Springtime Shindig!
Thursday, May 11, 2023
Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am pleased to welcome you to Van Cortlandt Park Alliance’s Springtime Shindig! Our spring event is a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the previous 12 months, honor those champions that support our mission and the people of the Bronx, and celebrate the spring and summer seasons. Van Cortlandt Park is active every month of the year, but truly comes alive as we bask in the warm weather and see our favorite landscape flourish with natural colors.

Tonight, we are proud to honor two organizations whose work changes the lives of people in the park and all around the Bronx:

**The Courts of Dreams Junior Board** is the recipient of this year’s **Cultivating the Bronx Award**. Courts of Dreams is a nonprofit organization that restores basketball courts across underserved New York City neighborhoods. They select outdoor courts that, even though they are in poor condition, are heavily used by neighborhood children. Their mission goes beyond new backboards and floor paint – they strive to instill the values of teamwork, mutual respect and leadership. This past year, in partnership with VCPA, together we renovated two basketball courts in Woodlawn. We broke ground in June of 2022 and cut the ribbon on gleaming new courts in the fall.

**The Friendly Fridge BX** will receive this year’s **Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award**. The Friendly Fridge BX, a community refrigerator initiative, is the first of its kind in the Bronx. Today, nearly 1 in 3 NYC residents still experience food insecurity and lack access to fresh, nutritious food. With that challenge in mind, The community fridge is located across the street from the park—right by the last stop on the #1 Train—ensuring that everyone in our community has access to fresh food. VCPA works closely with Sara Allen and Selma Raven of the Friendly Fridge, donating fresh produce from our Garden & Compost site, as well as our Youth Run Farm Stand.

On behalf of VCPA’s board, I also invite you to join us at any one of our amazing free events in the park this summer:

The NY Philharmonic will be back in Van Cortlandt on June 13 to kick off their Concert in the Parks series – last year we hosted nearly 6,000 people on the Parade Ground. Dating back to 1965, the NY Philharmonic transforms our park into a concert hall for the enjoyment of our families, children, and friends. The night is even capped off with an amazing fireworks display!

Our annual **Juneteenth Celebration** on June 19, which honors the memory and legacy of people who were enslaved, will include music and spoken word performances. The event culminates with a procession to the Enslaved African Burial Ground where participants can pay their respects. We encourage you to learn more about the **Enslaved People Project**, our free curriculum for young people, and public programming.

**We are able to offer these, and many other musical, cultural and cinematic, programs all summer long thanks to our community and YOUR generosity.**

On behalf of the board, staff, interns, and thousands of park volunteers, I thank you for supporting the work of Van Cortlandt Park Alliance.

Charlie Samboy
Board Chair
Dear Friends,

It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to the Springtime Shindig, our annual benefit supporting the work of Van Cortlandt Park Alliance. It has been 3 years since I joined the Van Cortlandt Park team as Executive Director of the Alliance and Park Administrator, and I am so proud of the work we have accomplished.

This past year, we've advanced the design plans to Daylight Tibbetts Brook and extend the Putnam Greenway. With NYC Parks and NYC DEP taking the lead, the city's largest green infrastructure project is on schedule to break ground in the next year. VCPA has been there every step of the way, advocating for this essential project. Our Garden & Compost Site has undergone a transformation, growing in size and scope, so that we can expand our educational offerings for Bronx kids and create new opportunities for the community to learn about food production, composting, and food justice issues. We can't wait to grow more fruits and veggies to share with our pals at The Friendly Fridge BX. And, with support from our friends at Courts of Dreams, VCPA renovated 2 basketball courts at Woodlawn Playground.

Just this past month, we welcomed Baobab: Tree of Life to the park, working with NYC Parks’ Art in the Parks program. Conceived by artist Tijay Mohammed and constructed by the young fellows at Beam Center, the sculpture is inspired by a succulent tree native to Ghana that provides food, medication, and shelter and serves as a social meeting place. The base of Baobab: Tree of Life forms a bench where people are welcome to sit for a while, relax, and engage in dialog with each other. An impressive 17 feet tall, the piece is composed of metal, ceramic shards, and MetroCards; its mosaic base is inspired by Adinkra symbols and African fabric. The location for the installation was selected for its close proximity to the Enslaved African Burial Ground. We are delighted that the installation will be onsite well into spring 2024.

