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Dear Friends *and* Community,

Brooklyn has always known that the strongest safety net is the one we weave for each other. It's the person who checks on their older neighbor down the hall, the block association that ensures the stoops are shoveled and the trees are watered, and the local nonprofit that gives young people a place to go after school while opening their eyes to a future they didn't know was possible.

This is not nostalgia, it is the living, breathing reality of who we are as Brooklynites. And in a year that brought real hardship to our neighbors, it is exactly what carried us through.

We've seen the strain at food pantries stretched beyond capacity, cultural centers whose federal funding has been cut, at houses of worship sheltering immigrant families, and in the daily work of the nonprofits that hold this borough together.

But we also saw **how Brooklyn backs Brooklyn**: donors giving generously; neighbors volunteering; nonprofits extending their reach. Together, we launched our Brooklyn Backs Brooklyn campaign to stand in the gap for our communities. Our rallying cry is based on the conviction that when larger systems fall short, local action becomes our most powerful tool. The help we need is found in each other.

This report, **Meeting the Moment**, is the story of how 2.7 million people from Bed-Stuy to Bensonhurst, Greenpoint to Gravesend, are coming together to not just respond, but to build.

The road ahead is not easy. But alongside the challenges in these pages, you'll find the ingenuity and community-found solutions that run through our borough. Block by block, together we are building a more fair and just Brooklyn where everyone can thrive.

Every one of us has a part in that. There is no contribution too small. What this moment asks is not perfection—it asks for presence. Keep showing up, in whatever way you can.

With deepest gratitude and partnership,

Dr. Jocelynn Rainey
President & CEO

Michael Gillespie
Board Co-Chair

Tim Simons
Board Co-Chair

Who We Are



Green City Force

Brooklyn Org is a champion for Brooklyn, connecting generous donors, local nonprofits, and everyday Brooklynites around a shared belief that a fair and just borough for all is within reach. Through Donor Advised Funds and responsive grantmaking, we've moved \$150M+ to support Brooklyn communities in times of crisis and moments of joy, day in and day out. We invite everyone who cares about Brooklyn, equity, and building our collective future to join us. There are so many ways to show up, from volunteering, to donating, gathering resources, sharing your neighborhood insights, celebrating in community at our events, and spreading the word about the incredible work that makes Brooklyn a beacon for the world.

IN 2025:

2,200+

Attendees Joined Us At Major Events

700+

Nonprofit Professionals Participated In
40+ BKO Capacity Building Programs

250+

Community Members Volunteered At
BKO's Annual Day Of Service

56

Community Advisors Participated In
BKO Grantmaking

By The Numbers

\$150M+

To Nonprofits 2009-2025

\$20.65M+

To Nonprofits In 2025 Alone

\$12.89M ← **\$17.39M** → **\$8.5M**

To NYC (74.1%)

In **DAF Grants**

To Brooklyn (48.9%)

\$3.26M

In Strategic Grants Directed To 90 Nonprofits Across **12 Impact Areas**

FAMILIES

YOUTH

IMMIGRANTS

OLDER ADULTS

CIVIL RIGHTS

JUSTICE REFORM

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

**ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE**

HOUSING

**HEALTH &
WELL-BEING**

**JOBS & ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITY**

ARTS & CULTURE

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Brooklyn Org Changemakers Ball



Brooklyn Org Changemakers Ball



Celebrating Brooklyn moms



BKO merch for the whole family



Our limited edition ornament collab with Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, Brooklyn Made, and City Point



Brooklyn Roasting Company x Brooklyn Org



Planet Brooklyn Festival



Supporting BRIC Celebrate Brooklyn

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Meeting The Moment



Brooklyn Ballet at the Brooklyn Org Changemakers Ball

A RAPIDLY SHIFTING LANDSCAPE

When federal funding disappears and essential services are cut, Brooklyn's nonprofits are the ones who fill the gap by keeping food on tables, protecting families, and defending the rights of our neighbors. Brooklyn Org is uniquely positioned to meet this moment. As the borough's platform and connector for local giving, we sit at the intersection of community knowledge, donor resources, and nonprofit relationships built over more than fifteen years.

That position comes with responsibility: to look to the past and invest in what has always sustained us, to act with urgency in the present, and to build the resources and partnerships that will carry Brooklyn forward long after this current moment. We are not just responding to a crisis, we are strengthening the infrastructure that will outlast it.

The nonprofits that sustain our communities are operating in conditions unlike anything most have faced before. They are stretching budgets, taking on new clients, and navigating a landscape that shifts week to week and often day to day.

The erosion of the federal social safety net has pushed basic needs such as food, healthcare, and housing stability further out of reach for families already stretched thin by the affordability crisis. Heightened immigration enforcement has sent shockwaves of fear through our communities. And cultural institutions that carry Brooklyn's collective histories and creative legacies forward are facing funding cuts that threaten their ability to survive, let alone thrive.

Brooklyn *Backs* Brooklyn

Brooklyn Org launched our Brooklyn Backs Brooklyn campaign in July 2025 in response to growing strain on our neighbors, pledging a 25% increase in our grantmaking. In total we awarded an additional \$740K to 28 organizations—above what was already planned for the year—thanks to the generosity of our donor community. Together, we are:

Protecting Families

Addressing the immediate impacts of federal budget cuts and shutdowns that have pushed basic needs out of reach for many Brooklyn families.

