

RISEBORO COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

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2025



HERE FOR THIS MOMENT.
BUILDING FOR WHAT'S NEXT.

RiseBoro
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MISSION

Our vision is to build a city where your zip code does not determine your health outcomes, housing stability, or economic power.

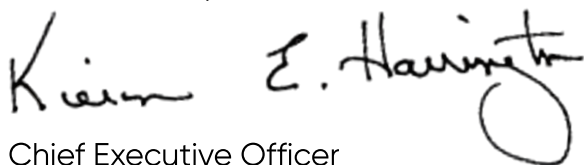
LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Every year brings new challenges for New Yorkers, but 2025 reminded us just how quickly circumstances can change. Families continue to face an affordable housing crisis, rising costs, economic uncertainty, and barriers to the opportunities that help communities thrive. Yet amid these challenges, one truth has remained constant: **strong communities are built by neighbors showing up for one another.**

We believe that every person deserves a safe, affordable place to call home and the support, relationships, and opportunities that allow them to build the future they envision. Whether someone is searching for stable housing, pursuing an education, looking for meaningful employment, or simply seeking connection, **we are committed to being there in the moments that matter.**

None of this happens without the dedication of our staff, the confidence of our residents and program participants, and the generosity of our public and private partners. Together, we continue to prove that investing in people and neighborhoods creates stronger, healthier communities for everyone.

With Gratitude,



Chief Executive Officer
RiseBoro Community Partnership



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This report reflects the many ways that commitment came to life throughout 2025.



We celebrated milestones in **Affordable Housing Development**, continuing to invest in our neighborhoods.



We launched our **Housing Supportive Services** division to help families overcome immediate challenges while creating pathways toward long-term stability.



Our **Empowerment** division connected individuals and families with the resources and opportunities needed to build stability and shape their futures.



Our **Education** division opened doors for young people and adult learners pursuing learning and career opportunities.



We expanded our **Older Adult** services to help our community remain healthy, connected, and independent.

Thank you for being part of this work. Together, we are here for this moment—and we are building what comes next.

WHEN YOU SUPPORT RISEBORO...

...you're helping build stronger communities where New Yorkers have access to the housing, resources, opportunities, and support they need to thrive.

6,000+

New Yorkers Live in RiseBoro Buildings

254

Families Gained Homes

1,404

Clients Served with Supportive Services

6,013

Youth Program Participants

3,500+

Families Protected From Homelessness

8,344

Older Adults Served

673k

Meals Delivered



CREATING HOMES FOR OUR COMMUNITY

In 2025, RiseBoro continued to expand and preserve affordable housing across New York City, creating more opportunities for individuals and families to put down roots in the communities they call home.

- ① With the **opening of Baisley Pond Park Residences**, we transformed a former hotel into 318 permanently affordable homes in Queens.
- ② As we celebrated the **completion of Alafia's first phase, construction moved forward on Phase 2**, a step closer to a vibrant, wellness-focused affordable housing community.
- ③ Unified Neighborhood Partners was **honored as Nonprofit of the Year by the Citizens Housing & Planning Council**, recognizing the coalition's collaborative approach to creating affordable housing and strengthening communities. RiseBoro is proud to be a member of this coalition and to contribute to its collective impact.
- ④ RiseBoro celebrated the **opening of Throop Corners** with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, providing 140 units of affordable energy-efficient, multi-family residential housing for our community.



Buildings Managed

147



Passive House Certifications

2



Homes in Development

2,431

326 ROCKAWAY OPENS THE DOOR TO MORE

You can see “Brownsville, King of Love” before you ever step through the doors of **326 Rockaway**. Stretching 150 feet across the building, Brooklyn’s largest outdoor mural is a love letter to the neighborhood—its people, its culture, and the generations who have made Brownsville what it is.

That sense of place carries inside. More than 200 affordable homes now fill the building, including 130 supportive apartments for young adults and families who have experienced homelessness.