This summer we look forward to seeing you on the Parade Ground at our ongoing Starlight Cinema movie series! Once again, we will bring you a curated selection of sci-fi films bolstered by live DJ music, theme-related crafts, and a Nature Nerds experience. This summer’s theme, “Outer Space,” highlights movies from the 1950s, 60s, 70s, and the 2010s. Check vancortlandt.org for more information.

And, there are so many more wonderful things ahead — trail runs, volunteer stewardship activities, Youth-Run-Farmstand, Urban Eco-Teen and Garden 2 Market Teen Internship programs, cross country competitions, Hike-toberfest, and every sport imaginable.

It is a thrilling time to be involved with Van Cortlandt Park Alliance! We want to spread the word... so, I ask you to think about ways you can bring more people into the fold. Send them to our social media @vcpalliance, our website vancortlandt.org, invite them to programs, and introduce them to the good work we are doing whenever possible.

See you around the park!

With gratitude,

Stephanie Ehrlich
Executive Director, Van Cortlandt Park Alliance
Van Cortlandt Park Administrator, NYC Parks
Honorees

Courts of Dreams Junior Board:
Daniel Cornstein, Chair
Chase Forbes
Andrew Phillips
Julia Phillips
Jack Silberstein
Emily Weidman
Kate Wolfberg

The Friendly Fridge BX:
Sara Allen, Co-Founder
Selma Raven, Co-Founder
Courts of Dreams Junior Board:

Daniel Cornstein, Chair
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Courts of Dreams is a nonprofit organization dedicated to refurbishing run-down basketball courts in neighborhoods throughout New York City. Their goal is to bring joy and connectivity through access to safe, beautiful basketball courts, while promoting the values of the sport: teamwork, mutual respect, and leadership. Danny Cornstein and a cohort of dedicated teens, the Junior Board of Courts of Dreams, raised significant funds in 2022 to repave the basketball courts on the Woodlawn side of the park.

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance is pleased to honor the Junior Board with this year’s Cultivating the Bronx Award.
The Friendly Fridge BX:

Sara Allen, Co-Founder
Selma Raven, Co-Founder

The Friendly Fridge BX is a community refrigerator initiative grounded in the principles of mutual aid. The first of its kind in the Bronx, the community fridge is located across the street from the park.

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance will present Selma Raven and Sara Allen with this year’s annual Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award for all they did for the community during the pandemic - and continue to do, ensuring that everyone has access to fresh food.
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May 11, 2023

Dear Friends,

As United States Representative of NY-15 in the Bronx, it is my great pleasure to celebrate the fantastic work of the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance (VCPA) on this year’s Springtime Shindig.

In a city renowned for its numerous parks, Van Cortlandt Park stands out as one of the largest and most beautiful parks and a vital piece of the Bronx. With its fields, tennis courts, golf course, freshwater lake, hiking trails, and more, the park offers something for everyone. Through cultural, educational, ecological, and recreational programs, the VCPA continuously works to preserve and improve the park for all of its visitors.

Among many things, the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of access to nature for improved physical and mental health making the VCPA's work all the more essential. Today, we honor the VCPA team, volunteers, and community partners, like the recipients of this year’s Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award, Selma Raven and Sara Allen with The Friendly Fridge BX, and the recipient of this year’s Cultivating the Bronx Award, the Courts of Dreams Junior Board, for their endeavors.

On behalf of the constituents in the 15th Congressional District, I commend the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance for their great and continued contributions to the people of New York City and wish everyone many more years of success.

Sincerely,

Ritchie Torres
Member of Congress
NY-15, The Bronx
May 11, 2023

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone as the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance (VCPA) hosts its Springtime Shindig.

Van Cortlandt Park is the third largest park in our great city, with more than a thousand acres featuring expansive fields, an athletic stadium, hiking trails through verdant forests, a freshwater lake, tennis courts, a golf course, and the oldest surviving home in the Bronx. I am truly grateful to VCPA for its efforts to preserve and improve this vital natural treasure, especially its longstanding advocacy for rerouting Tibbets Brook above ground, a major climate infrastructure project that my Administration proudly supports and has taken bold steps to finally move forward. The Alliance also inspires New Yorkers of all ages and backgrounds through its cultural, educational, ecological, and recreational programs. Tonight’s event will benefit its important initiatives, and it provides an opportunity to applaud the dedicated leadership, staff, and volunteers of this outstanding organization for their commitment to cultivate community and environmental stewardship in this diverse borough. I look forward to the many ways everyone gathered will further invigorate New York as we unite to #GetStuffDone and forge a greener, healthier, more resilient future for all.

