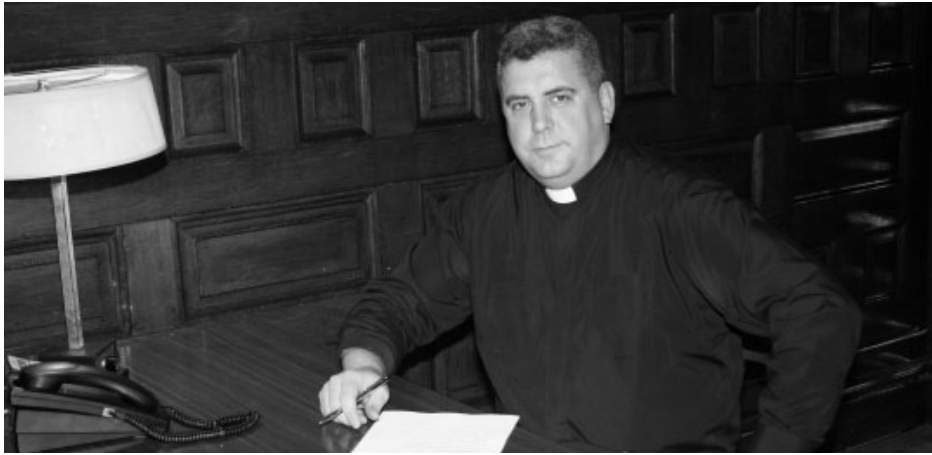
### Adolfo Abreu

is 16 years old, living with his single mother in the Northwest Bronx. He found Sistas and Brothas United when his cousin recommended the tutoring program for him when he was failing in school. Soon Adolfo decided to give something back to the community that gave him his education and a place to live. After trainings, workshops and agitation Adolfo emerged as a community leader. Now he organizes for youth participation in decisions around their schools, deescalating the violence in the schools and working on opening a community center at the Old Fordham Library. Adolfo hopes to become a journalist or writer as a way to mobilize the community and keep people active and in the loop to what's going on where they live.



*We recognize* Adolfo Abreu and Natia Williams as young people who are fighting for development initiatives that meet the needs of the youth. We recognize them today as outstanding examples of the leadership our young people are providing in making the Northwest Bronx a better place to live.

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## *Astin Jacobo Award For Faith in Organizing*

### Father Thomas Anthony Lynch

was born and raised in the Bronx by Irish parents along with six brothers. He grew up in St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish, attending the parish grammar school. He went on to Cathedral Preparatory Seminary High School in Manhattan, Manhattan College in the Bronx and St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers with summer internships at Christ the King parish in the South Bronx. Father Lynch's first assignment in 1992 was at Holy Family Parish on Castle Hill Avenue in the Bronx then his calling took him to Bolivia to learn Spanish and to Washington D.C. to study Church History. He returned to the faculty of St. Joseph's Seminary in 1998 and then in 2007 became Pastor of Our Lady of Angels Parish in Kingsbridge. For Fr. Lynch it has been a wonderful experience of returning to one's roots and once again living in the same zip code in which he lived as a youngster. For the last two years, Fr. Lynch has witnessed a resurgence of attendance at Mass at Our Lady of Angels Parish and has enjoyed serving with the very active lay leaders in the parish who have helped make OLA a welcoming Church and home for all who enter its doors.

*We recognize* Father Lynch today for his ongoing support in cultivating our clergy caucus and his participation on the board of NWBCCC. Father Lynch's church, Our Lady of Angels, also hosted our Interfaith Event this week, where over a hundred congregants of various religious traditions came to reflect on the intersections between working for social justice and their faith. The community of Our Lady of Angels Church also mobilized to participate in high numbers at this year's Gala celebration.

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## *Anne Devenney Award For Community Leadership*

### Chermel Rosmond

has been an active member of NWBCCC representing St. James Episcopal Church to the coalition. She has gone to Washington D.C. three times representing our Bronx community. In January 2009, she met with Rep. Engels' office and others to discuss how to make the stimulus package benefit the Bronx. Chermel is also proud to be the co-chair of Friends of the Oval, a community organization in Norwood dedicated to improving their local park. She is working along-side others in raising funds for a community garden and to repair the dog run. She works with the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Alliance seeking living-wage jobs and other community benefits. Most of all Chermel says she is proud that NWBCCC is part of the Gamaliel Foundation, the community group that President Obama was a part of when he was an organizer.



