



Composite image of two NYC DOC photos taken at a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration: One is a close-up view of the sign saluting the “Boldest Volunteers.” The other shows the guests of honor seated at balloon-festooned tables. The sign can be seen in the far distance. Other images on this web page also were taken at the event.

Check Out the Many Volunteer, Community Partner, & Service Provider Opportunities at NYC DOC

Even as NYC Correction transitions to a more decentralized arrangement of facilities and operations, its need for volunteers will likely not merely remain, but more probably increase. That’s because the change-over plan, in pursuit of “*A More Just New York City*,” envisions a more community-oriented and more community-involved system. That phrase, indeed, is the title of the commission report recommending the Rikers Island jails complex shutdown.

The Independent Commission on New York City Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform noted on pages 63-64 of its 147-page report:



The icing on the cake tells the story of the event.

“The City’s network of community-based alternatives [to incarceration] is an integral part of the success the City has had in reducing the numbers of New Yorkers sent to jail and prison over the past two decades. The challenge going forward will be to expand enrollment in these programs. . . . Any new community courts should be planned in close collaboration with the community itself (including leaders, residents, former defendants and victims, and service providers). . . .”



Service with a smile to Boldest Volunteers at Appreciation Celebration.



On pages 83-84, the report also noted:

“Whenever possible, case managers and jail staff should make referrals to community-based organizations using the information gathered from the individual’s risk and needs assessment. Facilitating these relationships increases the likelihood of sustained engagement after an individual has been released and helps to ensure continuity of care”

Approximately 200 volunteer groups,

community partners and service providers appear on a 2019 NYC DOC list of such entities currently working or having worked in the recent past with the agency on Rikers and elsewhere in the city. The names below, randomly culled from the list by this site’s webmaster, reflect the wide range of many different opportunities available to render volunteer services helping inmates and ex-inmates attain and maintain positive, productive lives in their communities

The random sampling provided on this website is intended to encourage those interested to contact NYC DOC’s Office of Volunteer Services at 718-546-0453 to learn more. The Department website’s “Volunteer Opportunities” page notes:

“Currently volunteers provide religious, social, educational, recreational, and other services that enhance personal development and create links between those incarcerated and their communities. The Department is open to other suggestions.”

Additionally, NYC DOC website’s Community Partnerships Unit (CPU) page explains it

“[CPU] strategically recruits, retains and collaborates with community partners to bring additional programming to all DOC facilities. Community partners

include but are not limited to City agencies, community based organizations, individual and group volunteers. It supports the efforts of a number of in-jail and community partners who work with the Department to support idleness reduction efforts within NYC DOC correctional facilities as well as community stabilization and through the Office of Volunteer Services, expedite the access of individuals to DOC facilities, troubleshoot issues that arise with regard to volunteers to ensure the safe and secure approval of volunteer applicants.

“Please submit all new programs and volunteer proposals to ProgramsDivision@doc.nyc.gov and we will respond in a timely manner.”

This website’s random sampling from about 200 faith-based and general volunteer groups, community partners and service providers appearing on a 2019 NYC DOC list of such entities currently working or having worked in the recent past with the agency:



Boldest Volunteers’ smiles at their Appreciation Celebration tables

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY, ALLEN AME CHURCH, BELLEROSE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, BETHEL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY, BKLYN TABERNACLE, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST, CATHOLIC MINISTRIES, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE, CHURCH OF ST MARTIN OF TOURS, CLARENDON ROAD CHURCH, CLERGY FOR JUSTICE.

DABAR BETHLEHEM CATHEDRAL, DELIVERANCE EVANGELISTIC CENTER, ELOHIM CHRISTIAN CHURCH, EMPOWERMENT ZONE MENTORING PROJECT, FAITH DELIVERANCE MINISTRY, FREEDOM THROUGH CHRIST, GOOD SAMARITAN MEN'S OUTREACH, FRIENDSHIP CHURCH OF CHRIST, GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, GREATER ALLEN CATHEDRAL, GREATER REFUGE TEMPLE.