Defending Rights

Supporting advocacy, litigation, and direct services defending the fundamental civil liberties of Brooklyn's most vulnerable residents including older adults, justice-impacted individuals, and immigrants.

Preserving Culture

Recognizing that preserving our collective memory and creative life is not separate from the work of justice, but rather a central part of our future, we are investing in core Brooklyn cultural institutions through a 1:1 matching grant of \$10,000 to inspire broader community giving and strengthen each organization's base of individual supporters for the season ahead.

The stories that follow are highlights from across our partner network—a glimpse into the trends, challenges, and breakthroughs our grantees are living right now. They are not outliers; they are the reality of life in Brooklyn.



New York Immigration Coalition

Defending Rights

As immigration enforcement intensifies across New York City, Brooklyn's immigrant communities face mounting fear, legal vulnerability, and shrinking access to critical services. Raids, deportation threats, and the rollback of federal protections have left families uncertain about their futures, and increasingly reliant on a network of trusted community organizations. The nonprofits supported through Brooklyn Org's defending rights grants are serving as essential frontlines of defense: coordinating advocacy networks, providing legal representation, and ensuring that every Brooklynite—regardless of status—can access the rights and resources they deserve.

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New York Immigration Coalition

New York Immigration Coalition builds collective power for immigrant communities by coordinating a statewide network of over 200 immigrant and refugee rights groups advancing campaigns for access to representation, expanded healthcare coverage, and lasting protections for Brooklyn residents facing rising enforcement and instability.

Brooklyn Defender Services

Brooklyn Defender Services represents Brooklyn residents in criminal and family court while providing wraparound immigration and civil legal services, pairing public defense representation with advocacy work to protect families and address the ripple effects of system involvement.



Documented

Documented publishes community-driven journalism to expand access to news and critical information that helps immigrants in New York and across the country thrive, providing original, responsive reporting and actionable resource guides in English, Spanish, Chinese and Haitian Kreyol.



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Envision Freedom Fund

ARRIVING IN NYC IS THE FIRST HURDLE FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES. ONCE HERE, NEW BARRIERS RISE TO GREET THEM—INCLUDING THE SPECTER OF DETENTION.

For immigrant families navigating Brooklyn’s detention system, freedom can come down to a dollar amount paid in full before a loved one returns home.

Envision Freedom Fund has worked for nearly a decade to ensure freedom isn’t determined by what someone can afford. Founded as a community bail fund in 2015, it shifted focus to paying immigration bonds after New York’s landmark bail reform law took effect in 2020 and eliminated cash bail for most misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies. Since then, it has paid \$11M+ in bonds and secured the release of 1,200+ people from ICE detention.

While based in Brooklyn, the fund’s reach extends further: community members have recently been transferred to detention centers as far as California, adding travel costs, legal fees, and strain on families. Immigration bonds must be paid in full, often within days. Release depends on a family’s ability to pay large sums upfront, a system advocates call one of the most unjust features of immigration detention.

In January 2026, Momunbek Kadyrkulov, an asylum seeker and father of seven, arrived at a routine immigration check-in at Federal Plaza; he ended up detained and held for over three weeks. Envision Freedom Fund’s Executive Director Rosa Santana saw his story on social media and took action. The organization posted Momunbek’s \$10K bond, and in February he was released and reunited with his family.



Families of people in immigration detention are often forced to make an impossible choice between taking on crushing debt or leaving their loved ones behind bars. For Envision Freedom Fund, paying bond is about interrupting that cycle. After paying a bond that often ranges between \$10K-\$30K, a staff member or partner volunteer drives to the detention center to bring the person home. “For us, seeing that freedom, that’s what keeps us going, that’s what keeps us here,” says Santana.

Release is only the first step. A post-release program led by a social worker assesses each person’s needs, and a welcome packet provides essential information, legal referrals, and a gift card. The organization also runs the only live immigration detention hotline in New York State, connecting people inside directly to someone outside.

“When we found out we were receiving support from Brooklyn Org, we couldn’t believe it. It has been so helpful to continue paying bonds and to sustain our staff. That funding is connected to people’s freedom.”

ROSA SANTANA,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ENVISION FREEDOM FUND



Rosa Santana, Executive Director, Envision Freedom Fund



Courtesy Envision Freedom Fund

Demand has surged amid federal immigration enforcement, and funding remains a constant challenge. In 2025, Envision Freedom Fund set an initial goal of paying \$500K in bonds; by year’s end, it had paid \$1.3M, and that momentum carried into 2026—in just the first quarter, they paid \$1.3M, freeing 116 people, five times more than at the same point last year. “The surge in bond requests is unlike anything we’ve seen, and our team is responding with everything we have,” says Santana. Support from Brooklyn Org played a critical role in making that possible.

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Brooklyn Org’s funding provided direct bond support and served as a launching pad for growth by helping the organization expand its capacity and strengthen infrastructure during a period of surging demand.

With requests continuing to rise, the organization has set a goal of paying \$2M in bonds this year—dollars that, for families waiting outside detention centers and courthouses, mean freedom.

