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*Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization”*

- Mahatma Gandhi

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## PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT



**BEA ESPINOSA**

With 35 years of dedicated service as an Executive Assistant at The New York Times, Bea Espinosa has been a cornerstone in supporting senior leadership and ensuring smooth operational excellence. Throughout her tenure, Bea has cultivated a reputation for her unwavering professionalism, strong organizational acumen, and commitment to fostering a collaborative work environment.

Outside of her work at The New York Times, Bea is a proud mother of three and a doting grandmother. She is deeply committed to advocacy work and is particularly passionate about issues of equity and inclusion. Bea has a strong desire to partner with organizations such as P-CoC, where she looks forward to volunteering and contributing to programs aimed at empowering communities of color. Her mission is to help create positive change and ensure that all individuals, regardless of background, have equal access to opportunities for growth and success.

Bea is driven by a profound belief in the power of community and is excited to collaborate on initiatives that promote diversity, inclusivity, and social justice for persons of color.

## UNITY THROUGH COMMUNITY AND COMMONALITY

The end of the year is a time when we naturally seek closure and gladness, or hope. But the miracle of the human brain is the ability to justify anything that makes us feel better, even if it's clearly a bad choice, like taking a third helping of mashed potatoes.

Alternatively, we might give because we're looking for a hug, credit, or acclaim- something we desire in return.

Yet we also know people respond positively to a need they perceive in others. It doesn't take greatness to conceive of a purpose beyond ourselves and many do so behind the scenes, but some become known for it. Here are a few people who contributed their lives and careers for the betterment of many.

Frances Perkins - developed policy for the Social Security system as Secretary of Labor, which for nearly a century has provided a critical safety net for the destitute elderly.

Bayard Rustin - civil rights activist whose Quaker upbringing was a grounding influence for nonviolent action by civil rights movements of the mid-20th century.

George C. Marshall - whose plan to invest in the rebuilding of Europe after WWII helped guarantee three generations of comity and comfort for a continent.

Gene Rodenberry - creator of 'Star Trek', and a legacy of enjoyment and belief that humanity will achieve peace and seek understanding through our journey into the future.

Maya Lin - whose architecture and art offer a contemplative way for people to engage with their emotions and the surroundings.

Jorge Ramos - TV journalist who brought important news and reporting to Spanish speaking Americans for 40 years.

LeVar Burton - actor and producer, whose 'Reading Rainbow' series brought young children into the wonder of reading for 23 years.

Oprah Winfrey - an iconic presence for decades who has helped so many feel seen without demeaning the existence of anyone else.

Lin-Manuel Miranda - writer and performer, whose best-known works illustrate the story of America as a universal one of struggle and hope, no matter where you live or arrive from.

Greta Thunberg - climate activist who offers her personal commitment in a determined effort to provoke meaningful action against climate change.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Hispanic Parent Leadership Institute

On December 6, the Hudson Valley Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network (RBERN) and Manhattanville's The Changing Suburbs Institute (CSI) will be hosting a FREE Hispanic Parent Leadership Institute (completely conducted in Spanish). There will be workshops and several opportunities for Hispanic parents to learn, connect, and advocate for a brighter future for their families.

### The Annual P-CoC General Board Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

7:45 PM - 9:15 PM

LOCATION: REMOTE

Video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/fxv-eskt-vzw>



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THE CHANGING SUBURBS INSTITUTE®

### HISPANIC PARENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Hudson Valley Regional Bilingual Education Resource Network (RBERN) and Manhattanville's The Changing Suburbs Institute® (CSI) will be hosting a FREE Hispanic Parent Leadership Institute, ¡Adeante! Rumbo al Futuro, Realizando Nuestras Metas.

This annual institute, designed to empower Hispanic parents, will be conducted completely in Spanish.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 2024

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

 <p><b>PARENT WORKSHOPS</b></p> <p>Participate in interactive sessions that offer practical tips on supporting your child's education, promoting well-being at home, and fostering a positive school experience.</p>	 <p><b>COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS</b></p> <p>Connect with local organizations offering resources and services tailored to support families in education, health, and community development.</p>	 <p><b>PARENT CONNECTIONS</b></p> <p>Build a network of support with other parents, share experiences, and gain strength through the power of community.</p>
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Join us for an opportunity to learn, connect, and advocate for a brighter future for your family!

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## RECENT EVENTS

### Ethnicity Jazz Swing for Seniors

*P-CoC Inc. Governing Board & Office of Grants*

Under the theme "Bringing Humanness into Humanity," the Community Outreach Committee of P-CoC Inc. proudly organized a heartwarming jazz performance for senior citizens.

This special event brought the joy and energy of Nonet Jazz music to two locations: Atria at Ardsley and Cabrini of Dobbs Ferry. Residents at both venues were treated to a lively and engaging performance, creating a delightful atmosphere of nostalgia, connection, and celebration.

Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many seniors expressing their appreciation for the music that rekindled cherished memories and lifted their spirits.

P-CoC Inc. extends its gratitude to the talented musicians and the dedicated staff at both facilities for making this event a success. Through initiatives like these, we continue to emphasize the importance of fostering community and connection, reminding us all of the power of community to bring humanity closer together.

### Annual Alternative Gift Market(AGM)

P-CoC joined other community groups at the 30th Annual Alternative Gift Market (AGM) hosted by Grace Episcopal Church. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and engage in meaningful, uplifting, and empowering conversations



### Community Trunk and Treats

P-CoC joined in the fun at the community Trunk and Treats, putting smiles on kids' faces!



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### P-CoC Inc Mission

A professional charity society laser-focused on race and color equity for persons of color, supporting ethnicity, cultural expression, fair treatment, and education for all

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