

CITY ACCESS NEW YORK

“City Access New York promotes lifelong access to information, programs and services for New Yorkers of all abilities. We assist individuals with Developmental and Sensory Disabilities to reach a maximum level of independence and integration into their communities and society at large through prevocational training, internships, supported and competitive employment, and social/recreational activities.”

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What We've Been Up To

While we dream about what to do once we reopen, we've been staying connected through Zoom, working on our dance moves, and starting to rediscover our neighborhoods in a safe way!



Figure 1: CANY @home Dance Party 2



Figure 2: Out on the town with PPE



Figure 3: Making baked goods

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Thank you to all healthcare and essential workers who continue to face this pandemic with bravery and courage.

The CANY community created a video to show our appreciation! [Click here to view the video.](#)

We also want to thank Art with Kylene Cortorreal; Brooklyn Conservatory of Music; CO/LAB Theater Group; Drama Therapy with Alexis Powell, LCAT; Mark Morris Dance Group; Olympicfit home of "The Triumph Program"; and Vocational Skills with Linda & Liz for providing engaging sessions for our participants!

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A Message from Our Executive Director

City Access New York's Board of Directors and I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. We at CANY, are taking every precaution to make sure our staff has enough personal protective equipment (PPE) to keep them safe while working with our participants.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing loyalty, dedication, and commitment of our staff during these challenging times. They have committed themselves to each and every one of our participants who have a developmental disability or are visually impaired by creating remote lessons to meet their different needs.

They are also teaching them the proper safety procedures to use at home and out in the community.

As City Access New York begins the process to re-open, we have put in place a comprehensive plan that will include the life skills, community outings, vocational skills, and job readiness training for all with their utmost safety as our first priority. We will also be implementing some new and exciting programs including "Collective Creations" by People of All Abilities, an online store with designs created by our participants and others from different non-profit organizations in the community.

It is our sincere hope that all of you remain healthy. By working together, cooperating as a community and nation, and following the health guidelines, we shall emerge from this threat a stronger and more united people.

As always, City Access New York truly appreciates your continued generosity and support.

Sincerely,



Sophia Rossovsky

Executive Director



What's On the Horizon?

Reopening

As NYC continues on to Phase 4 of reopening, CANY is working tirelessly to create programming for our participants to reach their potential, both physically and mentally. Our staff looks forward to once again working face-to-face with everyone and resuming our community outings and trips. We are putting together a comprehensive safety plan which will include reopening gradually in a reduced capacity to maintain social distancing. Information is changing daily so we will be doing our absolute best to keep you all informed. For more information and updates please check our website.

Online Store

Collective Creations by People of All Abilities



We are thrilled to share with all of you an exciting new project we are working on... "Collective Creations" by People of All Abilities, an online store you can access through our website. You will be able to purchase calendars, greeting cards, note cards



and t-shirts with designs created by our participants as well as designs from other talented participants attending other non-profit organizations in the Staten Island community. They are going to make excellent gifts and the funds received will also be supporting City Access New York as well as donations made to other community organizations through our CANY Cares Campaign.

CANY Cares Campaign

During these trying times, we understand the importance of giving back. With the generous donations of cleaning supplies and PPE CANY received, we've been able to donate to other organizations such as Crossroads Unlimited, Person Centered Care Services (PCCS), and Modest Community Services.



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Annual CANY Golf Outing

It's never too early to start thinking about golf...



Join City Access New York on Wednesday, September 23rd at the beautiful Grand Oaks Country Club/South Shore Golf Course for a spectacular golf outing. We are taking every precaution for the safety of our golfers, staff and volunteers by having a modified shotgun start and limited golfers in a cart. The day will include breakfast, 18 holes of golf, snack on the turn, food at several holes,

an **outdoor** cocktail reception and gourmet buffet dinner with an open bar. There will also be a silent auction, raffles, contests and prizes. Sponsorships are available. You won't want to miss this exciting event. For more information contact Ilene Rosen at irosen@cityaccessny.org or 718-982-8380.

Fun Family Outing

Do you and your family want to get outdoors in a safe environment this summer? You can do so by visiting our friends at Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden and while you're there stop by their Heritage Farms. They have delicious produce for purchase grown right on site! We thank Snug Harbor for being a valued supporter of City Access New York by allowing us to have our annual Beeping Egg Hunt on their premises. While we couldn't have our Egg Hunt this year, we promise that the Beeping Egg Hunt in 2021 will be bigger and better with added attractions that everyone will enjoy. Stay tuned for more information!



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