In New York, Envision Freedom Fund stands as a reminder that collective action can transform a bond amount into a pathway back home.



Power of Two

Protecting Families

For Brooklyn’s families, access to basic needs has never felt more precarious. Since January 2025, sweeping federal budget cuts to programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, and emergency food assistance have pushed everyday resources further out of reach for households already struggling with the cost of living. Nearly half of our borough (1.2M residents) are enrolled in Medicaid, and over 1 in 4 Brooklynites rely on SNAP to make ends meet. While millions of dollars designated for Brooklyn communities have been reduced, eliminated, or otherwise locked out by a series of rapidly changing eligibility requirements, local organizations that help families navigate these systems are working harder than ever to fill the gaps.

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Arab American Family Support Center

Arab American Family Support Center provides cultural, linguistic, and trauma-informed social services to immigrant and refugee families through adult education, youth enrichment, legal support, mental health counseling, and support navigating critical services and public benefits enrollment.

Flatbush Development Corporation

Flatbush Development Corporation helps families weather rising costs by offering emergency food assistance, benefits and case management support, tenant organizing through the Flatbush Tenant Coalition, and small business help that strengthens local stability.



Red Hook Initiative

Red Hook Initiative connects youth, young adults, and families to pathways for stability through workforce development, community building programs, afterschool activities, benefits case management, and leadership development opportunities, including pathways into emerging industries.



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The Campaign Against Hunger

OVER 1 IN 6 BROOKLYNITES EXPERIENCE FOOD INSECURITY. THIS NONPROFIT FOUNDED IN BED-STUY TACKLES COMMUNITY HUNGER WITH DIGNITY AND CARE, AT SCALE.

What began in a church basement serving 50 families has grown into one of Brooklyn's most expansive anti-hunger organizations. Today, The Campaign Against Hunger, founded by Dr. Melony Samuels, serves more than 1.5 million individuals, distributes more than 20 million meals and serves over 27 million pounds of food to community members in need annually.

For Dr. Samuels, providing food to those who need it most has always been about ensuring people have consistent access to the food and support they need to navigate daily life in our country's largest and most expensive city.

"Our mission is to empower our neighbors to lead healthier, more productive lives by addressing the root causes of poverty. Through nutritious food access, education, and resources, we foster independence and self-sufficiency," Dr. Samuels explains.

Today, that work spans food distribution centers, a mobile pantry, online food ordering systems, youth development programs and four urban farms across Brooklyn. The Campaign Against Hunger (TCAH) has grown from once handing out prepacked bags of groceries to a choice-based model where families can select their own food in ways that feel dignified and empowering.

When COVID-19 reshaped how communities accessed necessities, the organization was prepared with an online ordering system that allowed families to safely access food without waiting in crowded lines.



During that time, TCAH opened an 11,000 square foot warehouse transforming their operations and allowing them to serve more families, more efficiently, at a moment of unprecedented demand.

Behind that rapid response and growth is a team made up of the communities they serve.

"Our team is from the community," Dr. Samuels says. "They believe in the mission. They are stakeholders in the community. They will roll up their sleeves and work weekends if that's what it takes."

Many staff members once stood in line for food themselves. Today, they are helping neighbors access the same support.

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DR. MELONY SAMUELS,
FOUNDER, THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER

Like many nonprofits serving essential needs, TCAH is navigating significant financial strain, including the loss of millions in federal funding. For an organization that refuses to turn families away, those losses are deeply felt. But instead of scaling back, the organization has continued to show up for every family that walks through their doors.



At a critical moment, Brooklyn Org supported TCAH by awarding a two-year general operating grant, offering stability and the ability to continue supporting their neighbors who rely on them.

"When we saw the amount, the entire team rejoiced," she says. "It's just-in-time funding that allows us to continue executing the work and ensure families get food."

The support from Brooklyn Org is ensuring TCAH maintains operations in neighborhoods where food insecurity remains high, reinforcing the role of community-based organizations in meeting urgent local needs.

Looking ahead, Dr. Samuels envisions Brooklyn's first ecosystem food hub, a space that would expand access to healthy food, create jobs and provide a welcoming atmosphere for families. The hope is for the hub to not only distribute food but serve as a community anchor where neighbors can come together and gather.

Through a comprehensive model that integrates food access, benefits enrollment, workforce development, and urban agriculture, TCAH meets communities where they are while addressing the root causes of food insecurity.

And in neighborhoods across the borough, that work continues one family at a time.



The Iconic House of Juicy Couture at the Brooklyn Org Changemakers Ball

Preserving Culture

Brooklyn's arts organizations have never been more vital, or more vulnerable, than they are right now. The stability and future of cultural institutions nationwide have come into question, as they face federal funding cuts and an overall drop-off in investment in BIPOC cultural organizations due to attacks on DEI. Local cultural institutions do far more than present art; they preserve the histories of communities long excluded from dominant national narratives, providing truth and continuity when those stories are under threat. They are living expressions of Brooklyn's identity, shaped by and accountable to the people they serve. And in this moment of deepening polarization, they serve as essential gathering spaces that foster dialogue, shared experiences, and the kind of community connections that bring our borough closer together.

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Brooklyn Children's Museum

Brooklyn Children's Museum is New York City's largest and oldest cultural institution designed especially for families, providing an essential space for hundreds of thousands of local families and children each year to explore art, science, and world cultures.

