



# NAC NEWS

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## RESOURCES, ADVOCACY & HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION



NAC's **Resources, Advocacy & Homelessness Prevention** team works directly with NAC families to ensure that they have safe, accessible, and affordable housing. Our team helps hundreds of families each year leave homeless shelters or avoid homelessness altogether by advocating on their behalf.

### A Little Help Changes a Family's Life

Ms. Valor and her three young children, two of whom have significant medical conditions, were living in a crowded one-bedroom apartment that was infested with bugs and rodents. There was also a leak and a hole in her ceiling that the landlord refused to fix. It was no longer safe for the family to live there. Unable to find a new apartment that she could afford, Ms. Valor thought her only option was to enter a homeless shelter with her children.

NAC's **Resources, Advocacy & Homelessness Prevention Program** became involved immediately. It was imperative that they help the family find a new apartment as soon as possible. Our housing coordinator was able to complete an intake assessment and provide resources and help through the Family Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Supplement application, stressing the families' need for relocation due to unsafe conditions.

After an extensive search to find the family the best housing possible, a new 3-bedroom apartment was found that would allow all of the children to have adequate room and space to grow. The lease was signed and a move-in date was scheduled within the month.

Through a special emergency grant fund, NAC was also able to help the family with moving expenses and even buy them new beds! Through this work, NAC was able to **ensure that the family remained together and out of the shelter system**. We wish them nothing but joy in their new home!

## SUMMER IN THE CITY

For over 40 Years, NAC has helped New York City's most vulnerable children escape the city heat while attending summer camp and this year was no exception. With the incredible support of the NAC community, we were able to **send over 100 children to camp** for a life-changing experience they are sure to remember!

We also provided lots of activities for NAC kids staying closer to home this summer. Our summer youth programs were in full swing with activities for our youth of all ages. NAC kids learned all about fire safety at the **FDNY Fire Zone**, spent time at the **Bronx Zoo**, and had their imaginations take flight at the **Intrepid Sea, Air, & Space Museum**.

Volunteers from **PIMCO** were on hand at our new offices to host Dino-Mite, a day of learning and fun. NAC kids had the chance to learn all about dinosaurs, play pin-the-head on the dino, and create their very own, hand-painted dinosaur models to take home.

Our pre-teen and teen groups had the opportunity to go on several field trips throughout the summer, enjoying both their time together and a sense of community with one another. Trips included bowling and gaming at **Bowlero** Chelsea Piers, learning and exploring at the **Hall of Science Museum**, enjoying a day out in nature at the **Queens Botanical Gardens**, and a day of rides and fun at historic **Rye Playland**.

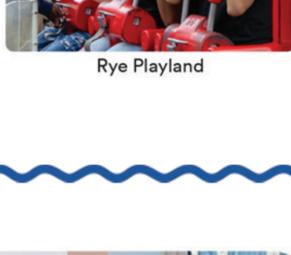
It was an amazing summer for NAC kids and we are grateful for all the support we receive from our community to help make that possible.



PIMCO Volunteer Day

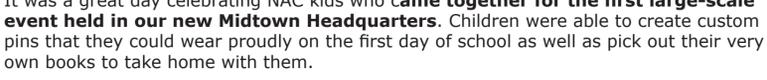


New York Hall of Science



Rye Playland

## BACK TO SCHOOL



As summer came to a close, the **Education Team at NAC** was busy working closely with hundreds of children as they prepared for their back-to-school journey. With a team of Master's level Education Specialists to help them, NAC children and families receive assistance with everything from tutoring, school placements, individual education plans, and more.

In August, our Education Team held NAC's annual Back to School Fair. With the support of our community partners, who came through for our kids in a BIG way, **nearly 1,000 backpacks were donated!** Every child was able to choose their very own backpack, each one filled with notebooks, pens, rulers, folders, and everything they needed to ensure that they started the school year ready for success!

It was a great day celebrating NAC kids who came together for the first large-scale event held in our new **Midtown Headquarters**. Children were able to create custom pins that they could wear proudly on the first day of school as well as pick out their very own books to take home with them.

