

## Grant Support Helps HCC Shine

A big thank you to the following supporters whose generous contributions are vital to delivering exemplary service to the many families we serve.

### District Attorney's Grant to Support Domestic Violence Intervention



In July, the Nassau County District Attorney's Office presented HCC with a \$85,000 grant to enhance the agency's Domestic Violence Accountability

Program. Distribution of the funds are already underway, securing new intervention and counseling services for perpetrators of domestic violence, and added support services for youth and parents in HCC's Teen Drop-In Center.

Additionally, proceeds from the grant will enable the implementation of two 26-week evidence-based models, The Duluth Model Domestic Abuse Intervention Program and the Nurturing Parenting Program. The grant will also help to cover staffing for the workshops.

We're grateful to the Nassau County District Attorney's Office for the opportunity to expand our services and keep children and parents safe!

### New York State and Greentree Foundation Grants

The Hispanic Counseling Center (HCC) is the recipient of an \$8,000 grant from the New York State Legislature. Proceeds from the grant will be used to implement a new gang violence prevention program to lead teens on a positive path. Participants will meet in a group setting for six or 12 weeks, learning essential skills to avoid gang violence, which many immigrant youth are exposed to on a frequent basis.

In addition to receiving financial assistance from the State, HCC was recently awarded \$5,000 by The Greentree Foundation. This is the sixth grant the agency has received from the Foundation, which has generously contributed \$48,000 since 2007. The organization's ongoing support has enabled HCC to work closely with parents to become more involved in their children's education, while helping families adjust to life in a new country and understand new opportunities that arise.

Through the support and commitment of New York State and The Greentree Foundation, HCC looks forward to making a difference in the lives of more families across Nassau County.

### HCC Front and Center at Business Resource Fair

On August 27, 2015, HCC took part in a Business Resource Fair hosted by Congresswoman Kathleen Rice. Held at the Freeport Recreation Center, the informational event was organized to help women-and minority-owned enterprises thrive in the community.

"It's essential for businesses to have the right resources to operate and grow successful ventures," Rice explained. The fair provided information on legal resources, professional development and partnership opportunities with local government to name a few.

Many stopped by HCC's table as staff showcased HCC programs that have been touching the lives of Long Island's Hispanic families since 1977. HCC was thrilled to participate and appreciated the opportunity to spread the word about the valuable services we have to offer!



## Message from Gladys

Dear All,

*In 2014 our programs operated at full capacity and successfully assisted thousands of disadvantaged Long Islanders despite the budget cuts and loss of funding for some programs.*

*Our staff worked diligently to do more with less and to offer the best possible services to the clients. All of the routine State visits resulted in very positive program performance reports, giving us the maximum certifications.*

*Hispanic Counseling Center continues to be viewed as the defacto bilingual safety net for many systems in the county that refer clients in need of help and support in different areas. During our annual meeting with the Board of Directors and the funding sources present, the clients of the Hispanic Counseling Center offered very powerful testimonials about the services they received. They compared how difficult their lives were before coming to HCC and how they were able to find help to overcome their problems.*

*During 2014, the Mental Health Program provided services to 1,936 individuals, and 306 persons received treatment in the Chemical Dependency Program. Hundreds more benefited from a range of family services, educational services, preventive services, housing services, case management, and supportive services. We had to increase the staff due to the growing demand and need for our services. We also established additional treatment modalities and new practices to accommodate the clients in accordance with the presenting needs.*

*After the terrible tragedy that affected most of the residents of Long Island with Hurricane Sandy, the NYS Office of Mental Health allocated 900,000.00 dollars to HCC to outreach in the community and provide intensive case management to the families affected. Initially the services were provided through "Project Hope" and subsequently through the SSBG (Social Service Block Grant) for SuperStorm Sandy survivors. In addition to being direct service providers, HCC was also selected to be the training site for other agencies providing similar services.*

*HCC continues to be dedicated to excellence in terms of quality of services and professionalism. Our clients deserve the best that we can offer in service delivery. We hope that the funding for the agency can be maintained so that we will not be forced to close programs that are greatly needed.*

*We wish to thank all of our supporters, funding sources, the Board of Directors and the staff for their dedication in meeting the mission of HCC.*

Yours truly,

Gladys Serrano  
Interim CEO



### Neighborhood Partnerships on the Menu at Annual Breakfast

In June, HCC hosted a community breakfast to share resources and work together to best serve the community. Local organizations and area leaders were among the 50+ who attended, educating one another about available programs and referrals to guide individuals on a safer, healthier path.

Since community is at the heart of HCC's mission, uniting with our neighborhood partners ensures that we'll continue to elevate the quality of life for many more families to come!

## Calendar

### What's expected this Fall?

#### September

##### Teen Drop-in Program

(Kicked off September 14th)

##### Nutrition Workshops

September 22nd & 29th

##### Domestic Violence Groups

(26 weeks, open group)

##### Nurturing Parenting Program

(twice a week for parents mandated by CPS or court)

#### October

##### Nutrition Workshops

October 6th & 13th

##### Domestic Violence Awareness Event

TBD





## THAT'S a WRAP!

Our 2015 Summer Camp wrapped up on August 21st with smiles from everyone! This summer was a busy one as the kids all enjoyed trips to the Bronx Zoo, Six Flags and Eisenhower Park for a picnic!



## On a Roll!

Members of HCC's Teen Drop-In Center's Summer Youth Program enjoyed a fun-filled day at the United Skates of America in Seaford. Kids took to the rink showing off their best moves before gliding over to the café for a tasty lunch!