651 Arts

651 Arts is a cornerstone of Brooklyn's cultural landscape, championing contemporary performance that reflects the histories, creativity, and perspectives of the African Diaspora, and offering community programs and arts education that promote civic engagement and lifelong learning.



Cool Culture

Cool Culture provides thousands of low-income families passes for unlimited free access to dozens of cultural institutions citywide—museums, history and science centers, zoos, and more—and hosts neighborhood "Culture Clubs," where families can experience and create art, connecting with educators and artists.

Backed by *BKO* Weeksville Heritage Center

ONE OF THE LARGEST FREE BLACK COMMUNITIES FROM PRE-CIVIL WAR AMERICA LAY HIDDEN FOR YEARS IN CENTRAL BROOKLYN. TODAY, IT'S A TESTAMENT TO HOW CULTURAL LEGACIES FROM THE PAST CAN DEEPEN CONNECTIONS IN THE PRESENT.

In the heart of Crown Heights, tucked between brownstones sits a place where history is tangibly present. The four Hunterfly Road Houses make it possible to imagine what life was like nearly two centuries ago for the free Black community of Weeksville.

Weeksville, founded in 1838, became a place of opportunity and self-determination for free and formerly enslaved Black people. Today, that legacy lives on through the Weeksville Heritage Center, which serves as both a steward and a storyteller of this history.

“We exist to make sure the story of Weeksville is told,” says Executive Director Raymond Codrington. “Preservation matters because communities like this don’t always get the opportunity to preserve their monuments or their stories.”

After decades of being hidden in plain sight, the homes have been carefully restored by the Weeksville Heritage Center and staged to reflect different eras of Weeksville’s history, allowing visitors to step directly into the lives of the families who once lived there.

But Weeksville is not only about preserving the past. It is about connecting history to the present.

The center invites visitors to engage with Black history through exhibitions, public art, performances, and educational programs. Artists-in-residence, augmented reality



installations and community festivals create new entry points for audiences of all ages, meeting people where they are and expanding how history can be experienced.

The work of preserving Weeksville’s historic homes while sustaining year-round public programming is both deeply meaningful and increasingly complex. Cultural institutions centered on Black history face mounting challenges: funding instability, the high cost of maintaining historic buildings, and broader debates about whose stories are valued and preserved. Yet Weeksville continues forward with a strong sense of purpose.

“Every day is Black history,” Codrington says. “We have a responsibility to continue the work.”

That responsibility increasingly includes looking toward the future. As climate change reshapes urban environments, Weeksville is exploring how historic preservation can intersect with sustainability and community resilience. From climate-conscious infrastructure improvements

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RAYMOND CODRINGTON,
PRESIDENT AND CEO, WEEKSVILLE
HERITAGE CENTER



to implementing shade structures that respond to rising temperatures, the site continues to adapt to a changing city. As both a cultural institution and a community space, Weeksville serves as a public gathering place and a site for education, creativity and civic engagement.

Codrington’s vision for Weeksville is expansive: to grow its national and international recognition while remaining deeply rooted in Brooklyn. The goal is not simply to preserve history but to remain a space where education, the arts and community can continue to thrive.

Support from Brooklyn Org has helped provide the stability needed to pursue that vision.

“When times are challenging, knowing you have a partner like Brooklyn Org matters. Their support isn’t just financial, it’s the feeling that you’re not doing this work alone. They understand Brooklyn, and they stand with organizations like ours for the long term,” says Codrington.

By providing not only funding but also strategic support and partnership, Brooklyn Org has helped Weeksville translate vision into lasting impact for Brooklyn’s cultural identity.

Nearly two centuries after its founding, Weeksville remains what it has always been: a place built by community and shaped by the belief that history belongs to everyone. Walking through the grounds today, visitors encounter a living story that continues to grow with each generation.

And here, in this corner of Brooklyn, that story is still unfolding.

Our Community In Action

WITH BROOKLYN ORG, THERE IS A PART TO PLAY FOR EVERYONE.

Brooklynites preserve the beautiful, vibrant and diverse cultural fabric of the place we call home. The strength of our borough is found in our communities, in moments of connection, joy, and action. There are so many ways to get started!



Brooklyn Org Volunteer Day



NYC Footy x Brooklyn Org



Brooklyn Org Annual Listening Tour



Brooklyn Org Changemakers Ball



Brooklyn Org Volunteer Day



2026 Brooklyn Org Spark Prize Winner Asiyah Women's Center



Brooklyn Org Spark Breakfast



Brooklyn Org Community Forum



Show Brooklyn Some Love Fest

How A Brooklyn Org DAF Is Honoring A Family Legacy

THE ELAYNE GRANT ARCHER FUND

In the early 1960s, a 17-year-old Elayne Grant Archer embarked on a solo, 12+ hour bus ride from Toronto to Boston for a college admissions interview, with few expectations other than enjoying the rare chance to travel. She got in—and when she made her way to Brooklyn in 1972, she put down roots and knew she had found her home of a lifetime.

After Elayne passed away suddenly in April 2024, her daughter Dana Archer-Rosenthal and husband Clifford Rosenthal established a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) at Brooklyn Org to honor her memory. But to understand why Brooklyn Org felt like the right home to reflect on her legacy, you have to first understand where Elayne came from.

