



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.



# NEWS AND VIEWS

Fall/Winter  
2022

Sunnyside Community Services has been strengthening communities since 1974

## Our New Program Space in LIC

**Thanks to significant support from TF Cornerstone, we have opened an additional community center in Long Island City!**

The 7,712-square-foot space, located at 5241 Center Boulevard, houses our Home Health Aide (HHA) Training Program and Caregiver Support services, and includes improved technology and equipment, training areas, office space, and a private counseling room. Our main space in Sunnyside will continue to be home to most of our other programs.

The new facility will allow us to expand our presence in Long Island City, increase the number of HHAs we train, and offer a larger space for our caregiver programs. The center will also be used periodically for community

events, concerts, support groups, and meetings.

“As older adults continue to encompass a larger percentage of our city’s population, it is imperative that we train a workforce to



Above: Empire State Development Commissioner Hope Knight, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, SCS Executive Director Judy Zangwill, and Home Health Aide trainees at the opening in Long Island City.

meet their needs,” said Judy Zangwill, Executive Director of SCS. “Our HHA Training Program will do just that, preparing individuals to assist older adults in their homes and communities. The city’s aging population also means that more New Yorkers

will find themselves caring for older family members and loved ones. Our caregiver program will provide counseling, workshops, and individualized long-term care planning.”

A number of partners supported the new facility, including TF Cornerstone, Empire State Development, New York City Regional Economic Development Council, Governor Kathy Hochul, Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado, Empire State Development Commissioner Hope Knight, Assembly Member Catherine Nolan, New York City Council Member Julie Won, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr., former New York City Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer, and New York City agencies that provided financial assistance.

SCS at LIC | 577 home health aides will be trained within five years. | 1,300 caregivers supported by SCS each year.

# Letter From Our Executive Director



Dear Friends,

The individuals and families who rely on our support show us in many ways, big and small, how appreciative they are for our help. Recently, we received a generous donation from the family of a member of our Center for Active Older Adults who had passed away. This was their way of giving back to SCS and our staff

members who had looked after their mother and grandmother for the many years she was a member. This gift is a reminder of how important the Center is to those who utilize it.

With the holidays approaching, I hope you'll find it in your heart to give to SCS this year. We rely on donations from supporters like you to continue our important work.

Wishing you a joyous holiday season filled with light and love.

Sincerely,  
Judy Zangwill

*Photo above left: Judy Zangwill, Executive Director of SCS, greets a member of the Center for Active Older Adults.*

## Saturday ESOL Classes



Beginning in January, we will be offering four Saturday classes of our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program. The free, in-person classes are funded by the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development and the New York State Education Department. For more information, contact [English@scsnyc.org](mailto:English@scsnyc.org).

## VIPs Visit Woodside Houses

New York City Mayor Eric Adams, Governor of New York Kathy Hochul, and NYCHA Chair Greg Russ visited our Cornerstone Community Center to announce a \$70 million investment in the development and production of 30,000 new heat pump units at Woodside Houses.



Governor Kathy Hochul (second from left) with SCS staff at Woodside Houses.



# Center for Active Older Adults

January 1 – October 31, 2022

3 vehicles





## Services for Older Adults



As the days get colder, it's tempting to stay inside and curl up on the couch. But it's important to keep your mind and body active regardless of the weather. That's why we offer fun activities throughout the year at both our Center for Active Older Adults for adults age 60 and older, and our Social Adult Day Program for older adults with Alzheimer's disease and other cognitive impairments. For more information, contact us at 877-577-9337 or via email at [info@scsnny.org](mailto:info@scsnny.org).

## Halloween Fun



Members of the Center for Active Older Adults and pre-K students dressed up in costumes for Halloween.



*Left and Above:* 300 runners and walkers participated in the 2022 Sunnyside Post Mile. Organized by the Queens Post, Sunnyside Post, and the Woodside Sunnyside Runners, the event raised \$27,000 for SCS.

## Advocacy Award



United Neighborhood Houses (UNH) awarded Bertha Motta, a SCS home health aide, with the Award for Achievement in Civic Advocacy. Bertha is a 1199 SEIU union delegate representing more than 1,000 of her fellow home care workers. Her advocacy work includes encouraging her peers to get the Covid-19 vaccine and speaking to legislators in Albany about fair pay for health care workers. We are so proud to have Bertha on our team.

*Above:* Bertha Motta (left) and SCS' Andrea Thomas

1,296 members



418 fitness classes



20,157 Meals served



43-31 39th Street  
Sunnyside, New York 11104

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Judy Zangwill



## Holiday Giving

Donate to SCS this holiday season and help us bring critical programs to those in need. Your gift will ensure that we continue to support individuals and families with life-changing initiatives such as home health aide training, immigration legal assistance, caregiver support, after-school programs, activities for older adults, and much more. And don't forget: each purchase you make on Amazon could also be a donation to SCS. Just select us as your preferred charity on AmazonSmile. If you would like to donate shares of stock, call 929-335-7849 or email [info@scsny.org](mailto:info@scsny.org).

To donate, visit [www.scsny.org/donate](http://www.scsny.org/donate), call 929-335-7849, or mail a check to Sunnyside Community Services, Attn: Development Department, 43-31 39th Street, Sunnyside, NY 11104.

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## Our Mission:

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