

ELEVATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

PEEKSKILL YOUTH BUREAU'S 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



*Submitted by:
Tuesday McDonald
Executive Director*

MISSION:

The City of Peekskill Youth Bureau is dedicated to empowering the youth of our community through programs that promote *Education, Leadership* and active *Civic Engagement*.

Our mission is to create an inclusive environment where youth can develop their skills, build resilience and foster positive relationships.

Full Time Staff

Executive Director - Tuesday McDonald
Sr. Youth Advocate - Darryl Francis

Part Time Staff

Sr. Office Asst.- Diane Testa
(Started November 3, 2025)

Grant Staff

Devon Mincey - WDAY
Matt Benson (P/T) - Project Elevate
Alvenia Smith (P/T) - Project Elevate
(Started June 2025)



City of Peekskill Youth Bureau 2025

Youth Bureau Citywide Events

Citywide Juneteenth June

Citywide Back to School

Supply Giveaway August

Citywide Thanksgiving

Giveaway November

Youth Bureau Family

Toy/Giftcard Giveaway

December

Partner Collaborations @

Youth Bureau Location

ARTS 10566

Black Diamonds Academic
Success Program

ELOC (Environmental Leaders
of Color)

Hass' Way (Peekskill Schools)

Peekskill Girl Scouts

PNW BOCES - GED program

Sloyd Woodworking

Project Elevate

Preparing students 14 - 18 for post-high school success.

WDAY

(Workforce Development Academy for Youth)

Job readiness for out of school students - 16 - 24

Youth Advisory Council

Youth 12 - 18

Community Service Opportunities

S.R.A.E.P.

Sexual Risk Avoidance
Education Program

Youth 14 - 18

Summer Youth Camp

Youth 10-14

CLUB INSPIRE

Collaboration with Peekskill Middle School

GRANDPAS UNITED

Group Mentoring

RISING TIDE

(Building boats together)

Summer Youth Employment
Summer employment for Youth

HASS' WAY

Out of School suspension program
w/Peekskill School District



GRANTS FUELING YOUTH SUCCESS (2025)

2025 GRANTS

PROJECT ELEVATE

- Grantor: Westchester County Youth Bureau

High School

SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program (SRAEP)

- Grantor: Westchester County Youth Bureau

Youth Development
13 - 18

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT (SYEP)

Summer Youth Employment Program (TANF)

- Grantor: Westchester-Putnam Workforce Board
No match - May 1, 2025 - September 2025

Youth Employment
14- 18

LEAP GRANT
Grantor:
Peekskill School District

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SYETP)

Summer Youth Employment Training Program (SYETP)

- Grantor: Westchester County Youth Bureau
July 1, 2025 - Sept 30, 2025

Youth Employment
16 - 21

WDAY
Youth Employment
2019 - June 2025

GRANDPA'S UNITED

- Grantor: White Plains Youth Bureau \$10,000.00.

Menoring Program

OCFS - LIFT & RISING TIDE

Grantor: Office of Family & Children's Services
(Summer Camp) & Rising Tide Boatworks.

Summer Camp & Rising Tide



City of Peekskill Youth Bureau Grants

THANKS TO OUR GRANTORS, OUR YOUTH:

- MAPPED OUT LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL THROUGH THE **PROJECT ELEVATE PROGRAM**
- SPENT A SAFE, CURIOSITY-FILLED SUMMER AT THE '**RISING STARS**' CAMP.
- EARNED FIRST PAYCHECKS AND JOB SKILLS AT THE **SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**.
- MEASURED, SAWED, AND LAUNCHED BOATS AT THE **RISING TIDE PROGRAM**.
- GAINED WISDOM AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM **GRANTPAS UNITED** PROGRAM.
- ENABLED 16-24-YEAR-OLDS TO SMASH BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT WITH **WDAY**.
- EMPOWERED TEENS THROUGH THE **SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM**, WITH PAID SUMMER WORK AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES.

