

# NYACK CENTER'S 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



*MORE THAN A COMMUNITY BUILDING,  
A PLACE FOR BUILDING COMMUNITY*

CELEBRATING  
**30**  
YEARS OF  
SERVICE

## OUR MISSION

*“Nyack Center serves the Nyacks and the larger community of Rockland County by supporting children, youth and families through educational and recreational programs. Our non-profit organization provides a welcoming gathering space for vital before-and-after school activities, cultural celebrations and community events”.*

Nyack Center was founded 30 years ago in 1990 by a group of concerned citizens and is housed in a renovated historic church in the heart of Nyack, N.Y. We provide the lowest cost before-and-after school care in Rockland County and The Hudson Valley Region.

As we close the chapter on our 29th year of service, we want to express our gratitude to our beloved community. In this pandemic now more than every we are so grateful. Our donors and pro-bono supporters make it happen every day! Many thanks to all of you for making a difference in the lives of children and families in our community, 98% of whom are at or below the Federal Income Guidelines for Poverty.



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## PROGRAMS

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Provides 44 children, grades K-5 with educational and recreational activities, a nourishing breakfast and mentoring before school, from 7:00 am to 8:15am. In collaboration with The Nyack School District, students are bused to their various schools.

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Operating until 5:30pm, 87 students K-8 in The Nyack School District receive homework help and a nutritional after school snack. Children participate in educational, creative and recreational activities. Homework help also includes access to a computer to complete school assignments. In collaboration with The Nyack School District, students are bused from their various schools to the center.

### COMPUTER TIME

The program provides about 25 youth daily with computer and recreational activities Monday-Friday 5:30-8:30 pm throughout the year. The program was created to meet the urgent need to provide computer and internet access for the substantial number of children and youth in our community who do not have access to a computer at home. A Computer Coach and Tutor supervise and mentors the youth.

### CAMP NYACK

For the last 10 years, Nyack Center has contracted with The Village of Nyack to run its summer camp for children from K-6 grade. In 2019, camp was seven weeks, 5 days a week from 8:30-3. Activities include: free breakfast and lunch, swimming, arts and crafts, sign language, science, gym time, dance, martial arts, reading, swimming 4 days a week at Rockland Lake and weekly field trips. Campers pay on a sliding scale dependent on family income. In 2019, 124 of 126 total Campers attended camp with scholarships. The seventh week and Camp After Care were added in 2017 in response to a parent survey and focus group.

### TEEN COUNCIL

A substance free performance and leadership program for teenagers. A student board and adult advisors coordinate the program. Students meet weekly and plan events two times per month. A collaborative project with O.C.A.D.A. and Nyack Public Schools.

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### NYACK YOUTH COLLABORATIVE

A monthly meeting of over 40 youth service organizations in Rockland County. A series of youth forums and an employment night are run each year—the first of its kind in Rockland County. Four different Rockland collaborative programs grew from this pilot.

### SUMMER YOUTH ENRICHMENT

In addition to Camp Nyack, Nyack Center hosts an onsite program for up to 35 youth. Summer Youth Enrichment is open M-F from 9:30-3 for 10 weeks. The program is free with breakfast and lunch—classes include: Please Pick Project with local Chefs, Recording Studio Time, Day Hiking, Computer Time, Summer Reading, arts & crafts and recreational time.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Our programs are open to the community. Most of our students are from our primary catchment area, which includes the public housing complexes near the Center, many of whom come from single-parent households. 98% of our children are at or below the Federal Income Guidelines for Poverty. For a family of four that is \$24,600.

