



Sunnyside Community Services (SCS) is a community-based nonprofit centered on the belief that every person deserves meaningful support to achieve their aspirations – especially struggling families and individuals of all ages. SCS serves a diverse community of over 16,000 people of all ethnicities and income levels throughout Queens.



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Sunnyside Community Services has been strengthening communities since 1974

Connecting Across Generations

An important part of personal and professional growth is learning from others. We learn from our parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers, friends, mentors, children, and others.

At SCS, we recognize how important these interpersonal experiences are and have created programs to encourage young people and older adults to interact with each other.

We currently work with United Neighborhood Houses (UNH) on the Intergenerational Community Centers Initiative, a three-year project involving UNH, SCS, and three other UNH member organizations. Last fall, this initiative received a significant boost in funding from the Eisner Foundation, which invests

in innovative programs that unite multiple generations and enrich communities.

We have a number of exciting intergenerational programs planned for the next year. This summer, we will offer paid internships to five high school students who will engage older adults in the uses of technology. During the school year, high school students will work in the kitchen and other areas at our Center for Active Older Adults, culminating in an event during Spring Break 2023 where they will share what they have learned. And through

a partnership with The Noguchi Museum, students and older adults will participate together in a six-week art program.



Through these programs and more, we hope to build relationships between youngsters and older adults that will have a meaningful impact for all involved.

54.6 million
Americans are aged 65 and older

3.4 million
New Yorkers are aged 65 and older

16.9%
of the NY population is 65 and older

Letter From Our Executive Director



Dear Friends,

I recently had the pleasure of attending a ceremony honoring Pedro Nieves, who was inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame by Senator Michael Gianaris.

Pedro and his wife, Betty, are active participants in our programs for older adults. I am honored that Pedro

and Betty are part of the SCS family and that SCS was able to play a significant role in the ceremony.

During the first part of the pandemic, we were unable to host events like this, making the ceremony feel even sweeter. It feels good to be interacting, face-to-face, with members of our community.

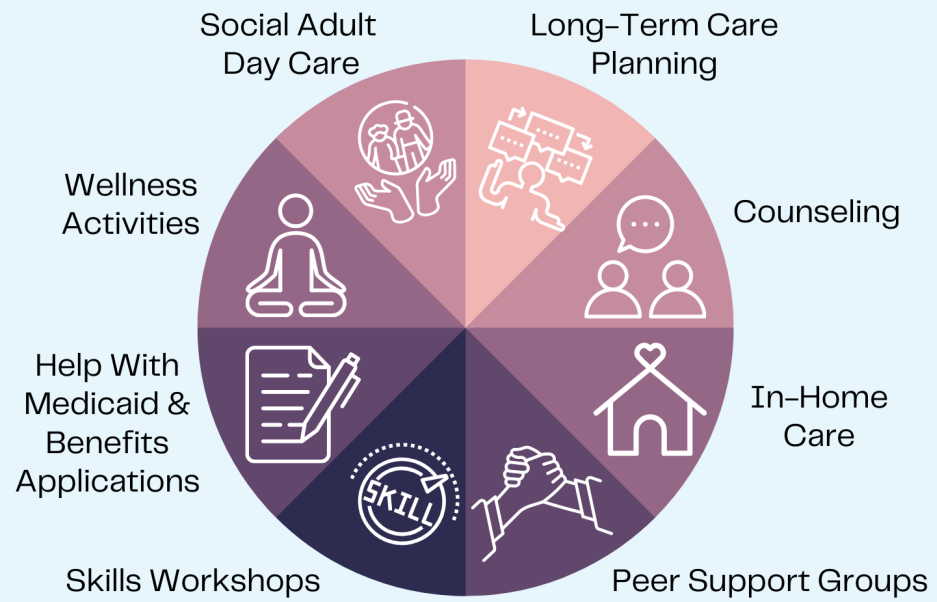
Another sign of progress: We've brought back our on-site ESOL classes; students can now choose between in-person and virtual formats.

In the upcoming months, we'll be working on new intergenerational programming, updating our Home Health Aide Training classrooms, and much more.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Judy Zangwill

SCS Caregiver Support



If you are caring for someone aged 60 years and older and want to learn more about our support services, contact us at 877-577-9337 or carenyc@scsny.org.

News Bites



Our Care NYC program was recently honored with a national caregiving award. The Innovations in Alzheimer's Caregiving Award recognizes outstanding programs that support people with Alzheimer's disease and their family caregivers. The award is presented annually by The Rosalind and Arthur Gilbert Foundation, Bader Philanthropies, Inc., and Family Caregiver Alliance. This year's award ceremony was held virtually and was attended by SCS Executive Director Judy Zangwill, as well as SCS staff from our Care NYC and Senior Services divisions, including Katie Hine, Shyvonno Noboa, and Sheila Williams.

New Federal Funding



Two of our programs were selected for funding from the federal government. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and Senator Chuck Schumer helped secure the funding. We will receive a total of \$275,000, with \$175,000 earmarked for our Home Health Aide Training Program, and \$100,000 for the Safety, Learning, and College Access Program at our Cornerstone Community Center at Woodside Houses.



Above: A student accepts her year-end certificate surrounded by teachers Ms. Crystal, Ms. Aline, and Ms. Joselyn.

Left: Students from our Woodside Houses program visited the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, N.J. in April.



Our free English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes are now offered in two formats: in-person and virtual. If you or someone you know would like to improve your English language skills, contact us at English@scsny.org.

Recent Grants

\$85,000

from the Eisner Foundation for intergenerational programming that we offer in partnership with United Neighborhood Houses. (See article on front page.)

\$15,000

from the Hyde and Watson Foundation helped us outfit our new classrooms in Long Island City with equipment and technology for the Home Health Aide Training Program. Trainees will begin using the new space in July.

\$10,000

from TD Charitable Foundation to support our Home Health Aide Training Program.

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We enrich lives and strengthen communities through services and engagement for individuals of all ages, beginning with those most in need.