HOLY HOUSE OF PRAYER, INDIAN PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY, INGLESIA CRISTO REFUGIO ETERNO INC, JEHOVAH JIRET, JESUIT JAIL MINISTRY, JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR, JESUS OUTREACH MINISTRIES, LAST HARVEST CHRISTIAN CENTER, LASURIM OF USA, LAYMEN PRISON MINISTRY, LEGION OF MARY, MASJID AT-TAQWAH, MINISTRY PUESTOS LOS OJOS EN JESUS INC., MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY*,

Special Recognition Awards Youthful Offender Programming

Rev. Lucille Fowler, Bellerose Assembly Church of God

Joyce Wright and Transcend Ministry

Elizabeth Keller, Rescue Dogs Rescue Soldiers
Joyce Wright and Transcend Ministry



MORNING STAR MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, MOSQUE OF ISLAMIC BROTHERHOOD, MT. PLEASANT PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, NEW CREATION MINISTRY 2, NEW GREATER BETHEL SET FREE PRISON MINISTRY, NO LONGER BOUND MINISTRIES, NORTHEAST ISLAMIC COMMUNITY CENTER, OPEN ARMS MINISTRY, PALS FOR CHRIST PRISON MINISTRY, PLEASANT GROVE RESTORATION TEAM, PRISON FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES

REACH AND TOUCH PRISON MINISTRY, REJOYCE FOR LIFE, SIXTH STREET SYNAGOGUE, SOUL SAVING STATION, ST ALBANS BAPTIST CHURCH, ST CHARLES CHURCH, ST GABRIEL'S CHURCH, THE LAST HARVEST CHRISTIAN CENTER, TIMES SQUARE CHURCH, TRANSCEND-FIRST CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CORINTHIAN, UNIVERSAL FOUNDATION, VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION, WHAT GOD HAS DONE PRISON MINISTRY

10 AND 2 DRIVING LLC, 100 SUITS FOR 100 MEN, 203 K9, A VISION FOR TELEVISITING, A VOICE 4 THE UNHEARD, AA, ABT SRBI, ACACIA NETWORK, ALFAM, ALL STARS WORKING DOGS, ALTERNATIVE REACTION TO ANGER, AMERICAN PRISON DATA SYSTEMS, ANDO INTERNATIONAL, ANNEKE HANSEN DANCE, ART DANCE THERAPY NY, ARTE, ASIAN AMERICAN WRITER'S WORKSHOP, AUDIO PICTURES, AVTV

BARCODE FITNESS, BIG APPLE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, BLEUPRINT CDP, BOTT WELDING, BRONX CONNECT REENTRY PROGRAM, BROOKLYN COLLEGE, BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY, CARNEGIE HALL LULLABY PROJECT, CENTER FOR JUSTICE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, CENTER FOR URBAN COMMUNITY SERVICES, CHILD CARE OF NY, CHILD CENTER OF NY, CIRCLES OF SUPPORT, COLLEGE WAY, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, COUNCIL FOR UNITY,

CUNY CREATIVE ARTS TEAM, CUNY-SPS-MAAT PROGRAM

Special Recognition Awards Adult Programming

Austin Riley, Volunteer Stella Adler Studio of Acting
Retired Capt. Alphonso Bonilla Vapors of Faith (Greeting Card Distribution
Prison Fellowship



SAFETY & TRAINING, NO GUN SMOKE SCHOOL TOUR INC, NY WRITER'S COALITION, OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT CITY OF NEW YORK

OSBORNE ASSOCIATION*, PARSONS SCHOOL OF DESIGN, PEOPLE'S EDUCATION INITIATIVE, PETEY GREENE PROGRAM, PLAYMACHINE, PRISON SMART, PRISON WRITES, PRISONER REENTRY

DANCE ENTROPY INC., DEJON ENTERTAINMENT, DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS, DEPT. OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS ARTIST, DRAMA CLUB NYC, DREAMS YOUTHBUILD, ELITE LEARNERS INC, EXECUTIVE DRIVING SCHOOL, EXODUS CHRISTIAN ETIQUETTE CENTER, EXPLOITATION INTERVENTION PROJECT, FEARLESS BEAUTY NYC, FEDCAP, FIVESTAR YOUTH SERVICES, FORTUNE SOCIETY*, FOUR WALLS, FRIENDS OF ISLAND ACADEMY*, GANGSTAS MAKING ASTRONOMICAL CHANGES IN THE COMMUNITY

GETTING OUT AND STAYING OUT, GIANT THINKING INC., GIRL VOW INC, GOOD SHEPHERD SERVICES, GREENHOPE SERVICES FOR WOMEN, GROUNDSWELL, HERSTORY WRITERS WORKSHOP, HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK*, HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, HOUR CHILDREN, HOUSING WORKS INC., IDEAS42, INFINITE LEARNING, JAIL GUITAR DOORS, JOHN JAY PRISONER REENTRY INSTITUTE, KINESIS PROJECT DANCE THEATRE, KING OF KINGS FOUNDATION INC, KITTEN COFFEE,

LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CUNY, LEAD BY EXAMPLE, LESC/ SU CASA, LIBERATION PRISON YOGA, LIFE CAMP INC, LIGHT OUTSIDE THE WALLS, LITERACY FOR INCARCERATED TEENS, LIVEWRITE, LYDIA KUTKO ART CONSULTING, LYRICS ON LOCKDOWN-NYU, MANHATTAN COLLEGE, MANHATTAN THEATER CLUB, MARIO'S TRANSPORTATION INC, MUSIC ON THE INSIDE, MUSICAMBIA, NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, NATIONAL MUSEUM OF HIP HOP, NDRI-USA INC, NEW YORK CITY CHESS INC., NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY, NEW YORK

INSTITUTE, QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY, RANJUNG PRISON DHARMA PROJECT, REFRAME ART HANDLING TRAINING, RIKERS DEBATE PROJECT, SAMARITAN VILLAGE, SAVE, SAVED TATTOO, SCO FAMILY SERVICES, SHELBY SEMEL DOG TRAINING, SISTERHOOD AND SPOKEN WORD, SNUG HARBOR CULTURAL CENTER, SOCIETY OF ILLUSTRATORS, SOLAR ONE, STELLA ADLER STUDIO OF ACTING, STEPS TO END FAMILY VIOLENCE, STRIVE INTERNATIONAL, SUS HOUSEBASE

THE FARM, LEGAL AID SOCIETY, THE MOTH, THRIVE FOR LIFE PRISON PROJECT, TOWN HALL, TRADING FUTURES, TRIBECA FILM INSTITUTE, UNIQUE STYLES CUTS, URBAN ART BEAT, URBAN YOUTH ALLIANCE, VETERAN'S JUSTICE OUTREACH, VIBE THEATER, WESTCHESTER BARBER ACADEMY, WOMEN'S PRISON ASSOCIATION*, WQH&I OF NA, WYSER DECISIONS.

*Asterisk signifies listed entities on which additional reference appears on the companion page of this presentation.

On that companion page the additional references appear in text alongside image elements excerpted from the NYC DOC Volunteer Services booklet guide. **Below:** links to earlier *CorrectionHistory.Org* presentations referencing cited entities.



Ctrl-Click above image to access excerpts from NYC DOC's 16-page Volunteer Services guide booklet given to prospective volunteers during orientation.

'Welcome to Rikers Island, Mother Teresa!'

<http://www.correctionhistory.org/html/chronicl/nycdoc/fr-repole/welcome-to-rikers-mother-teresa.html>



<http://www.correctionhistory.org/html/fortune/html/captivespirit01.html>



<http://www.correctionhistory.org/islandacademy/index.html>

Thomas Mott Osborne & Self-Government Movement (scroll to page subhead)

<http://www.correctionhistory.org/html/chronicl/cany/html/cany05a.html>



The Women's Prison Association & Home

<http://www.correctionhistory.org/html/chronicl/wpa/html/wpaopen.htm>

To Access Excerpts from NYC DOC Volunteer Services Booklet

<http://correctionhistory.org/pdf2/NYC-DOC-Volunteer-Services-booklet-excerpts.pdf>

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Particularly, the webmaster takes off his traditional editor's eyeshade green visor to salute Volunteer Services Director Sharif Nelson, who participated in

In this composite image are shown, left to right, Volunteer Award presenters Winette Saunders, former Deputy Commissioner of Youthful Offender Programming; former Deputy Commissioner of Adult Programs James Walsh, and Volunteer Services Director Sharif Nelson.

all the volunteer award presentations shown on the pages above.



Director Nelson was joined on certain of the award presentations, by Winette Saunders, former Deputy Commissioner of Youthful Offender Programming and, on certain other award presentments, by former Deputy Commissioner of Adult Programs James Walsh.

Photograph with retired Capt0 Alphonso Bonilla receiving the Special Recognition Adult Programming Award on behalf of Vapors of Faith ku Pearl Corbin, also a member of that group.

A smiling Blas Wright of Prison Fellowship holds his Special Recognition Adult Programming Award. Looking on from the dais is NYC Correction Commissioner Cynthia Brann.