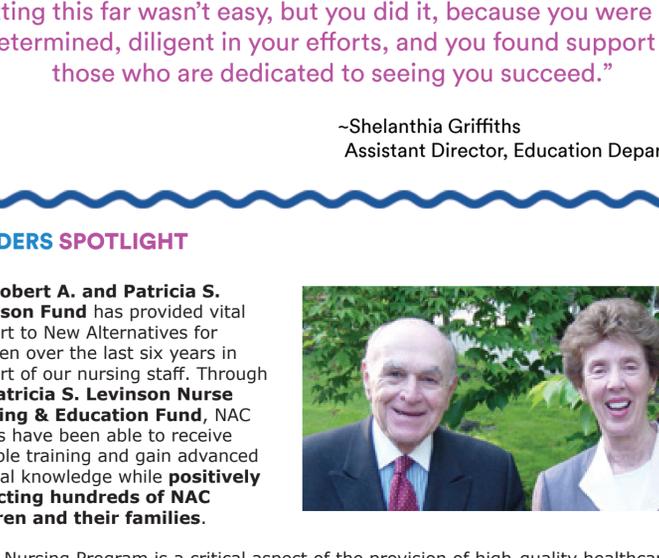
Special thanks to NYC Council Member, **Gale A. Brewer**, who stopped by to help wish our kids luck and prosperity as they begin the school year. We wish all our kids a fantastic school year filled with hope and learning opportunities.

[Click here to see more photos from the event.](#)

Thank you to our community partners for these vital donations, your generosity and support have made a difference for so many NAC kids and their families.

Advanced Group • Apollo Global Management • BBR Partners LLC  
Burns & McDonnell • Critical Mass • Evercore • Greenbacker Capital • Kohl's  
Meta • RAND Engineering & Architecture, DPC • Sydney Paige Foundation  
TrialSpark • Victoria Beckham Beauty

## NAC KIDS ARE COLLEGE BOUND



Outstanding! We are incredibly proud to share that **20 teens and young adults enrolled in NAC's College Bound Program are pursuing their post-secondary education dreams.** This fall, they entered a diverse range of schools including **Lehman College, Queens College, Mercy College**, and more.

For these students, the path to college was challenging, with many facing barriers that seemed insurmountable. But with the support of NAC, our community programs, and their unyielding drive, these young individuals are **carving out new destinies for themselves.**

Congratulations to all our College Bound Youth, we can't wait to see what you will accomplish!

**"Getting this far wasn't easy, but you did it, because you were determined, diligent in your efforts, and you found support in those who are dedicated to seeing you succeed."**

~Shelanthia Griffiths  
Assistant Director, Education Department

## FUNDERS SPOTLIGHT

The **Robert A. and Patricia S. Levinson Fund** has provided vital support to New Alternatives for Children over the last six years in support of our nursing staff. Through the **Patricia S. Levinson Nurse Training & Education Fund**, NAC nurses have been able to receive valuable training and gain advanced medical knowledge while **positively impacting hundreds of NAC children and their families.**



NAC's Nursing Program is a critical aspect of the provision of high-quality healthcare services for the **vulnerable children and families served at our agency.** Over the years, this funding has led to an extremely positive impact on NAC's nursing staff during some challenging times for the nursing sector.

Patricia Levinson, who passed away in 2015, was a Founding Board Member of NAC. Sadly, Patricia's husband, Bob Levinson recently passed as well and NAC sends our thoughts and condolences to the entire Levinson Family. Patricia and Bob were among NAC's closest friends. Their support has left an **indelible mark on the agency, the children, and the communities we serve, and continues to do so with the Robert and Patricia S. Levinson Fund.** Their legacy will help generations of NAC children who will enter our doors in the future.

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

**We couldn't be more excited!** Our video about Natalia, "Natalia's Transformation" has been nominated for a **NEW YORK EMMY AWARD** in the Branded Content Category!

Congratulations to our fantastic producers **Paksima Productions** and the entire team who worked on this video!

Award winners will be announced on **October 28, 2023**, at the 66th New York Emmy Awards. Stay tuned for more information and keep your fingers crossed!



Click the image to watch our video

## CELEBRATE YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION BY HELPING NAC KIDS

**Are you interested in giving back to NAC kids through your special event?** Ring in a big birthday, run a race, celebrate your Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and more. The possibilities are endless! We can help you create your very own personal fundraising page that can be shared with your family and friends.



**PERSONAL FUNDRAISING PAGES**  
We will create a personalized webpage for you to share with your friends and family. Donors can leave special messages of support in honor of your occasion

**SPECIAL DONATION THANK YOU CARDS**  
As a thank you to your supporters, NAC will send special, personalized thank you cards to show appreciation for their support.

Your dedication and generosity help create hope and brighter futures for NAC kids. **Together, we can make a difference. Talk to us about creating a personal fundraising page today.**

To start your personal fundraising page, please contact Jenny Traslavina at [development@nackidscan.org](mailto:development@nackidscan.org).



PLEASE JOIN US

TICKETS

# NAC kids CAN GALA BENEFIT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24  
PIER SIXTY, NYC

An event to benefit New Alternatives for Children

Honoring

ROGER LYNCH  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CONDÉ NAST



SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST

Jon Batiste

Grammy and Oscar Award-Winning Artist