IN SYNC FOR SUCCESS: THE PARTNERSHIP MODEL

ANNUAL SKI TRIP



IN PARTNERSHIP
W/ THE
PEEKSKILL
YOUTH
BUREAU

SKI TRIP

Catamount
Mountain
Resort

78 Catamount Rd.
Hillside, New York

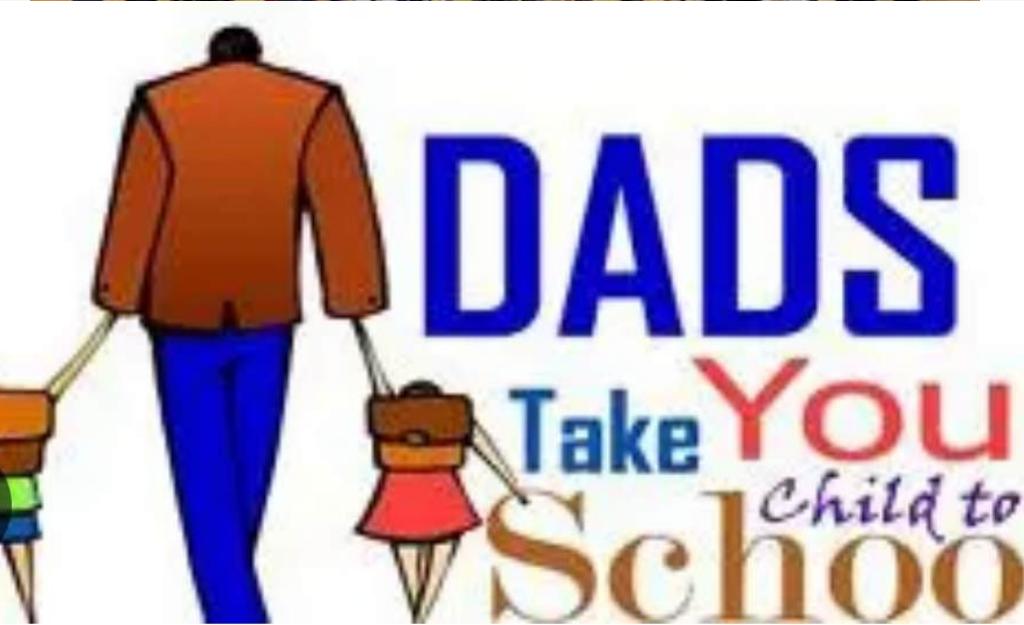
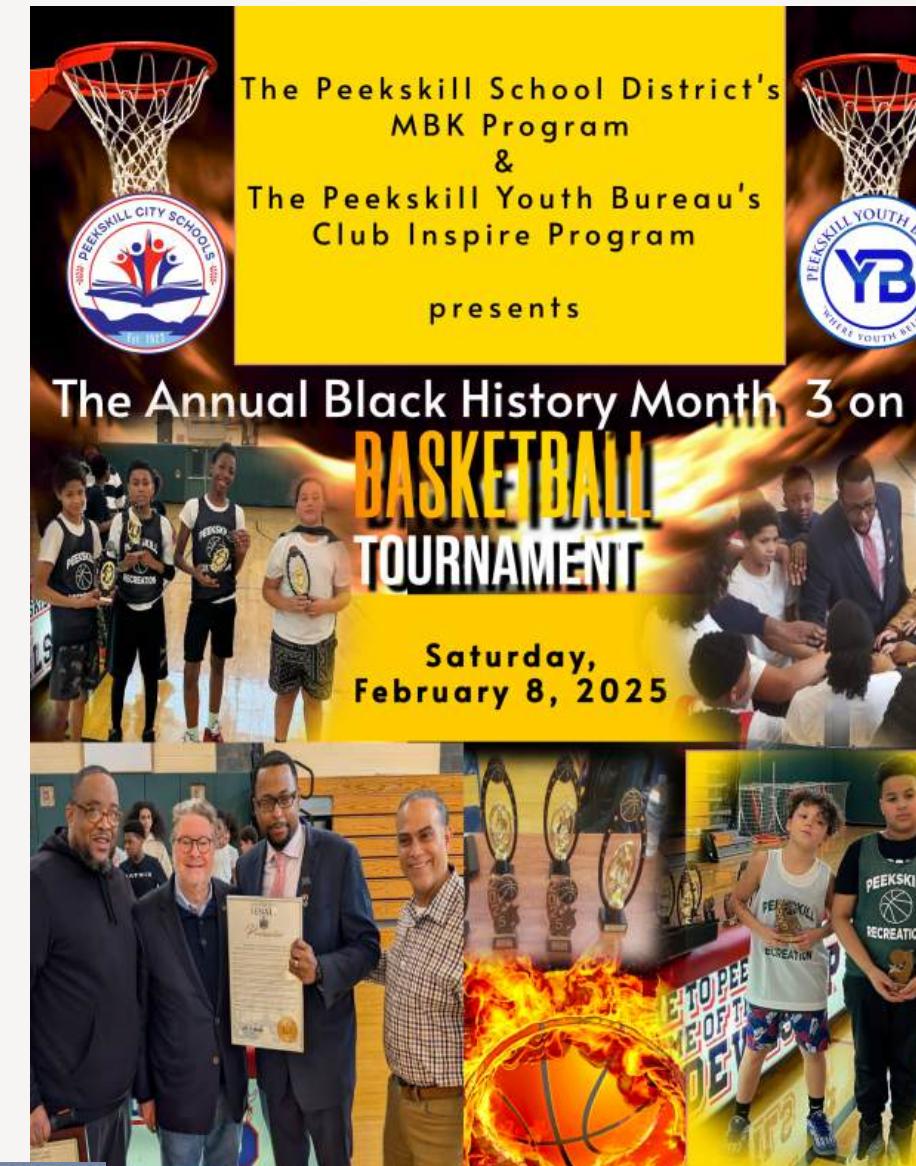