Elayne’s backstory is one known by many immigrant New Yorkers. Born in England in 1943, her father was killed in the Second World War before she ever knew him, leaving her mother a young widow with two children. In search of a fresh start, her mother immigrated to Toronto, but support was nearly nonexistent for single mothers. For years, Elayne and her brother lived apart from their mother, placed informally in foster care and at boarding schools, the only way their mother could work in the absence of childcare. Elayne wouldn’t live under the same roof as them until she was nine.

Those early years shaped her resilience, her compassion, and her dedication to women’s rights and supporting children in need, causes that inform how Dana and her family give through their fund today. As Dana shares,



Clifford and Elayne (2023)

“My brother put it really well when he said that my mom never wanted to see a child struggle because of her own experiences growing up. I think by extension, she just never wanted to see a mother struggling. So we’ve been supporting organizations through our DAF that are invested in women and children and providing them with a range of resources like healthcare, which has been a neat way to think broadly about our giving.”

“I liked the idea of having a more strategic giving vehicle, an opportunity to ask what organizations and causes my mom would really want to support, and that are important to me because they were important to her.”

DANA ARCHER-ROSENTHAL

When Elayne settled in Park Slope, she and her first husband pooled resources with another family to buy a home together and live as a genuine commune, sharing childcare, cooking, and the work of keeping a household going. Though she became an American citizen, she thought of herself as a New Yorker first. She knew her neighbors, showed up through local community organizations, and remained fiercely committed to reproductive health for nearly 50 years.



Elayne displays her naturalization certificate after being sworn in as a US citizen, on the stoop of her Park Slope home (1999)



Elayne and Dana at a reproductive rights rally (Fall 2021)

When Elayne died, Dana and her family wanted to honor her thoughtfully. Opening a DAF in her mother’s name gave her a framework for intentional, values-driven giving. “I liked the idea of having a more strategic giving vehicle,” she says, “an opportunity to ask what organizations and causes my mom would really want to support, and that are important to me because they were important to her.”

Exploring Brooklyn Org’s grantee catalog has been a great resource, introducing Dana to essential community-based organizations. When she shared this directory with her father and brother, they independently pointed to the same groups as ones they knew Elayne would have supported.

Elayne’s story shows what becomes possible when someone finds their home in Brooklyn, and turns their compassion into action. She arrived in Brooklyn as an immigrant, built a life of connection and commitment, and passed those values on. Dana hopes friends and neighbors who loved Elayne will think of The Elayne Grant Archer Fund as a way to keep honoring her. For Dana and her family, Brooklyn Org has been the right partner for that work as Elayne’s story, in so many ways, is Brooklyn’s story too.



A Brooklyn Org *DAF* Can Unlock Your Giving Legacy

A Donor Advised Fund at Brooklyn Org is one of the most powerful, and most understated, giving tools available. Think of it as the ultimate charitable vehicle that lets you give on your own terms: you contribute when the time is right, take an immediate tax benefit, and grant to the causes you care about, nationwide, at your own pace.

What makes Brooklyn Org different is simple: our 1% administrative fee goes back into our work for Brooklyn, and towards advancing models for equity and justice that impact our local communities and reverberate nationwide. When you open a fund or transfer your existing DAF to Brooklyn Org, you’re not just building your own philanthropic legacy; you’re investing in a stronger future for all of us.

A DAF isn’t only for major donors or established philanthropists. Individuals, families, and giving circles of all kinds use them as a starting point for more meaningful, lasting giving. Opening a Brooklyn Org DAF is the first step that anyone can take to begin their philanthropic journey and deepen their legacy through building focused, intentional support for the causes and communities that matter most to you. If you’ve ever wanted your generosity to really add up to something, this is where to begin.

BKO Fund Holders



“The DAF provides a simple and efficient structure for our giving. The BKO platform makes it easy to vet tax status, manage grants, track our history, and support organizations over time.”

DEBORAH AND RAÚL VELÁZQUEZ
DAF HOLDERS

“We love how Brooklyn Org is so responsive to us as donors. It’s really easy to reach out to staff, ask questions, understand what our donations are going for and how they’re managed.”

BEN KLIGLER AND SUSAN KARWOSKA
DAF HOLDERS



Get Started

Explore our fund options



Connect with our team



Participatory Grantmaking Advisory Council

Brooklyn Org centers residents with lived experience and expertise as key decisionmakers in reviewing grant proposals, conducting site visits, and selecting nonprofits for funding, guided by our belief that those who are closest to the challenges in our communities are closest to the solutions.



Sada Connel
EAST NEW YORK

“Brooklyn is a beautiful blend of magnetic people and vibrant cultures. Brooklynites are always flexing our strength to lead change.”



Andrea Gil
MILL BASIN

“I love how neighbors come together to imagine and build change in Brooklyn.”



Xavier Ifill
EAST FLATBUSH

“Brooklyn is the greatest place in the world. Having lived here for most of my life, I still discover new neighborhoods.”



John Leyva
COLUMBIA WATERFRONT

“I love that Brooklyn is a microcosm of the world. So many different ethnicities, cultures, languages, customs, traditions, sexual orientations, social classes, all living harmoniously together. There’s no better place in the world!”



