

What's Happening At Abbott House



Celebrating Women's History Month



Did you know women make up the majority of the nonprofit workforce at almost 70%?

At Abbott House, that number is even higher at 74%! From direct support professionals, case planners and other essential workers who serve on the frontlines of caregiving to the executive team and board of directors, who support our mission, women contribute to the success of Abbott House in extraordinary ways.

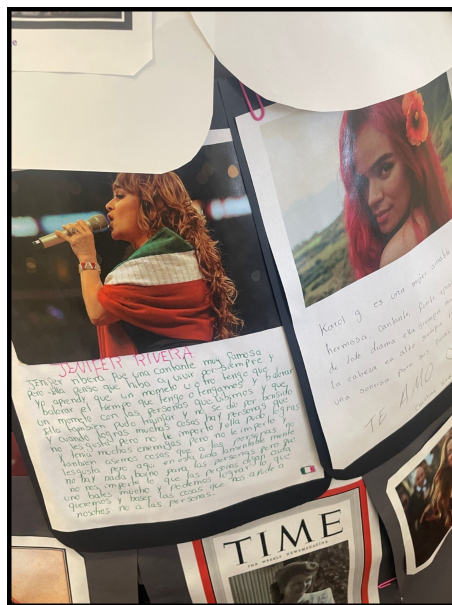
To celebrate Women's History Month in March, Abbott House staff and teens collaborated on a special art installation. Staff were invited to submit the names of powerful women in history, culture and society. Teens at Abbott House researched each submission and wrote biographical summaries.

Submissions included Michelle Obama, Beyonce, Billie Holiday, Elizabeth Taylor, and Hillary Clinton.

Once the biographies were complete, they were assembled to form a mannequin skirt. The installation is currently on display in the lobby of our main campus in Irvington.

“You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it.”

-Maya Angelou



HELP NEEDED!
Essential Supply Drive



A significant number of children who attend Abbott House's Community School Resource Program in the Bronx are homeless and reside in shelters. These families are living below the poverty line and the assistance they receive, or income made, goes largely to food and season-appropriate clothing.

At times, there is nothing left for personal hygiene items. This impacts appropriate socialization, learning, and can sometimes result in bullying. When concerns about the children and parents' hygiene were addressed, staff learned that the families did not have enough income to purchase laundry detergent and body soap.

Please help our families by donating and/or purchasing items off our Essential Supply Drive Wishlist!

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We welcome school and corporate groups to host their own drive! [Click here to download a printable flyer.](#)
For questions, simply reply to this email.

Volunteer Spotlight

Mercy College Visits Abbott House

On March 10th, 20 student athletes from Mercy College, an NCAA division 2 school in Dobbs Ferry, coordinated a sandbag, shuffleboard, and basketball tournament for Abbott House teens.

The competition, held in our Irvington gymnasium, was fierce and fun as teens faced off in exciting double-elimination tournaments.

According to a large body of research, sports can play a significant role in supporting mental health. Sports also help kids build confidence, develop critical thinking skills and learn the value of teamwork. **At Abbott House, we believe in the power of play!**



Thank you, Mercy College, for believing too - and for your ongoing commitment to building better and brighter futures!

60th Anniversary Trivia:

Did you know? Abbott House got it's name from Edith and Grace Abbott, also known as the Abbott Sisters, who were champions of social justice in the first half of the twentieth century.



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