Club Inspire is a 3 year partnership between the Youth Bureau and the Peekskill School District. The Youth

Bureau's Youth Aide provides mentorship, and guidance to student at the Middle School - 3 days a week



3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

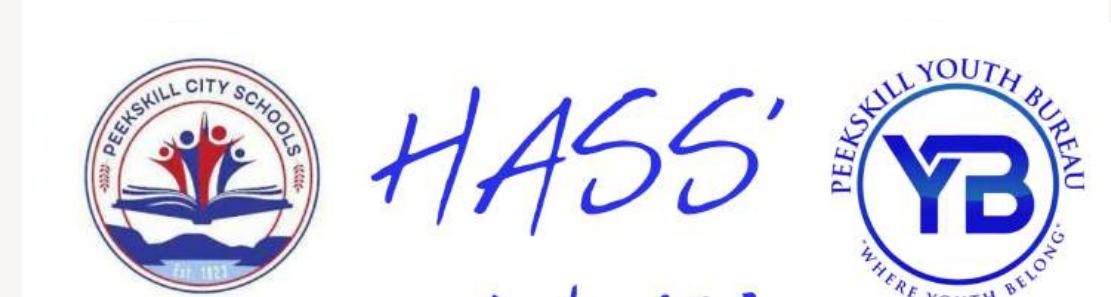


COLLABORATIONS WITH THE PEEKSKILL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025

IMPACT Statement

Through our robust partnership with the Peekskill School District, we empowered countless students with mentoring, academic support, and dynamic programs, driving significant gains in engagement and resilience that help transform their futures.

YOUTH LEGISLATIVE DAY IN ALBANY, NY



HASS'
WAY

Hass' Way is a 6 year partnership between the Youth Bureau and the Peekskill School District. Hass' Way is an out-of-school suspension program that provides tutoring; counseling and restorative justice.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY



POWERED BY PARTNERSHIPS 2025

PEEKSKILL GIRL SCOUTS *Engineering Is Fun* Expo

MARCH 28, 2025



YOUTH SERVED: 75+

Impact: Hosted the Girl Scout's Engineering is Fun Expo, at the Youth Bureau with interactive activities desired to spark interest in STEM.

PROFESSIONAL WOODWORKING INSTRUCTORS

Sloyd Youth Woodworking

MARCH 2025 - DECEMBER 2025



SLOYD YOUTH WOODWORKING

Professional Woodworking Instructors

Sloyd Youth Woodworking is more than simply woodworking for youth. The Sloyd Experience helps provide an educational completeness to children through the linkage of the hands, head, and heart. These experiences translate into a mindset that lasts a lifetime.

Peekskill Youth Bureau
828 Main Street
Peekskill, New York 10566

For more information, please contact
Tuesday, Paige McDonald, Executive Director
at 914-734-4149/tmcdonald@cityofpeekskill.com



Please Join Us!

Every Wednesday
4:00pm - 5:30pm

2025

Class size limited;
sign up today

Instructor:
Kurt Steger
530-277-1106

<https://bit.ly/4aUEEgG>

YOUTH SERVED: 25

Impact: This program encouraged our youth to explore their creativity, leading to the development of hands on practical skills in woodworking.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS OF COLOR

Summer Energy & Environmental Program

JULY 8, 2025 - AUGUST 7, 2025



YOUTH SERVED: 10

Impact: Our youth gained valuable knowledge about energy efficiency and the environment through science experiments and demonstrations.