*We recognize* Chermel today for her courage, energy and commitment to come out and take the time to speak for those in the community who feel they don't have a voice. We are confident that Chermel will continue to grow as a community leader and will help many others find their voice to demand what is right for the Bronx.

### Mirquia Capellan

was a community organizer long before she moved to the North West Bronx from her native Dominican Republic seven years ago to rejoin her husband and three children. So it didn't take her long to find the NWBCCC and to focus her life on community service and raising her children. She joined the Education campaign to fight for better schools for her children and says she feels proud when demands are met. Through the NWBCCC she has learned about the rights that citizens have in terms of housing, education, and immigration. For Mirquia it is important to teach others that we are all immigrants and therefore we should not discriminate against each other.



*We recognize* Mirquia Capellan today as the person to go to when there is something to fight for that will make our community better. She is truly an effective leader who voices the concerns of immigrant parents who aspire to improve their schools and lives in the Northwest Bronx.

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## Benefactor of the Year

### Edward Odom, Jr.

is a prominent member of the banking community who has served as Vice President for community relations at both Citibank and the European American Bank. He has been responsible for providing resources for community development in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods and working with non-profit community-based organizations, to ensure fair lending practices and to promote initiatives to support business development, small business expansions, affordable housing, and comprehensive revitalization. At Citibank since 2001, he has been working with local and national staff to establish City's leadership role in the community and leveraging this role to achieve lending and compliance goals. Mr. Odom is active in a variety of organizations dedicated to community revitalization, including Bridge Street Development Corporation, Rebuilding Together New York City and South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation. He is also a member of Bridge Street AWME Church, the Masons and One Hundred Black Men, Inc.

*We recognize* Edward Odom today for his understanding of community organizing and his steadfast dedication to bringing valuable resources to the North West Bronx. He has provided valuable technical support in fundraising. CITI has funded our work in housing, and tenant organizing and supported the Help Families Save Their Homes in Bankruptcy Act.



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## Ally of the Year

### Paul Luddine

was born in Brooklyn and grew up on Long Island. He is a High School graduate and completed 1 year of college. Prior to his career in the trades he served in the U.S Army National Guard where he received an honorable discharge. Paul has worked in construction since 1971, beginning as an apprentice in Local 12 Insulation Workers and then moving on to become a mechanic. Paul has worked in the Bronx as a Teamster for the past 17 years, first as a concrete driver and then as a business agent for local 282. In 1999 he was elected President of the Bronx Board of Business Agents.

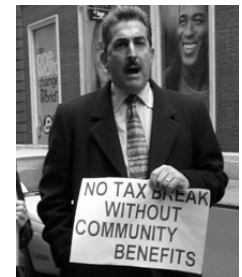
Paul became involved in the community because of his beliefs that labor can help elevate people lives. He says "the most pleasure I receive from my position is when I see people go to work because of my efforts." He finds one of the greatest challenges is to "maintain the level of benefits we now enjoy in this environment that is unfriendly to labor."

His dream in is to have a legacy of being a leader that really made a difference in as many lives as possible. He would also like retire with a pension and health insurance just as every working person in this country should be able to do. He has two wonderful girls from his marriage of 30 years and thanks God for really great daughters.



### Fred LeMoine

has a 30 year career in the building trades as a lather and since 1999 he has been Business Agent and Trustee of the Metallic Lathers & Reinforcing Ironworkers Union, Local 46. Fred's commitment to the Labor movement and to working class communities is demonstrated by his continuous support of smart growth and development, stating that "Economic development must be fair to everyone and provide opportunities that are shared". As a member and leader of Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Alliance Fred has been actively campaigning for a Community Benefits Agreement, a Labor Peace Agreement, and a Project Labor Agreement for the development of the Kingsbridge Armory.



*We recognize* Fred LeMoine and Paul Luddine today for their tireless commitment to their fellow workers and for their understanding that community development must be a partnership between workers and residents that provide mutual long-term benefits to both.

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