But 326 Rockaway was designed around a bigger idea: **a home should give you roots, and a community should give you room to grow.**

Residents can meet a neighbor in the courtyard, tend something in the urban farm, bring their children to play, or turn to RiseBoro staff for support with everything from education and employment to counseling and navigating a difficult moment.

Its all-electric Passive House design and rooftop solar look toward a healthier, more sustainable future, while its gathering spaces invite people to build that future together. Every detail, from the art on its walls to the services within them, reflects the community it was built to serve.

“I can’t be thankful enough for RiseBoro. It’s been truly a blessing, honestly, to be in this building and experiencing the sense of community here—from my neighbors to the security staff who greet you every day.” —Elexis & Kenneth, residents



Homes Preserved

208



Families Gained Homes

254



Older Adults Homes

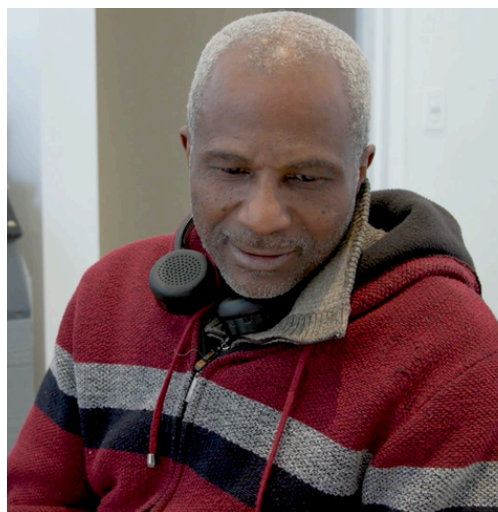
1,379

HIGHLIGHTS

PROVIDING SUPPORT THAT MOVES PEOPLE FORWARD

A home provides stability. The right support can help turn that stability into possibility. This year, RiseBoro expanded the ways we bring the two together—pairing permanent, affordable homes with on-site services that help New Yorkers build healthier, more independent futures.

- 1 We officially launched Housing Supportive Services in July** as a dedicated division, strengthening our ability to pair affordable housing with the services and support residents need to thrive.
- 2 We grew our Housing Supportive Services team by 32 full-time employees**, significantly increasing our capacity to provide consistent, responsive support to residents across our communities.
- 3 With Certificates of Occupancy secured at Baisley Pond Park Residences and 326 Rockaway Avenue**, Housing Supportive Services launched on-site programming at both communities, introducing new services, programs, and a more integrated model of support built around residents' needs.
- 4 Six babies were able to come home instead of entering the shelter system**, thanks to early coordinated support that helped their families secure stable housing before their births.



Clients Served

1,404



Cases Managed

3,079



Wellness Checks

1,494

JUST IN TIME FOR JADE AND HER FAMILY

When Jade went into labor, she was still living in a shelter. Her baby was due to arrive early. She left for the hospital to give birth, knowing that she might have to return to the shelter with her newborn.

For a child, those first days matter. Research has found that children experiencing homelessness face greater risks of health problems, developmental delays, anxiety, and behavioral challenges. The instability can follow them into the classroom: children who experience homelessness miss more school, change schools more often, and perform worse academically than their housed peers. (*Coalition for the Homeless*)

However, stable housing can change the trajectory. Declines in educational achievement did not continue after children returned to permanent housing; over time, those families became just as stable as families that had remained housed. (*Coalition for the Homeless*)

When Marc Phillip, RiseBoro's Director of Young Adult Supportive Housing, heard that Jade's baby had arrived early, he started making moves. Jade's lease hadn't started yet, but could they find a way to get her into her new home sooner?

What followed were calls, emails, and approvals—the largely invisible work behind something as ordinary as bringing a baby home. And the RiseBoro team made it happen.