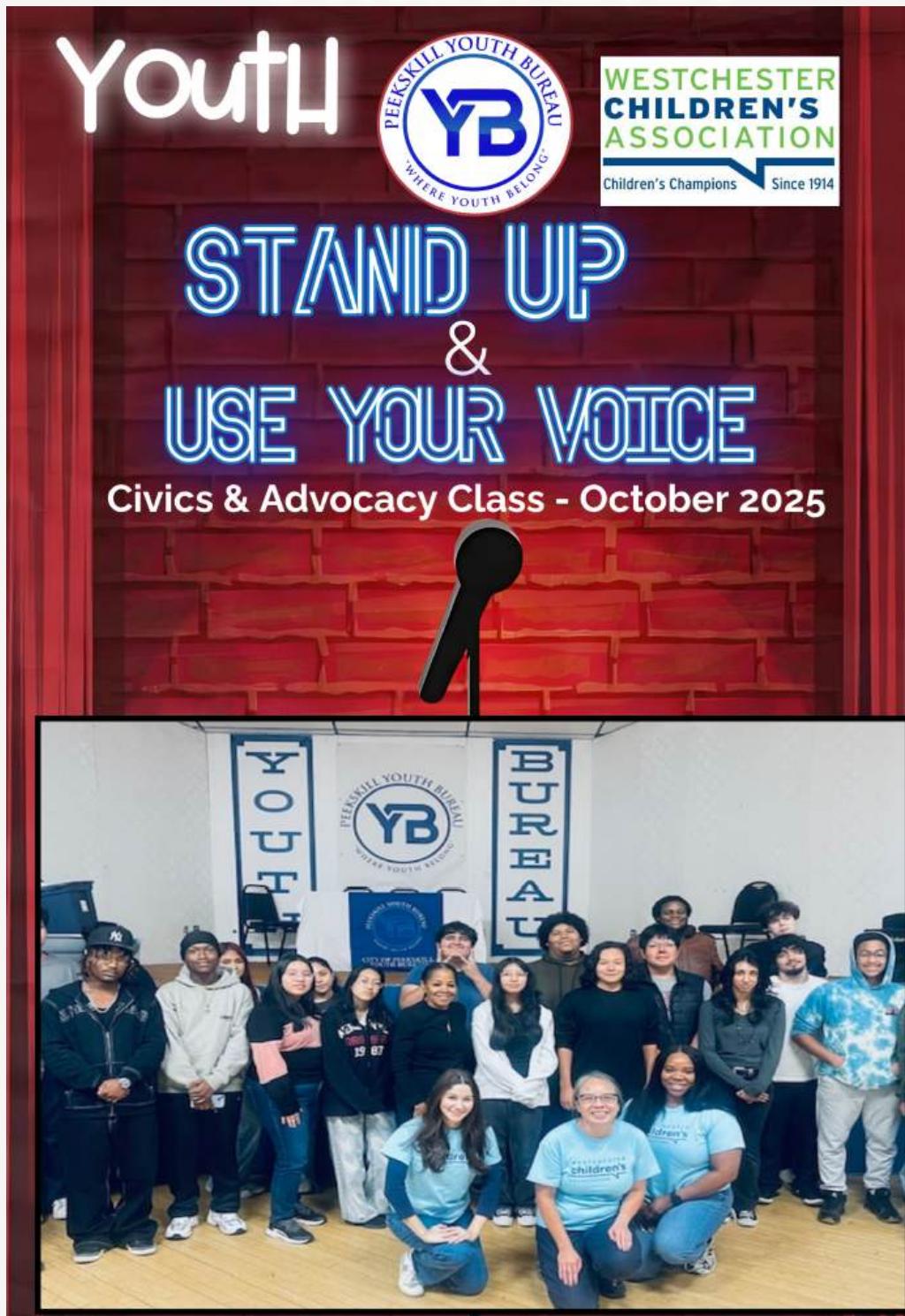
POWERED BY PARTNERSHIPS 2025

Community Partners Back to School Supply Giveaway August 21, 2025



YOUTH SERVED: 1,100
COMMUNITY IMPACT:
 41 Sponsors; 38 Volunteers &
 5 Community Event Vendors
 *With our Community Partners, we
 provided 1,100 students with essential
 tools for the school year!