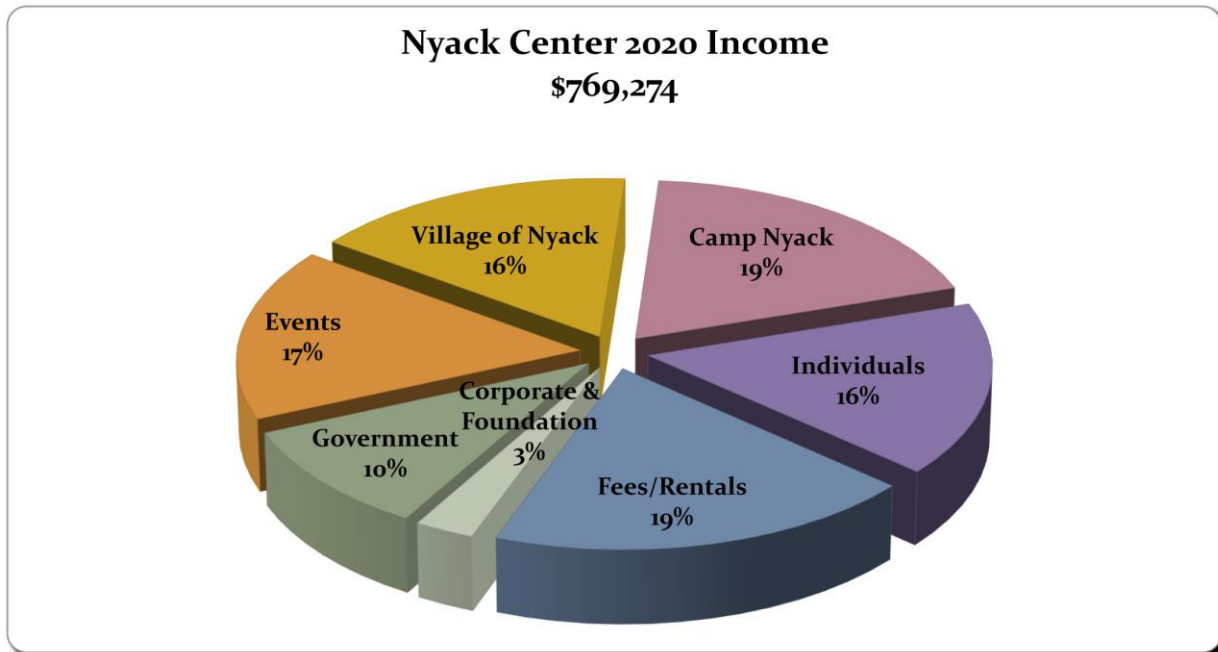
Priority is given to working parents. **In survey and focus groups with parents who use Nyack Centers programs, parents found that without affordable options provided by Nyack Center, they could not afford to work or live in our community.** Our programs serve children ranging from K-12 grades.

Our current enrollment is 54% Latino, 34% African American, 8% Biracial, 3% White, 1% Asian. Our Latino and African American students still underperform scholastically in Nyack Public Schools and nationally when compared to their white peers. Many of the youth in our community are at risk due to economic, social, educational and judicial issues. Our students range from Kindergarten to High School depending on the program.

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## INCOME



\*Unaudited results- Our 2019 audit is pending. When complete, copies will be made available upon request.



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## OUR HISTORY

Nyack Center is in a beautiful and historic church building in the heart of Nyack. The current building erected in 1839 is 181 years old this year.

In 2022 Nyack Center celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> year of service at a center of community life in the Nyacks and Rockland County. The community we serve defines Nyack Center and the role we play. Nyack Center was developed as a model for community government partnership. The village and community members saw the need for services for youth especially and came up with this unique way of providing programs under a non-profit umbrella separate from the village. We are grateful to the Village of Nyack along with all our government supporters for their commitment to Nyack Center.

Community life is what Nyack Center is all about. Nyack Center has long sought to provide a gathering place to discuss concerns and find solutions. To that end, Nyack Center provides space for discussion, programs to learn and services to youth to prevent more violence and find stable options for them to become successful in school, at home and in our community. We run programs for school age children, at risk youth, and teens. We provide space to many



organizations that hold events, meetings and workshops that enhance our community life here in the heart of Nyack.