On behalf of the City of New York, congratulations to this year’s honorees: the Friendly Fridge BX and the Courts of Dreams Junior Board. Please accept my best wishes for a festive evening and continued success.

Sincerely,

Eric Adams
Mayor
May 1, 2023

To the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance,

I am pleased to write this letter in celebration of the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance’s Spring Shindig. I commend the commitment you have demonstrated to our community. For years, Van Cortlandt Park Alliance has provided space at the annual benefit dinner to recognize individuals and organizations that work to uplift the Bronx.

It is my pleasure to join the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance in congratulating Selma Raven and Sara Allen of The Friendly Fridge Bronx as the recipients of this year’s Betty Cambell-Adams Park Angel Award. This award honors individuals with a longstanding dedication and betterment of the Van Cortlandt Park community.

The Friendly Fridge Bronx has demonstrated its dedication through leading programming to replenish lost food resources in the local neighborhood following the closure of the local food pantry. Selma Raven’s and Sara Allen’s efforts to uplift the Bronx have been relentless since 2020, redirecting food to the tables of those who need it the most since the height of the pandemic. Today, The Friendly Fridge has grown to serve over three hundred individuals daily.

I wholeheartedly congratulate Selma Raven and Sara Allen for the hard-earned award. I am sure their determination and integrity will bring The Friendly Fridge Bronx to new heights and serve as an example for mutual aid and food relief projects across New York.

Respectfully,

Gustavo Rivera
33rd Senate District
May 11, 2023

Dear Fellow Supporters of Van Cortlandt Park Alliance:

The Van Cortlandt Park Alliance has been an invaluable resource for everyone in our community. I am proud to support this wonderful organization, and the work you do in support of Van Cortlandt Park - the greatest park in the greatest city. It is my privilege to congratulate this year’s honorees at the Springtime Shindig: The Friendly Fridge and Courts of Dreams Junior Board.

The Friendly Fridge BX co-founders Sara Allen and Selma Raven will be presented with the Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award for their community efforts during the pandemic. The Friendly Fridge is located across the street from the park and has been paramount in combating food insecurity in the community.

The Courts of Dreams Junior Board, a group of young adults, have dedicated an immeasurable amount of time and effort to refurbishing neighborhood basketball courts. Additionally, they raised significant funds in 2022 to repave the basketball courts on the Woodlawn side of the park.

Tonight’s honorees have dedicated themselves to supporting our borough and, just like the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance, we should all be incredibly proud of their accomplishments.

Thank you and congratulations again to the Friendly Fridge BX and Courts of Dreams Junior Board for all their efforts over the years, and to Van Cortlandt Park Alliance, its board, and staff for their ongoing work on behalf of the people of the Bronx. We are exceedingly fortunate to have such a tremendously positive force for our community, and I look forward to continued success and partnership for years to come.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Dinowitz
Member of Assembly
March 27, 2023

Stephanie Ehrlich
Executive Director and Van Cortlandt Park Administrator
Van Cortlandt Park Alliance
80 Van Cortlandt Park
Bronx, NY 10463

Dear Stephanie Ehrlich,

Congratulations to you and to the entire Van Cortlandt Park Alliance team as you celebrate your Springtime Shindig benefit honoring some amazing community leaders!

I want to recognize co-founders of The Friendly Fridge BX, Selma Raven and Sara Allen who are recipients of the Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award; and Danny Cornstein, who is Chair of the Junior Board of Courts of Dreams, who will be receiving the Cultivating the Bronx Award.

Your collective commitment to making Van Cortlandt Park and our entire borough a great place to live, work and recreate is evident through your programs that preserve, support, and promote the recreational, ecological and historical value of Van Cortlandt Park. Furthermore, your partnerships with organizations like the Friendly Fridge, Courts of Dreams and others make it clear that you are dedicated to making New York City’s 3rd largest park, a destination that provides value to all who visit.

For all this, I want to express my gratitude to you and congratulations, once again!

Best regards,

Vanessa L. Gibson
May 11, 2023

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance
80 Van Cortlandt Park South, Suite E1
Bronx, NY 10463

Dear Van Cortlandt Park Alliance Members:

I am writing to congratulate, and celebrate the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance on your Springtime Shindig! It is a time to reflect on all of your work and be proud of everything you have accomplished.

Our great borough of The Bronx is striving to reach its full potential, and organizations such as yours have played a key role in our success, aiding in the transformative change The Bronx has seen in recent years. The Van Cortlandt Park Alliance has played a significant role in enhancing the natural beauty of The Bronx. I look forward to helping your institution continue its mission of preserving, supporting, and promoting the recreational, ecological, and historical value of Van Cortlandt Park.