Westchester Children's Association Civics & Youth Advocacy October 2025



YOUTH SERVED: 26
IMPACT:
 WCA successfully trained 26 youth;
 equipping them with Civics and
 Advocacy skills so they can actively
 participate in community decision making.
 The student's completed 3 (two hour) sessions.

Westchester Cars & Coffee

Toy Drive: October 19, 2025 **Toy/Gift card Distribution: December 18, 2025**
Food Drive: November 2, 2025 **Thanksgiving Distribution: November 14, 2025**



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Youth (Families) Served: 46

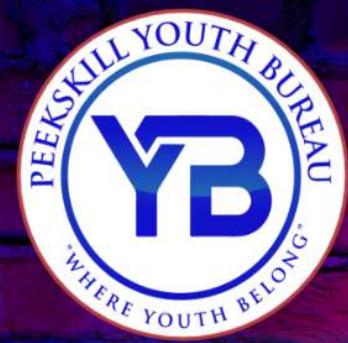
Impact: The Thanksgiving Food Drive provided Turkeys and trimmings to 46 families; fostering a sense of community and care. Due to the generosity of WCC, we were also able to distribute donations to CHOPP.

TOY DRIVE

YOUTH SERVED: 200+

Impact: The Toy Drive provided toys and gifts to over 75+ Youth, ensuring that they had a happy holiday season. In addition to the toys, community members and organizations purchased over 50 (\$10.00) gift cards to the Five Below store. We were happy to also share toys with the Department of Social Services and Sun River Health for their Annual 3 King's Celebration,

PROJECT ELEVATE'S "ENGAGE & ELEVATE" LAUNCH 2025



The City of Peekskill Youth Bureau
PROJECT ELEVATE
PRESENTS

ENGAGE & ELEVATE

A LUNCHTIME THINK TANK FOR
YOUTH ADVOCATES

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

12:30PM - 1:30PM

Peekskill Youth Bureau
828 Main Street, Peekskill, NY

Come and join us for
an open discussion over lunch,
where youth advocates/community leaders
can share ideas and
collaborate to champion real progress!



ENGAGE & ELEVATE
FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

ATTENDEES

Sun River Health **Lailaa Cunningham**
Westchester County Youth Bureau **Ernest McFadden, Executive Director**
Assembly District 95 **Congressman Mike Lawler's Office**
Assenblywoman Dana Levenberg **Ashton Coleman, D.R.**
City of Peekskill **Westchester County Board of Legislators**
Councilman Rob Scott **Legislator Colin Smith**
Sgt. Khalia Carter, Police Dept. **Aero-Ba-Soul, Inc.**
Cassandra Redd, Clerk **Kecia Ann Palmer Cousins**
Sunmark **Peekskill NAACP**
Max Schlubach **Min. Micah Benson**
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church **Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church**
Rev. James Perry, Pastor **Rev. Gary Colter, Pastor**
SLOYD Woodworking **Peekskill City School District**
Ted Haber **Dr. Eudes Budhai**
Kurt Steger **Grandpas United**
James Taylor (Rising Tide) **Bill Archer** **Dr. Jenna Ferris**
FIDELIS CARE **Community Leader** **Dr. Bridget Holloman**
Suleima Ventura **Alvenia Smith** **LaRon Getter**
Black Diamonds Academic Success, Inc. **Peekskill Housing Authority**
Martin McDonald **Janneyn Phalen**
Union Baptist Church/VITA **Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.**
Tamicka Hall **XKS Chapter**
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. **Lacola Patterson**
Xi Chi Omega Chapter **Tanisha Wiliams**
New Era Creative Space (NECS) **United Methodist Church**
Jennifer Turner **Rev. Valerie Paul Greenaway**
Caring for the Hungry and **First Baptist Church**
Homeless of Peekskill **Krysel Heady**
Candice Blyden-Gill **Student Assistance Services**
YWCA of White Plains & Central **Kelly Marin**
Westchester Javon Trottman-Floyd **Hope's Door**
Shaire D. Gadson

ON MAY 30, 2025, WE INTRODUCED
"Engage & Elevate"

—an open forum uniting Youth Advocates
to share best practices, spark ideas, and co-create
strategies that accelerate progress for our scholars.

GOAL: *To move beyond traditional silos
and collaborate in a unified manner for
the benefit of our youth.*

IMPACT: 32 Community Organizations:
45 Community Partners; Youth & Adult
Surveys completed; Formed 5 committees.

