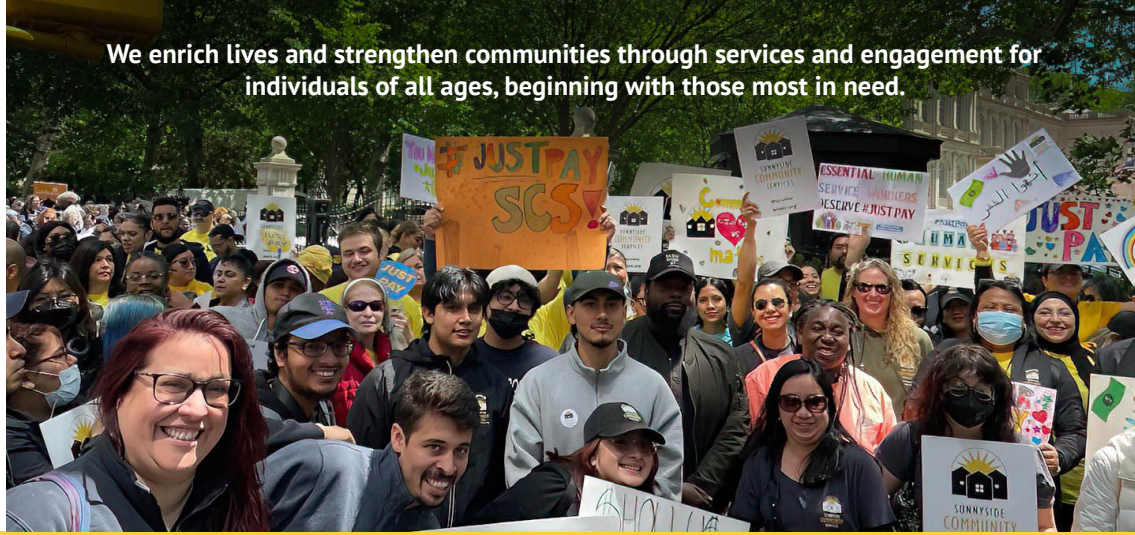




We enrich lives and strengthen communities through services and engagement for individuals of all ages, beginning with those most in need.



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Sunnyside Community Services has been serving communities since 1974

Hooray for Volunteers!

In April, we honored five of our volunteers for their selfless service with a special event that included dinner, music, and an award ceremony.



Above, from left to right: SCS Volunteer Services Coordinator Victoria Medelius, SCS Executive Director Judy Zangwill, Susan Keren Sheim, Marvin Ramirez, Afnan Faiza, and Scott Krikawa.

Afnan Faiza – Afnan is a high school student who volunteers with SCS' Center for Active Older Adults where she assists with special events, engages older adults in activities, and helps develop intergenerational programs between older adults and local high school students.

Scott Krikawa – Scott has volunteered with SCS since 2015. He helps escort participants with Alzheimer's disease and other cognitive impairments from the SCS bus to the program space.

Michael Prager – Michael has been a volunteer with SCS for seven years, visiting a homebound older adult each week to provide friendship and support.

Marvin Ramirez – Marvin helps with events at the Center for Active Older Adults, where he is known to members as the resi-



Above: City Council Member Julie Won congratulates the volunteers.

dent DJ. He is a strong champion for older adults and has visited City Hall to advocate for budget increases to senior services.



Above: Michael Prager (center) receives his volunteer award from SCS Executive Director Judy Zangwill (left) and SCS Program Coordinator for Friendly Visiting Jennie Thomas (right).

Susan Keren Sheim – Susan works closely with SCS' Volunteer Services team, performing a range of administrative work, including database management and general paperwork.

To volunteer, contact us at 929-335-7801 or at volunteering@scsny.org.

US Volunteers | 60M Americans volunteer each year. | \$123B in economic value is generated from volunteers.

Letter From Our Executive Director



Dear Friends,

We've been busy these past couple of months advocating on behalf of community members and rallying around issues that will impact the people we serve.

Rallies and parades are so important because they amplify the voices and concerns of community

members and can lead to debate and change.

In May and early June we rallied for a reinstatement of City funding for youth programming; held a health fair at P.S. 343Q; participated in a mental health awareness event with NYC Aging, Commonpoint Queens, and Cape Mental Health; marched for a cost of living increase for human services workers; and joined thousands in Jackson Heights for the Queens Pride Parade.

We did all of this while continuing to provide our critical programming. It is truly an honor to work on behalf of the communities we serve.

Sincerely,
Judy Zangwill

Photo above left: Judy Zangwill, Executive Director of SCS, and SCS staff and supporters participate in the Queens Pride Parade in early June.

Honoring Home Health Aides



We recently recognized 12 of our home health aides for their dedication and service providing quality care to individuals who are homebound.

Honorees included:

Mireya Aracena
Derly Bayona Becerra
Lady Chabla
Vediarvatie Chabnauth
Marvette Daring
Yugeshrvari Hiranman
Maxine Hoffman
Mojisola Johnson
Esther Manhorally
Antonine Micourt
Alicia De Carmen Rodriguez
Rose Andre Saint Phard



SCS Volunteers

January – December 2022

| 220 volunteers



Benefits Assistance



CUNY Research Foundation provided us with funding to assist individuals in applying for benefits such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Cash Assistance, One Shot Deal emergency grant, Fair Fares discounted MetroCards, NYC Care health care access program, Housing Connect, and Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) for discounted internet and devices. If you or someone you know may be eligible for assistance, contact us at 929-405-9437 or at relief@scsnyc.org.

Community Meeting



On March 7, Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez held a meeting at SCS for community leaders in Queens. The event offered participants an opportunity to discuss priorities in Congress and the neighborhood.

Photo above (left to right): State Senator Kristen Gonzalez; Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez; Council Member Julie Won; Chris Hanway, Executive Director of Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement; and Judy Zangwill, Executive Director of Sunnyside Community Services.



Above: Our pre-K students celebrated Earth Day by planting miniature herb gardens with their parents and grandparents.

*Left: As part of our inter-generational programming, local youth and members from our Center for Active Older Adults went to the movies together to see *Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania*.*

Caregiver Conference



We recently co-sponsored the Dementia Caregiver Conference with Weill Cornell Medicine. The free event provided information about new developments in research and technology regarding dementia. The conference featured presentations by Roy Capps, who conducts our caregiver education workshops, as well as Veerawat Phongtankuel, Francesca Falzarano, and Sara J. Czaja, all from Weill Cornell Medicine.

10,100 hours



\$321,180

Estimated economic value
of volunteer hours



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Join Our Team



SCS is seeking individuals who are passionate about Queens and want to contribute their skills to help build a stronger community. We have a variety of full-time and part-time jobs available. View our current opportunities online at www.scsny.org/careers.

We offer free training programs to help individuals enter the health care field. To learn about our free Home Health Aide Training or our new Personal Care Aide Training, contact us at 929-335-9634 or email us at info@scsny.org.

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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.