Anne Sherman
SUNSET PARK

“There’s so much to love about Brooklyn: the accents, the diversity, the energy. It’s the biggest small town in the world.”



Irsa Weatherspoon
CROWN HEIGHTS

“With all the richness of beauty, culture and diversity that is steeped in Brooklyn, there is nothing that you cannot find and appreciate. As I always say, Brooklyn is the center of the universe!”



Adrien Weibgen
FLATBUSH

“Brooklyn’s energy and diversity are unmatched and there’s a place for you here, no matter who you are.”



N'yomi Allure Stewart, BTFA Member, Associate Director of *CATS: The Jellicle Ball* on Broadway (2026)

Moving The *needle*

Founded in 2016, the **Brooklyn Org Spark Prize** has since awarded over \$5.4 million to outstanding Brooklyn organizations advancing racial justice and addressing critical challenges in our communities. Five winners and 20 finalists are selected annually by a committee of distinguished Brooklynites for the \$100,000 prize based upon three primary criteria:

Born in Brooklyn

Organizations that have a deep history in Brooklyn and a continued commitment to serving the borough.

Commitment to Equity

Organizations that address systemic challenges and advance racial and social justice for all Brooklynites.

Vision of Future

Organizations that have a strong vision for the future of their work in Brooklyn and beyond.

Our **2026 Brooklyn Org Spark Prize winners** are lighting a path for a future where every Brooklynite finds safety and belonging, addressing urgent needs and providing the resources to dream beyond the present.



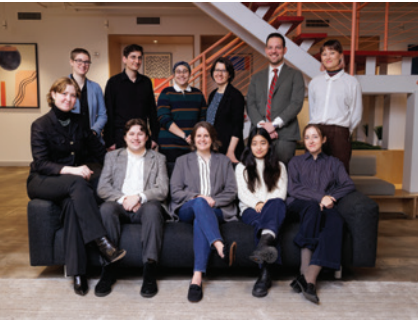
Asiyah Women's Center helps domestic violence survivors find stability and healing.



Black Trans Femmes in the Arts supports Trans artists to share their stories.



The B.R.O. Experience Foundation provides space for young men of color to heal, grow, and lead.



S.T.O.P. advocates for our civil liberties and defends communities impacted by pervasive surveillance.



YVote puts the tools of democracy into the hands of Brooklyn's youth.

2025-26 BROOKLYN ORG SPARK PRIZE COMMITTEE

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Supporting The Nonprofit Sector

Through primarily free workshops and trainings, networking gatherings, and our annual nonprofit conference, our **Nonprofit Capacity Building Program** holistically grows the skills, resilience, and connections of local nonprofit professionals to maximize their potential and help them join forces to multiply their impact.



Our



Partners

Brooklyn Org sits at the center of a broad and dynamic ecosystem of partners who all share a stake in building a fair and just Brooklyn, including individual residents and family foundations, small businesses and corporations, and civic leaders across city and state government.

Over the years, Brooklyn Org has cultivated deep relationships across these three pillars, to channel their collective energy into grantmaking, volunteerism, large-scale initiatives, and community-driven solutions that reach every corner of the borough. Whether it's a family investing in their neighborhood, a corporate partner running a round-up campaign, or a government agency stewarding millions toward underserved communities, Brooklyn Org bridges the gap between local givers and the nonprofits working from the ground up to serve our neighbors. This coalition-building approach ensures that everyone who believes in Brooklyn—residents, businesses, and leaders alike—has a meaningful role in advancing equity, justice, and quality of life for all members of our communities.

Individuals & Families

Brooklyn Org gives you a front row seat to supporting change, deepening your connection to your community and the vital nonprofits working to help Brooklynites thrive. Through Donor Advised Funds, events and activations, volunteering, learning opportunities, and other special engagements, Brooklyn Org partners with local givers to invest in our neighborhoods and build a stronger future for our borough.



Brooklyn Org Volunteer Day



Local artists designed Brooklyn holiday ornaments to benefit BKO

Businesses

As the borough's go-to giving partner, Brooklyn Org is proud to collaborate with local and national companies to spread love across our communities through corporate social responsibility programs, round-up campaigns like The Etsy Uplift Fund, and more.

Program Partners

Through our sector-leading approach grounded in racial justice, we work with government, philanthropic, and private institutions to develop strategic initiatives that touch every corner of Brooklyn, like our multi-year Brooklyn Energy Initiative in partnership with the National Grid Foundation.



Brooklyn Energy Initiative partners



2025 Just Brooklyn Prize Award Ceremony

Our Partnership With The Joe and Clara Tsai Foundation's Social Justice Fund

In partnership with The Joe and Clara Tsai Foundation's Social Justice Fund, **The Just Brooklyn Prize** is a \$100,000 annual award that celebrates five outstanding champions in the fight for racial justice in Brooklyn, with each winner receiving an unrestricted \$20,000 grant in recognition of their contributions to the pursuit of racial and social justice in the borough.

2025 Just Brooklyn Prize Winners

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Cathie Wright-Lewis

FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
POWER IN THE PEN

Partnering with National Grid Foundation for The Brooklyn Energy Initiative

In Brooklyn, energy costs are first felt at home—where aging infrastructure, more extreme temperatures, and increasing cost of living weigh heavily on homeowners, landlords, and tenants alike.