LAUNCH: Friday, May 30, 2025

2nd Meeting - Thursday, September 18, 2025

3rd Meeting - Thursday, November 13, 2025

THE WORK: Youth & Adult Advocates
joined the following 5 committees:

- Mental Health
- Collaboration & Communication
- Safe Spaces & Opportunities
- Youth Leadership
- Digital & Social Media Impact

PROJECT ELEVATE PRESENTS R.E.A.D.I. TRAINING 2025



R.E.A.D.I represents the workplace attributes businesses look for in the youth they hire: Respect, Enthusiasm, Articulate, Dependable and Initiative



57 students received R.E.A.D.I. Training from Executive Director, Tuesday McDonald and (Certified as a R.E.A.D.I. Train-the-Trainer Instructor) Project Elevate's, Rec. Assistant. Matthew Benson 8 (two hour) trainings were held. The students had 4 weeks to complete the 10 hours of training.

After graduating from the R.E.A.D.I Youth Employment Program, students were prepared to work with the Summer Youth Employment Program led by Sr. Youth Advocate, Darryl Francis and the SRAEP Program led by Executive Director, Tuesday McDonald

2025 PEEKSKILL YOUTH BUREAU CAREER & RESOURCE FAIRS

March 20, 2025 - 12 Community Partners

The Peekskill Youth Bureau's
WDAY
"IGNITE YOUR PATH"
Career & Resource Fair

March 20, 2025

- Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg's office
- Journey Allied Health Training Center
- New Era Creative Space
- Peekskill City School District
- Peekskill Human Resources Department
- Peekskill Fire Department
- Peekskill Police Department
- PK Blendz
- Putnam Westchester BOCES
- Safe Spaces Monitoring
- Sun River Health
- Westchester School for Medical and Dental Assistants



May 15, 2025 - 15 Community Partners

The Peekskill Youth Bureau's
WDAY
"NEXT GEN OPPORTUNITIES"
Career & Resource Fair

MAY 15, 2025

- CON EDISON
- CITY OF PEEKSKILL WATER DEPARTMENT
- IRS
- U.S. MARINES
- U.S. NAVY
- NEW YORK STATE POLICE
- NY FOR CLEAN POWER
- NY POWER AUTHORITY
- OPEN GATE
- PEEKSKILL COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORP.
- VNS HEALTH
- WESTCHESTER EOC
- WSMADA Mediccal & Dental Assistants
- UNIVERSAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE



September 25, 2025 - 14 Community Partners

PEEKSKILL YOUTH BUREAU
YB
WHERE YOUTH BELONG

RISE UP!
Are you between the ages of 16-24?
Please join us for a workshop on:
Career Guidance ★ Resume Building ★ Interview Preparation

Thursday, September 25, 2025
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Peekskill Youth Bureau
828 Main Street, Peekskill, New York 10566
For more information, please contact Devon Mincey, Youth Employment Worker at dmincey@cityofpeekskillny.gov or 914-862-5347

PLEASE REGISTER

<https://bit.ly/3HZAIKh>



IMPACT Statement

We connected over 40 youth with local opportunities by hosting 3 Career & Resource Fairs, featuring 15+ community vendors to inspire future pathways for youth 16- 24.

2025 COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT ON THE YOUTH BUREAU

Peekskill Youth Bureau
honored
by
Just the Place Inc.
"2025 Community Award"
Sunday, May 18, 2025