I offer my most heartfelt congratulations to your honorees – The Friendly Fridge BX, Selma Raven, and Sara Allen, the recipients of this year’s Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award, and Courts of Dreams Junior Board, the recipient of this year’s Cultivating the Bronx Award—for devoting countless hours and working hard to help The Bronx and our community flourish.

On behalf of the more than 1.4 million residents of The Bronx, I salute Van Cortlandt Park Alliance and your honorees, wishing you continued success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Eric Dinowitz
Council Member, District 11, Bronx
To Van Cortlandt Park Alliance, its Supporters and Benefactors,

We are so proud to join you in celebrating Van Cortlandt Park Alliance – our partner in Van Cortlandt Park – for its preservation and promotion of the park’s vast resources, which ensure the park’s continuing recreational, ecological, and historical value.

I am pleased to join you in congratulating this year’s honorees: The Friendly Fridge BX, led by Selma Raven and Sara Allen, the recipients of this year’s Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award and Courts of Dreams Junior Board, the recipient of this year’s Cultivating the Bronx Award.

Tonight’s “Springtime Shindig” supports Van Cortlandt Park Alliance’s youth internships, school programs, ecological restoration, recreational activities, field and trail maintenance, volunteer and stewardship programs, as well as cultural, historical, and arts programs.

Thank you for your support of VCPA’s work to ensure Van Cortlandt Park is a welcoming oasis for the three million people who visit each year.

I hope you all have a wonderful evening in the park!

Sincerely,

Sue Donoghue
To Van Cortlandt Park Alliance board, staff, and supporters,

Congratulations on another successful year in Van Cortlandt Park!

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance’s partnership with NYC Parks is essential, ensuring that the park is always clean, safe, and welcoming to all. Thank you for all you do on behalf of the Alliance and the park.

In addition to managing youth education, volunteer activities, restoration efforts, cultural events, and arts programming in the park, VCPA’s advocacy efforts have made Daylighting Tibbetts Brook a reality after years of advocacy—on behalf of and with you—the community.

This really is a moment for celebration!

I am delighted to have this opportunity to congratulate this year’s honorees: The Friendly Fridge BX, led by Selma Raven and Sara Allen, the recipients of this year’s Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award and Courts of Dreams Junior Board, the recipient of this year’s Cultivating the Bronx Award.

Thank you for caring about Van Cortlandt Park, one of the jewels of the Bronx.
Enjoy the party!

Sincerely,

Jessenia Aponte
Bronx Borough Commissioner
April 10, 2023

Stephanie Ehrlich
Executive Director and Van Cortlandt Park Administrator
Van Cortlandt Park Alliance
80 Van Cortlandt Park South
Bronx, NY 10463

Dear Stephanie,

On behalf of Community Board 8, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to The Friendly Fridge BX, Selma Raven and Sara Allen for being honored with this year’s Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award. We are also delighted to hear that the Courts of Dreams Junior Board has been recognized with the Cultivating the Bronx Award.

It is with great admiration and appreciation that we write this letter to express our gratitude for the work that each of these honorees has done for our community. The Friendly Fridge BX has been a beacon of hope for many families struggling with food insecurity. Through their work, Selma Raven and Sara Allen, have made reminded us all of the importance of mutual aid. The Courts of Dreams Junior Board has shown remarkable dedication to the development of youth in the Bronx and we greatly appreciate their contributions to restoring the Woodlawn Playground last year and all of their work around the Bronx.

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance’s efforts in recognizing and celebrating these individuals and groups are commendable. We believe that their work has made a significant impact on our community, and their contributions are truly deserving of recognition. The Alliance’s commitment as well to preserving and enhancing the beauty of Van Cortlandt Park is essential, and we thank you for your unwavering dedication.

We are confident that your Spring Shindig will be a resounding success. We extend our warmest wishes to you and all the honorees for a fantastic event.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our community.

Sincerely,

Laura Spalter, Chair
Bronx Community Board 8

Deb Travis, Chair
Bronx Community Board Parks Committee
Mission

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance's mission is to preserve, support, and promote the recreational, ecological, and historical value of Van Cortlandt Park.

VCPA’s goals are to provide cultural, recreational, educational, and community programming in the park, generate public attention to the park’s assets, and increase investments in maintenance, protection, and improvement of the park’s recreational and natural areas.