1990 Establishment of Nyack Center. *"It was created in 1990 from the vision of two Presbyterian ministers who saw a potential to renovate the building to its past glory while benefiting the community. They foresaw an "urban mission" where townspeople would decide how best to utilize the space. Demographically, ethnic and poorer communities were located in the hills behind the Center, while the more affluent settled in front of the Center along the Hudson River. The ministers hoped to break down social barriers by emphasizing the Center's hospitality at both the back and front door. Current programs grew out of*

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*community needs. "The "Back Door", a teen run café, grew out of a need for teens to have their own space and express themselves. Children*

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*alone at home before school due to working parents' schedules, evolved into "Safe Haven", later called "The Breakfast Club". Lastly, "The After School Program" solved a latchkey and homework help problem. "from old fundraising documents*

1991 Capital Campaign started

1992 Non-profit 501c3 status granted

1994 Steve Butler Executive Director

1995 Phase I exterior renovations included door and window upgrades, roofing and siding repair, complete exterior repainting and installation of a handicapped access ramp.

1997 Phase II interior renovations, seeking to make our space more flexible and usable included conversion of the sanctuary into a 400-seat auditorium/activity space; construction of offices, meeting rooms, activity areas, two secure computer labs; upgrading of utility systems and installation of handicapped accessible bathrooms. First Annual Black History Celebration.

Suzanne Barclay and Michael Killing Interim Executive Director

1998 Phase III renovations completed in late 1998 converted a portion of the basement area into much needed storage space and included two new additional bathrooms and installation of a new boiler. Franz Payout Executive Director

1999 Phase IV converted the balance of the basement area into additional program activity space and will almost double the building's capacity. Alfred E. Prettyman Interim Executive Director.

2000 Alfred E. Prettyman Executive Director.

2001 First Annual Men Cooking Event. Tamara Kopko Interim Executive Director

2002 Kim Cross Executive Director

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2004 Certified NY State School Age Care License. Installation of Film Screen and Rivertown Film.

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2005 New Furnace installed in basement for entire building. New Acoustic System installed in Auditorium.

2006 Air Conditioning installed on main floor and in Auditorium.

2007 Computer Lab with 15 computer Stations. New Computers and phone system for staff. New Stairs, front doors and vestibule floor. Out of School Suspension collaboration with Nyack Schools begins. Establishment of Legacy Endowment and first Legacy Gala. First Women of Leadership and Vision Brunch.

2008 Camp Nyack contract awarded to Nyack Center to run. Gang Prevention Program begins. Pilot Youth Community Policing Initiative begins.

2009 Middle School Computer Time started. Village Summer Food Program housed at Nyack Center. NY State Sound and Recording Studio Grant announced. Rowathon event with River Rowing Association established. Gym Proposal presented to Village for 1.6-2 million.

2010 20th Anniversary Legacy Gala. Establishment of e-newsletter commUNITY. Nyack Center joins Facebook.

2011 Satellite Breakfast Club program started at Waldron Terrace. Establishment of The Rev. Martin Luther King Oratory Scholarship. Nyack Center joins Twitter.

2012 Nyack's first sketch mob at Nyack Center. Establishment of Young Woman of Leadership and Vision Scholarship. Nyack Center creates a new website. Nyack Center adopts a new logo design.

2013 Painting of front façade and stairs. Nyack Farmer's Market begins indoor winter market at Nyack Center. Family Connections program in Rockland County Jail comes under the auspices of Nyack Center.

2014 New roof installed. Renovation of Lobby, Middle Room and Terry Hekker Library. Auditorium painted.

2015 Sound & Recording Studio Renovation and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala!

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2016 Completion of Sound and Recording Studio. Nyack Center joins Instagram and LinkedIn. Nyack Center and IICF begin a literacy initiative with support from certified teachers to improve participants reading skills. Establishment of “The I Made a Difference Scholarship.”

2017 New floor and paint in Kitchen thanks to Senator Carlucci. Newly upgraded Computer Lab and mobile laptop cart through IICF Grant. Nyack Center purchased its land from The Hudson Presbytery. Establishment of The Lang Family Scholarship.

2018 New interior piping system in basement of building. Establishment of Scholarship Plus.



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## NYACK CENTER EVENTS

October 27, Monster Mash, directly following The Nyack Halloween Parade

Oct. 3, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual LEGACY GALA @ 7pm

December 8, Music & Readings in a Holiday Spirit @ 7pm

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