Jade left the hospital and went directly to her new apartment at 326 Rockaway. Her baby never spent a night in a shelter. Never received a shelter identification number. The baby's first night outside the hospital was exactly where he belonged: at home, with his family.



"This is what we're about. We want to move in a direction where we can help families and help people grow."

—Marc Phillip, Director, Young Adult Supportive Housing

CULTIVATING TOOLS AND OPPORTUNITIES

In 2025, thousands of New Yorkers turned to our Empowerment team at pivotal moments in their lives to find stability while opening new doors. And the team stepped up to provide the right support at the right moment—cultivating the tools, opportunities, and agency to shape what comes next.

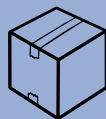


- ① In January, **RiseBoro launched a new Childcare program** as an extension of the Family Support Center (FSC), and in its very first year, the program quickly emerged as a high-performing childcare provider in New York City.
- ② **RiseBoro marked the first full year of Home4Good**, an eviction prevention program designed to bring tenants, landlords, and support systems together early enough to change what happens next. In its first full year, Home 4 Good helped stabilize 300 homes, keeping New Yorkers housed and demonstrating what becomes possible when we intervene before a housing challenge becomes a housing crisis.
- ③ The Financial Empowerment team held 1,800 meetings that **helped community members build credit, reduce debt, grow savings, and move toward their financial goals**, resulting in 220+ positive financial outcomes and more than \$268,000 in tax refunds returned to our communities.



Housing Crisis
Financial Assistance

\$353,000



Total Evictions
Prevented

2,900



Families Supported by
Food Service Connections

1,837

FROM SUPPORT TO SERVICE



On food pantry days, Carmen helps prepare food for distribution and works alongside RiseBoro staff. She is a volunteer, but she is also something more familiar: a member of the community taking care of her own.

Carmen knows RiseBoro from more than one side. She attended health and wellness classes and community outings, received food from the pantry, got help through financial coaching, and connected with housing assistance. Each program met a different need, but together they gave Carmen something else: a place where she kept coming back.

Today, Carmen helps staff prepare and distribute food to hundreds of neighbors who, like so many of us, may need a little extra support. More than 1,000 volunteer hours later, Carmen has become a familiar presence here, helping her feel connected while bringing new friendships into her life.



Carmen states: "I feel grateful because [RiseBoro] gave me the opportunity to volunteer. They consider me a star volunteer, and they really include me in the outings and the activities they organize, and I truly appreciate it very much."

There is a certain symmetry to Carmen's story: one where people are connected to resources and to one another. **It is the kind of community RiseBoro works to build, where neighbors show up for neighbors, and belonging means having a role in making the place around you stronger.**



Farmers Market
Patrons

62,000



Clients of LEAP
Legal Services

2,304



Financial Coaching
Sessions

1,800

HIGHLIGHTS

UNLEASHING POTENTIAL, SHAPING FUTURES

Education strengthens more than individual futures; it strengthens families and communities. This year, RiseBoro helped New Yorkers build the skills, confidence, and opportunities to take their next step toward a diploma, a degree, a career, or a future they can shape for themselves.



- ① **The College in the Community program took off**, expanding access to higher education and creating a new pathway for participants to pursue a college degree.
- ② RiseBoro was **recognized by the Department of Youth & Community Development as a top-performing provider** for excellence in program implementation and service delivery.
- ③ Our **NYSED Literacy Program ranked among the Top 10 literacy programs in New York State**, recognizing strong participant outcomes and exceptional program performance.
- ④ Our **Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE) Program ranked #1 among community-based organization in New York State for participant engagement**, serving more participants than any other community-based organization statewide.
- ⑤ RiseBoro's Youth Center was **selected as a featured organization during NYC Nonprofit Week** and welcomed Deputy Mayor Ana Almanzar for a firsthand look at our programs.



