

CHILDREN OF THE CITY

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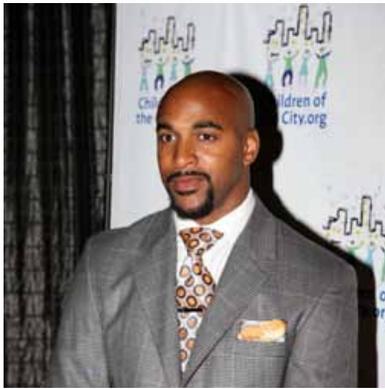
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CHANGING THE CULTURE OF POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



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As the Giants played their hearts out on Superbowl Sunday to secure the acclaimed trophy for New York, a familiar figure could be seen cheering his team on from the sidelines. Drafted in 2003 by the New York Giants and made famous by his Superbowl winning 'Helmet Catch' in 2008, David Tyree, stood among his former teammates lending encouragement and support as they fought their way to yet another championship win.

As an active board member of COC and recipient of the Children's Champion Award in 2010, David has devoted countless hours to advocating for disadvantaged children and

families in Brooklyn. His involvement has ranged from helping to secure the success of fund-raising events and outreach to never hesitating to take time in his busy schedule to hold packed assemblies with the children in an effort to motivate them to achieve academic success.

"The very thing that attracted me to Children of the City was and is its aggressive approach to caring. Children of the City goes out into the community, into the homes of families, and provides services right at the point of need" said David Tyree, when asked about his involvement with COC.

SAVE THE DATE

Please join us for an evening of socializing and bowling with your favorite New York Giants players, including special guest MVP quarterback

Eli Manning

Tuesday June 5th, 2012

6:30-9:30pm

300 New York - Pier 60



NEW YORK GIANTS CHARITY BOWL

COLLEGE BOUND & SAT PROGRAM



Children of the City's College Bound Program has successfully started its second year of SAT prep class. As the first semester came to a close both tutors and students felt accomplished as the results were outstanding!

"My SAT scores improved a lot on my practice exams from 890 to 1540! I've even improved in my math class at school."

-Elodys, student

The 8-month prep-course is priced at nearly \$2,000 per student, but for the second year in a row Kaplan SAT Prep Classes has provided all resources at no charge to high school juniors whose families do not have the financial means to pay for these services.



"The program was better than I expected, I didn't expect a 300 point increase on my exam. This has been better than any other prep class I have taken!"

-Tony Chu, student

The results of their SAT scores play a large role in determining college acceptance. Our goal is to ensure each student has the opportunity to pursue a college degree.

"They really have an opportunity here--students have attained large score increases from the diagnostic exam--between 200 and 650 points increase!"

-Nancy, NY Cares



THANKSGIVING & BOXES OF LOVE

Children of the City brought together volunteers from all over New York to distribute free Thanksgiving meals to needy families at our facility on Sunday, November 17th, 2011.

Over 100 families received a full Thanksgiving meal which is a 25-lb box of food to feed a family of 6 with either a turkey or ham.

New York has one of the highest childhood poverty rates, where 16.3% of families with children live below the poverty line.



Our mission is not only to address hunger through feeding programs, but enable families to overcome poverty through education and development.

Families heard encouraging stories from individuals of the community who broke through patterns of poverty themselves.

Thanksgiving meals were generously donated by partners of Children of the City, including Here's Life Inner City, Councilwoman Sara M. Gonzalez, Senator Adams, Board members of Children of the City, and other individuals.

Other volunteers and along with NY State of Mind, came together to assemble the Thanksgiving dinners that were distributed to the families in attendance.

CHRISTMAS GIVING 2011



Christmas came early in Sunset Park as laughter and joyful outbursts filtered out of the Children of the City headquarters on December 17th, 2011. Over 600 disadvantaged children and their families received hundreds of toys donated by generous supporters.

While the children spent time with Santa entertained by live music and a puppet show, the parents were invited to join a life skills workshop designed to address questions regarding some of the everyday challenges they face.

The children received gifts that would have proven difficult on many of the household budgets of the families we serve.

Volunteers were flooded with heartfelt gratitude by parents who were now secure in knowing that their children would not go without during the holiday season. Each child was given several gifts and the donated gifts ranged from dolls and games to bikes.

“I’m always in awe of the enthusiasm shown by both the kids and the volunteers during this event. Seeing the faces of the children light up when they spot Santa and the gifts never fails to bring the Christmas spirit out in everyone involved.” says Stephanie Rampersad, Outreach Coordinator.

The December giveaway marked Children of the city’s 25th anniversary of providing the less fortunate in Sunset Park with the experiences that accompany the joy of Christmas. Several days prior to the event, volunteers arrived at COC with armfuls of gift wrapping in hand to wrap the multitude of gifts collected.

We are grateful to the many volunteers and donors that so generously gave their time and resources to help make this day possible. Numerous agencies provided gifts, including New York Cares, St. John’s Bread and Life and Brianna’s Hair Salon, as well as many individuals.



NEW YORK STATE OF MIND

New York State of Mind is a multicultural social welfare organization specializing in connecting individuals with volunteer opportunities around New York City in a group setting where they can give back to the community while forming new friendships.

New York State of Mind has worked with Children of the City for numerous events over the past two years including Children of the City's Annual Spring Carnival, Thanksgiving Boxes of Love Program, Super Saturday and their Annual Benefit Gala.



Recent Events



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to reach at-risk inner city children and youth with hope, guidance and resources to positively affect their lives, and break the cycle of poverty.



Guests at the 2012 Children of the City Charity fashion show were treated to a Fashion Week worthy fashion show featuring the newest collection by Epperson of Project Runway fame at the Helen Mills Theater on Sunday, March 4th.

Epperson's modern take on fashion coupled with inspiration pulled from all aspects of his life gave the audience a glimpse into the world of high end styles while raising funds for the many programs and services provided by COC.

We invite you to join us as we work to meet the needs of these extraordinary children and families. For more information about volunteering or donating, visit us at www.childrenofthecity.org or call (718) 436-0242, ext. 18. Thank you for your much-needed support!