But energy is also part of our borough's future. As the sector shifts toward a greener, more climate-resilient economy, our borough needs pathways that connect Brooklynites to the training, skills, and jobs that will shape what comes next.

That is the driving force behind the Brooklyn Energy Initiative, a two-year partnership between Brooklyn Org and the National Grid Foundation, which includes over \$700,000 in funding to support residents around two connected areas of work: the Future of Energy and the Future of Homes.

Brooklyn Org does more than distribute funding. We help larger philanthropic partners make a greater impact in Brooklyn: through relationships, through community-rooted organizations, and through solutions shaped by the people closest to the challenge.

Our partnership with National Grid Foundation reflects that model in action.



Welder Underground

Future of Energy

Our nonprofit partners are preparing young adults and early-career workers for jobs in energy, infrastructure, STEM, and the green economy. That work looks different across the borough: introducing an emerging workforce to electrical and HVAC programs; GIS mapping for energy and infrastructure careers; tech and data analytics training; sustainability career training for public housing residents; paid internships and career-starter placements with local utilities; welding inside a professional fabrication shop; and training for solar, building efficiency, and e-mobility careers.

Future of Homes

Nonprofits are working directly with residents facing high energy bills and difficult housing conditions, helping Brooklynites understand their options, access emergency heating assistance, navigate rebates and energy efficiency programs, and make informed decisions about retrofits and home upgrades.

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“It feels like having a partner in the scholarship. Whenever any issues come up, I get responses from BKO right away. I had someone to bounce ideas off of, and I didn’t feel alone.”

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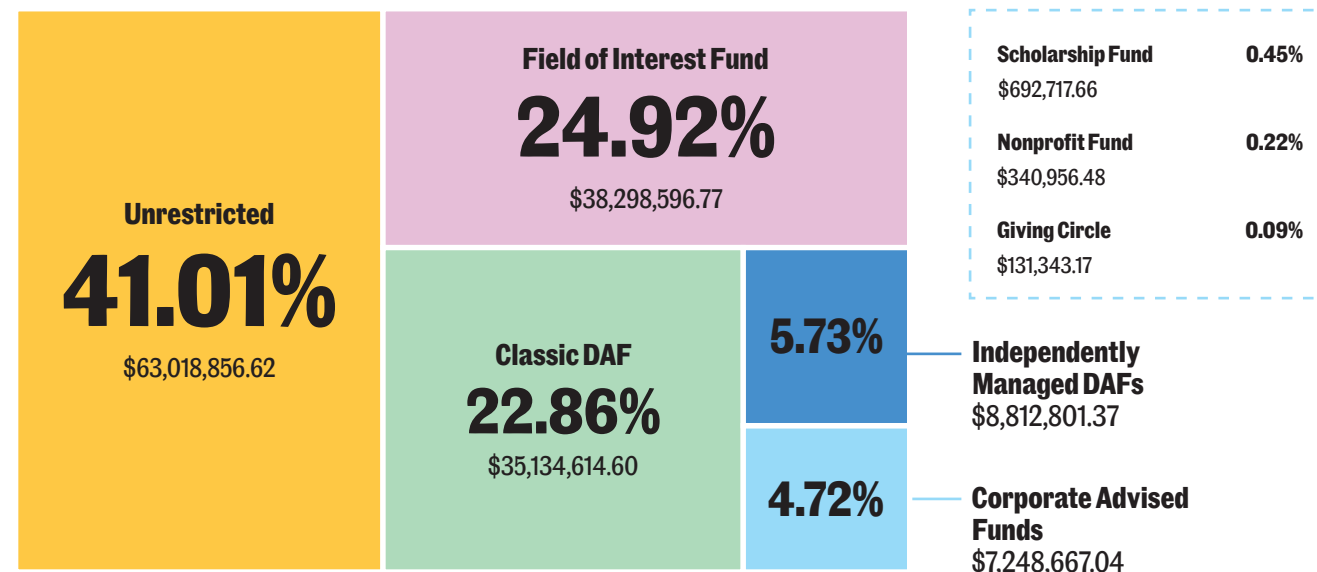
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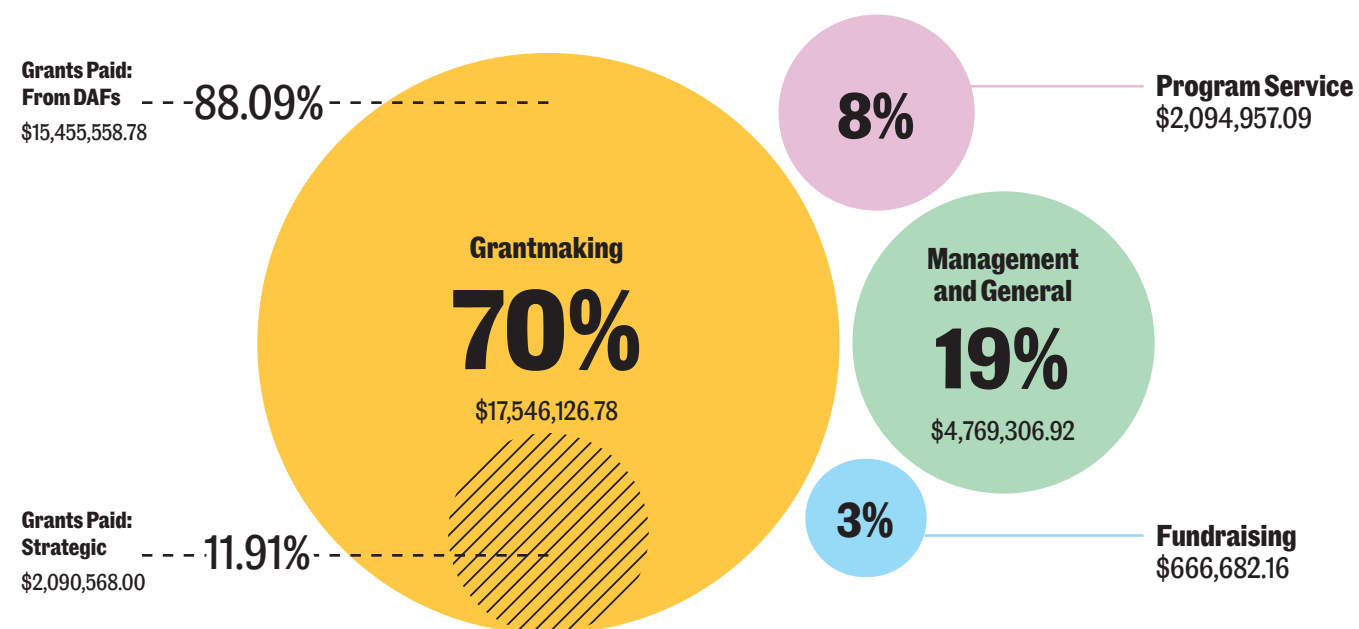
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Highlights of our FY25 Audited Financials (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