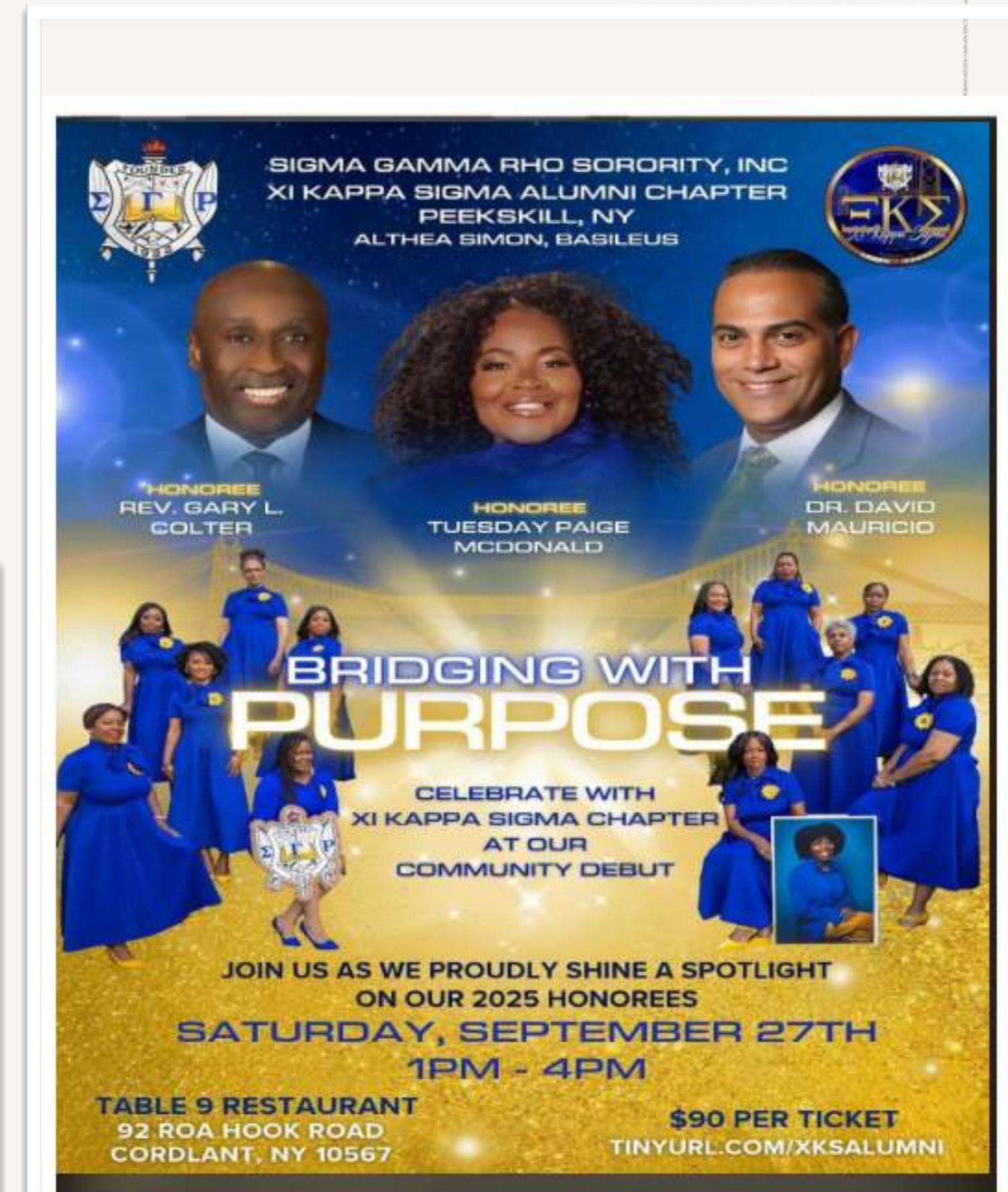
Youth Bureau
honored May 18, 2025

WESTCHESTER
children's
ASSOCIATION

The Westchester Children's Association (WCA) is proud to announce the launch of its **Youth Civic Engagement Program** in partnership with the **Peekskill Youth Bureau**, made possible through a grant from the Westchester office of **The New York Community Trust** (The Trust-Westchester) awarded in July 2025.



Youth Bureau selected for Youth Civic Engagement Program
July 2025



Youth Bureau's Executive Director
honored for her work in
Community & Youth Bureau on
September 27, 2025.

PEEKSKILL YOUTH BUREAU

FUTURES UNLOCKED: 2025 YEAR END IMPACT

CAREER AND NEXT STEP READINESS

Project Elevate
R.E.A.D.I 10 Hour Youth Employment Training
College Tours to Mercy University & WCC
College Prep & AI Sessions by College Client
WDAY
(Workforce Development Academy for Youth)

STUDENT SUCCESS & MENTORING

Grandpas United
Club Inspire
PNW BOCES - GED Program
HASS' Way (partnership with PSD)
Sloyd Woodworking
Rising Tide
Rising Stars Summer Camp

LEADERSHIP & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Environmental Leaders of Color
Girl Scouts "Engineering is Fun" Expo
Youth Legislative Day, Albany, New York
Community Service Opportunities for Youth
Civics & Advocacy Training by
Westchester Children's Association