Youth Program
Participants

6,013



Summer Youth Employment
Program Placements

1,247



Adult Learners
Served

622

LARRY IS READY FOR WHAT'S NEXT

For years, Larry Cornejo has been growing up alongside RiseBoro. There were creative arts programs and after-school programs. Later came Work, Learn & Grow. By his senior year, Larry was thinking about a much bigger question: what comes after high school?

He already had an answer—Larry wants to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, a goal that will require years of education and training. During his senior year, he enrolled in RiseBoro's Learn & Earn program, where he completed a CUNY course, participated in career-readiness activities, and finished a spring internship, all while preparing for the transition to college.

Then, the future he had been working toward began to take shape. In 2025, Larry graduated from high school. Soon after he was headed to New York University to study Liberal Studies with more than \$100,000 in scholarship support, with plans to eventually transfer into the Nursing program.

Larry's path to this moment has been taking shape over time: discovering new interests, finding people who supported his ambitions, gaining his first work experiences, and beginning to see more clearly what he wanted for his future. And RiseBoro has been there across those chapters.

As Larry has grown, the opportunities at RiseBoro have grown with him—**meeting him where he was while giving him room to explore where he wanted to go.**

And this relationship doesn't end at graduation. Through Learn & Earn, Larry will continue receiving support throughout his first year of college, with regular check-ins to talk through challenges and mark milestones.



Supported Through
Counseling

297



High School Equivalency
Graduates

38



Youth Placed in
Internships

149

THRIVING WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

Community matters at every stage of life. This year, RiseBoro strengthened the places, programs, and connections that help older New Yorkers stay engaged, supported, and immersed in the communities they call home.



①

Diana Jones Older Adult Center received the prestigious NYC Emergency Management "Ready NY Older Adult Center of the Year" Award, recognizing the center's exceptional leadership, commitment to emergency preparedness, and dedication to community safety.

②

Roundtable Older Adult Center experienced substantial growth, enrolling 219 new members during the year and attracting new community members from Flatbush and Howard Beach.

③

Hope Gardens Center and the Ridgewood Bushwick Center both received Older Adult Center (OAC) Improvement Awards, which funded facility enhancements, creating a more welcoming and functional environment for members.

④

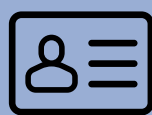
All the centers **expanded critical partnerships to enhance member services and improve access to healthcare**, including:

- Helen Keller Organization: over 400 members received on-site vision screenings and free eyeglasses.
- NYU College of Dentistry: biannual dental screenings and distributed dental examination vouchers.
- Long Island University and St. Francis College: Interns conducted health screenings and delivered educational workshops.



Older Adults Served

8,344



Center Members

4,284



Friendly Visits

3,016



Meals Served

673K

ANGEL: A DECADE OF SHOWING UP

For more than ten years, Angel Aponte has spent his days knocking on doors of people waiting for a meal. But Angel knows that what he carries with him matters beyond what is inside the bag.

As a member of RiseBoro's Meals on Wheels team for the past decade, he has come to understand that delivering a meal is also an act of showing up. Day after day, he enters briefly into the lives of older New Yorkers—learning their faces and routines, asking how they are doing, and making sure they know that someone is thinking about them.

These gestures are uncomplicated, but that may be precisely what makes them so powerful. They become relationships. They become trust. They become the reassurance that even when someone's world has grown smaller, quieter, more challenging, they remain part of a community that sees them.

For Angel, that sense of connection is inseparable from the job. He takes pride in remembering the people along his route, checking on their well-being, and treating every person he meets with dignity and warmth. And in return, the work has become part of his own life. Angel describes his years with Meals on Wheels as one of the most meaningful experiences he has had.

At RiseBoro, we often talk about what it means to help older adults thrive in the communities they call home. Sometimes that requires programs, services, and resources. But sometimes it begins with just showing up.



"Every day I am reminded of how important kindness, compassion, and human connection truly are. Some of the people we visit have little family support, and knowing that a warm meal, a smile, or a few kind words can brighten their day means more to me than I can express."