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Unrestricted: Brooklyn Org's team conducts our strategic grantmaking from these assets to support nonprofits that advance racial justice and provide critical resources to communities who have been historically disempowered and discriminated against across our borough. All eligible Brooklyn-serving organizations are invited to apply for general operating support; applications are accepted at any time, and funding decisions are made twice per year in partnership with our Advisory Council of local community members. Funding from these assets also supports Brooklyn Org's general operating costs.

Field of Interest Fund: These funds support specific causes chosen by the donors who established them, with grantmaking directed by the Programs team at Brooklyn Org. Field of Interest funds can be seeded with assets from nonprofits that have ceased operations but are required to transfer their assets to another nonprofit conducting work on particular issues, to maintain the original philanthropic intent of donations.

Classic DAF: All grantmaking from Classic Donor Advised Funds is made through grant recommendations from their Donor Advisors (we also refer to these individuals as "fund holders" at Brooklyn Org). These assets are considered unrestricted, since they are not dedicated to a particular purpose upon creation, and grantmaking decisions lie in the hands of the individual fund holders, as opposed to Brooklyn Org.

Corporate Advised Fund: We frequently work with businesses to develop well-rounded corporate giving programs, including matching gift programs, through these funds to support causes that are important to companies and their employees.

Scholarship Fund: Similar to a Classic DAF, all grantmaking from Scholarship Funds is made through grant recommendations from their Donor Advisors. We leave it to the Donor Advisors to determine how they set up and manage any scholarship applications and criteria they may have; our team simply makes their grants once they decide on the recipients.

Nonprofit Fund: Sometimes called a "Nonprofit Agency Fund," these allow an organization to focus on its mission, rather than spend time identifying and supervising investment managers. These funds are ideal for nonprofits looking to set up an account for long-term invested assets, separate from their daily operating expenses. It can also help a nonprofit with gift planning and endowment-building to ensure its long-term financial sustainability.

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Independently Managed DAF: Allows you to open a charitable fund with a minimum initial gift of \$1M, while continuing to receive support from your personal wealth advisor to manage and grow the fund's assets. This option combines the flexibility and personalized investment strategies of your advisor with Brooklyn Org's philanthropic expertise to ensure your giving has the greatest possible impact.

Youth DAF: Current BKO fundholders can open a Youth DAF; our fund program invites youth under 17 to open their own DAF with a starting balance as low as \$50.

Join Our Movement



At Brooklyn Org, we're confident that together we can make Brooklyn a blueprint for change—where neighbors help neighbors, challenges are met with solutions, and all communities can thrive. But to achieve long-term change for our communities, we all have a part to play.

Your support helps power this movement—directly fueling grants, programs, and impact across the borough, showing what's possible when Brooklyn Backs Brooklyn. **Join. Donate. Spark Change.**

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By simply having your fund at Brooklyn Org, you'll be supporting critical work across the borough—all fund fees go directly to our strategic grantmaking.





“Brooklyn Org is the connecting thread between our household and the broader community, between people and power.

The work they do—understanding what our neighbors truly need, and building the relationships and trust to help meet those needs—is essential to building a more equitable Brooklyn. Through supporting

Brooklyn Org and showing up in person to their broad range of events, our family feels the kind of connection that makes living in community, right here in Brooklyn, rewarding for the soul.”

JENNA SHAPIRO,
BROOKLYN ORG SPARK PRIZE
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