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Supported by you, PAL staff worked tirelessly to combat summer learning loss with summer entrance and learning camps that do the academic, social, and success development of our young people. It wouldn’t be successful without you, however, if we didn’t balance hard work with some fun and recreation. For example, campers from our New South Bronx Center got to see an advance screening of the new Dora movie and received a brand new book bag with the “Dora, and the Lost City of Gold” novel included.

Other events and activities included job readiness programs for teens, Central Day, the 1st Annual College Conference, Pennant Quest, Sports Day, Cultural Day, a trip to Yankee Stadium and much more. The city-wide special events were planned to give participants the opportunity to learn and practice teamwork, team sports, friendly, competition among representatives from all centers; and each one was a success.

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PAL Summer 2019

A Note from Tony

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Wanted to write to give you an update on where the PAL Teen Acting program is and where we are trying to go. On September 19th we held our 30th benefit show. It was a great show and the support and the support of the audience was incredible.

We are overwhelmed by the incredible enthusiasm of our kids and the tremendous commitment of everyone who works on the program and also had some fun with celebrity friends who I thank for being there. The program has also led to the New York City and the Kids. This programming is growing and is an integral part of our mission to make sure that every child has the opportunities they need to succeed. It is in this way that we keep our promise and get a real idea of what it takes to have a successful educational experience. One such arrangement is called Pathway to Purchase. The State University of New York at Purchase has been a wonderful partner and we believe PAL is one of the successful division programs. We are all grateful to the New York City Department of Education for helping to support and the mission to sustain us.

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NEW APP IN TOWN

There is something new this year at PAL – the Police Athletic League Parent Notification App. This mobile app, which comes in English and Spanish, is available for free in the Google and Apple apps. It is designed to allow our centers to send out notifications to the parents/guardians of the children in our programs. In the past, if a center wanted to connect with every parent or send a little note home, they had to get out the pen to write a letter and hope that got to the right person. In the new case, each notification needs to be contacted at the last minute, and we will make sure to get them out in a timely manner.

Now centers can send both early notifications and emergency notices through the app. Parents can choose their center, and immediately receive quick and relevant information from the app, which provides information about their individual center, including picture galleries, special events flyers, and information about upcoming activities. We tested the PAL app this summer, and early of PAL’s centers started using it in the fall. The app development would not have been possible without support from the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). It would not have been possible without support from the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). It contains general information that we hope our supervisors and friends will find interest in. In addition to information for our parents, the PAL app also contains information for our staff about the app. We hope our supports and friends will find interesting information that can help our community.

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Hi friends,

We are now busy in our 20 after school centers serving over 5,000 kids from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. During that time, we not only link them with homework, and provide sports activities, but our Education Department offers a full array of educational enhancements. These are geared to support the participants' classroom development and give them extra skill-based activities. We believe this combination of activities provides a rich after-school experience for kids who might otherwise be unsupervised, and unproductive.

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I thank you for all you do to PAL, and ask that if you would like to know more about the difference your support makes just call 1-800-PAL-4kids, option 3.

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PAL Summer 2019

Each summer, the Police Athletic League successfully provides New York City kids with summer day camps, free of charge, and the summer of 2019 was no exception, thanks to supporters like you. We kicked off our summer Celebration where 700 PAL Kids and over 1,000 people in total were in attendance, including numerous NYPD officers who played with our kids, and participated in an annual tug of war contest with our campers.

Supported by you, PAL staff worked tirelessly to combat summer learning loss with enrichment and learning programs that discuss the academic, academic and social development of our young people. It wouldn’t be successful without your support, however, if we didn’t balance hard work with some fun and relaxation. For example, campus from our New South Bronx Center got to see an advance screening of the new Dora movie and received a brand new book bag with the “Dora and the Lost City of Gold” novel included.

Other events and activities included job readiness programs for teens, Central Day, the 1st Annual College Conference, Pennyquest, Sports Day, Cultural Day, and many more. The city-wide special events planned to give participants the opportunity to learn and practice teamwork, team sports, friendly competition among representatives from all centers, and each one was a success.

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Mr. Morgenthau’s commitment to New York City’s kids was a natural fit, as he was the father of seven children of his own. Under his leadership, The Police Athletic League has successfully expanded its breadth and scale. It is in large part due to your support that we have been able to provide educational enhancements, tutoring, creative arts, employment training, and counseling.

Mr. Morgenthau was instrumental in developing PAL’s Head Start and daycare programs, and PAL Playstreets. He spearheaded highly successful capital campaigns to design and build new PAL centers in the South Bronx, Harlem, and Queens and to renovate existing facilities on the West Side of Manhattan. This year, Mr. Morgenthau celebrated his 100th birthday.

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NEW APP IN TOWN

ALUMNI STORIES

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DANIELLE MADDEN-BUCK CHIEF OF PROGRAMS

Though this is a newly created position, our new Chief of Programs Danielle Madden-Buck is not new to PAL. Danielle has 1,500 young people in the Summer Youth Employment Program – Danielle is planning the launch of a new afterschool You can mail it to us or call us at 1-800-PAL-4KIDS. option 3. If you have a PAL story, we are sharing it with you. and with her permission and I never felt stifled or made to feel less than.

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There is something new this year at PAL – the Police Athletic League’s Parent Notification App. This mobile app, which comes in English and Spanish, is available for free in the Google Play and Apple stores. It is designed to allow our centers to send out notifications to the parents/guardians of the children in our programs. In the past, if a center wanted to contact the parents of a child it would have to call the parents or send a flyer home and hope that it got to the right person. In the new case, we don’t need to contact them at the last minute. The new app can notify parents at any time.

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If you have a PAL story, we would love to hear it. You can mail it to us or call us at 1-800-PAL-4KIDS. option 3. We hope you will enjoy the stories as much as we do. With your help and the assistance of supporters like you, we will continue to create new memories for PAL kids all around New York City.

For example, in an activity called “The Toy Shop,” the youth will learn how to make a toy prototype, make decisions, and work as a team to create that toy. At the end of the learning, young people demonstrate what they have learned in a public presentation.

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