—Angel Aponte

IMPACT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

RiseBoro works alongside partners who share our commitment to stronger communities, and throughout the year, we came together to celebrate the relationships, milestones, and shared purpose that move this work forward.

2025 GOLF OUTING

Our 2025 Golf Outing brought supporters together for a day on the course, raising **\$368,412** to support RiseBoro programs and services.





2025 GALA

Our 2025 Gala raised **\$292,792** to support RiseBoro communities, while celebrating the partners and elected officials who help make our work possible.





THE POWER OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

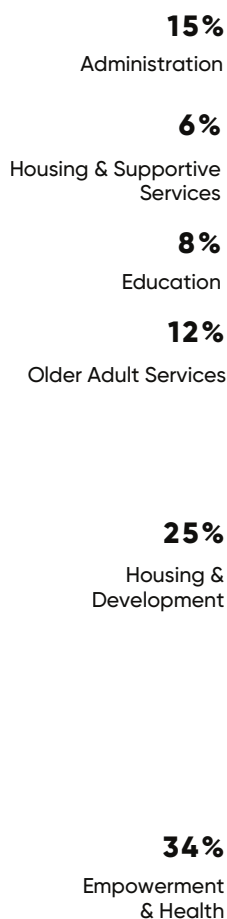
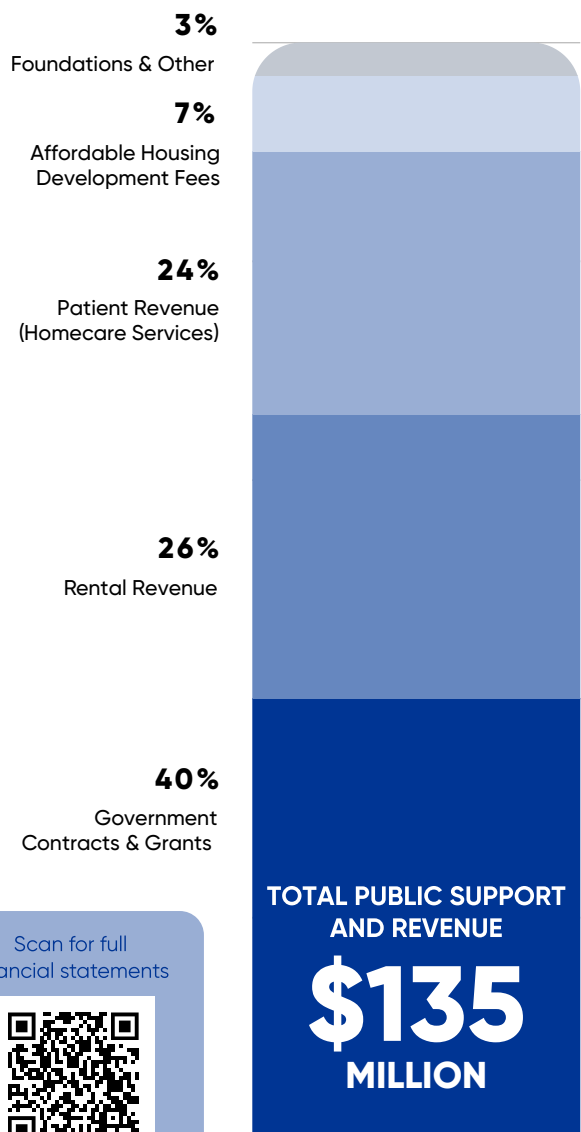
RiseBoro's volunteers bring their time, talents, and energy to the table and show up for their neighbors. These moments celebrate the people who choose to take part, pitch in, and help make their communities stronger.



RISEBORO COMMUNITY EVENTS



2025 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT



85%
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES

Scan for full financial statements



85%

of all donations and revenue went directly to programs serving RiseBoro communities

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Together, we can expand opportunity, strengthen connections, and help communities across New York City thrive.



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