VCPA offers youth internships, school programs, volunteer stewardship programs, and cultural programming. As NYC Parks’ sole partner in Van Cortlandt Park, VCPA raises funds to support maintenance of the park’s fields and trails, including the famous 100-year-old Cross-Country Trail.

Your support of the Springtime Shindig makes all of this possible!
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Van Cortlandt Park Alliance is proud to partner with NYC agencies, local academic institutions, and non-profit organizations.

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Thank You

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance for our rewarding partnership and

Dr. Thomas M. Kelly for all of his support

Congratulations

The Friendly Fridge BX
Betty Campbell-Adams Park Angel Award recipient
My heartfelt congratulations
to the honorees:

Danny Cornstein,
Sara Allen, and
Selma Raven.

And, my deepest thanks to the
Board and Staff of VCPA
for another amazing year!

With respect and gratitude,
Stephanie Ehrlich
Executive Director
The core of Ethical Culture Fieldston School's educational program is the study and practice of ethics, which prepares and compels us to take care of our world, ourselves, and each other.

ECFS is a proud supporter of the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance and celebrates their dedication to community centered programming.
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Thank you for your efforts to preserve and share all the beauty this historic park has to offer.

We congratulate the honorees who have helped the Alliance pursue its worthy mission.

Montefiore Einstein
Congratulations to Van Cortlandt Park Alliance's Guests of Honor

Court of Dreams Junior Board

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The Friendly Fridge BX Co-Founders

SAR Academy and High School are proud to salute the invaluable work these community partners do on behalf of so many in the Bronx.

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Rabbi Tully Harcsztark, Principal, SAR High School; Dean, Machon Siach
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Congratulations
Courts of Dreams Junior Board
The Friendly Fridge BX
and
Van Cortlandt Park Alliance
for a great year in the park.

Lee Sossen and Sherri Williams
Congratulations to the staff and board of VCPA!
Thank you for your dedication and leadership.

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We would like to congratulate

Danny Cornstein &
The Courts of Dreams
Junior Board

on receiving the
“Cultivating the Bronx Award”

With love from
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Ima & Poppy

Thank you
Van Cortlandt Park Alliance
for making the park a
welcoming place
for everyone.

and

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Courts of Dreams Junior Board
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Congratulations
VCPA’s Springtime Shindig Honorees
Courts of Dreams Junior Board
The Friendly Fridge BX
And
Stephanie Ehrlich,
VCPA Executive Director
For another year of great leadership

Kathryn and Vincent G. Heintz
Congratulations to Courts of Dreams and the Junior Board on your accomplishments in the Bronx community.

Rachel and Rob Phillips
Far Out Fern
Congratulations to this year’s Honorees
Courts of Dreams Junior Board
The Friendly Fridge BX

Thank You
Stephanie Ehrlich, VCPA Executive Director
For everything she does for Van Cortlandt Park

and
A warm welcome to VCPA’s new board members

“I ain’t never been to the country unless you count Van Cortlandt Park.”
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Linda Cox and John Robinson

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Congratulates this year’s honorees

Courts of Dreams Junior Board
The Friendly Fridge BX
For their commitment
to the community
and
Stephanie Ehrlich,
VCPA’s Executive Director
For her extraordinary leadership
and
the staff of Van Cortlandt Park Alliance
for their exceptional dedication
and hard work.
Lloyd’s Carrot Cake is proud to be a sponsor of the VCPA’s Springtime Shindig, honoring some of the Bronx’s brightest!

A legacy still lives on. For almost 40 years Lloyd’s Carrot Cake has been a staple in the Riverdale community, serving love and comfort in the form of delicious baked goods, to the Bronx and beyond.
Please join me in congratulating our honorees, The Courts of Dreams Junior Board and Selma Raven and Sara Allen of the Friendly Fridge BX.

Thank you for your service to our Bronx community.

Riverdale Country School adds its congratulations and thanks to the Courts of Dreams Junior Board and Selma Raven and Sara Allen of the Friendly Fridge BX.

Each of these organizations provide an invaluable service to the families who patronize Van Cortlandt Park, and we are grateful for their generous contributions to our community.

Charlie E. Samboy
VCPA Board Chair
Congratulations

VCPA

on 4 years of continued success!
Better Together!

Carol J. Samol

Sandra and James Seo congratulate
Court of Dreams Junior Board &
The Friendly Fridge BX
for their outstanding work in our community.

We are proud to support
Van Cortlandt Park Alliance.
Congratulations Honorees for your commitment to the Community and Parks Service.

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