COMMUNITY BUILDING & SUPPORT

Engage & Elevate Community Think Tank
Citywide Juneteenth Celebration
Citywide Back to School Supply Giveaway
Citywide Toy Drive
Citywide Thanksgiving Food Drive
Walmart's "Shop with a Cop" for YB Youth
Family Line Dancing
Community Partners
Dads take Your Child to School

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

SYEP (Summer Youth Employment Program)
Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program
SYETP (Employment Program)
WDAY
(Workforce Development Academy for Youth)

"I believe in myself"



PEEKSKILL YOUTH BUREAU 2025 YEAR END IMPACT

1 CAREER & NEXT-STEP READINESS

- 65 YOUTH ENROLLED IN PROJECT ELEVATE
- 57 YOUTH EARNED R.E.A.D.I WORKFORCE CERTIFICATES
- 14 YOUTH EXPERIENCED ON-SITE COLLEGE TOURS TO MERCY UNIVERSITY AND WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- 20 YOUTH GAINED KNOWLEDGE FROM COLLEGE CLIENT ON COLLEGE PREP AND AI RESOURCES
- 40 YOUTH EXPLORED OPTIONS AT CAREER & RESOURCE FAIRS TO BENEFIT 16-24 YEAR OLDS
- INTRODUCED YOUTH TO CREATING THEIR OWN PODCAST

2 STUDENT SUCCESS & MENTORING

- 14 "GRANDPAS" INSPIRED YOUTH BUREAU STUDENTS
- CLUB INSPIRE GUIDED MIDDLE-SCHOOL STUDENTS
- 6 STUDENTS EARNED GED CREDITS VIA PNW BOCES
- 20 STUDENTS MASTERED TOOLS IN THE SLOYD WOODWORKING CLASSES
- 10 YOUTH COMPLETED THE RISING TIDE SUMMER PROGRAM AND BUILT BOATS
- 36 YOUTH THRIVED AT RISING STARS SUMMER CAMP
- HASS WAY KEPT SUSPENDED STUDENTS ON TRACK THROUGH ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
- YOUTH PLANTED 100 TREES WITH THE PEEKSKILL WATER DEPARTMENT

3 LEADERSHIP & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- 10 YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN THE ELOC (ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS OF COLOR) SUMMER PROGRAM
- 55 YOUTH BUILT STEM SKILLS AT THE "ENGINEERING IS FUN" EXPO
- 34 YOUTH TRAVELED AND PARTICIPATED IN "YOUTH LEADERSHIP DAY" IN ALBANY, NEW YORK
- 36 STUDENTS LOGGED VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS
- 27 YOUTH COMPLETED A 6-HOUR CIVICS & ADVOCACY TRAINING WITH WESTCHESTER CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION

4 COMMUNITY BUILDING & SUPPORT

- 30 PARTNER AGENCIES AND 15 YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN THE ENGAGE & ELEVATE THINK TANK
- 300+ NEIGHBORS CELEBRATED AT CITY-WIDE JUNETEENTH
- 1,100 BACKPACKS & SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED TO YOUTH
- 200+ HOLIDAY TOYS FOR YOUTH BUREAU & DSS FAMILIES
- 40 \$10.00 GIFT CARDS FROM THE STORE, FIVE BELOW DISTRIBUTED TO YOUTH
- DISTRIBUTED 47 THANKSGIVING BAGS AND TURKEYS TO THE YOUTH BUREAU FAMILIES
- 25 STUDENTS RECEIVED \$50 WALMART CARDS FOR "SHOP WITH A COP" PROGRAM
- 150 COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS ACROSS 3 FAMILY LINE-DANCE NIGHTS
- 4 SCHOOLS JOINED "DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL" WITH MALE MENTORS
- HOSTED A COMMUNITY TEA WITH SHE-SALT (SPOKEN WORD ARTIST) AND JUST THE PLACE DANCERS

5 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

- 65 TEENS EMPLOYED 6 WEEKS, 20 HRS/WEEK
- 7,800 TOTAL WORK HOURS
- \$128,700 WAGES EARNED AT \$16.50/HR
- WDAY WORKED HARD TO PREVENT BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT

To our **Grantors**, your trust and investment are the bedrock of our work, making everything that follows possible,

To our **Sponsors**, your support turned good ideas into real, vibrant programs and events for our youth.

To our **Community Partners**, thank you for walking with us. Your collaboration and shared mission mean we can reach further and support more effectively than we ever could alone.

To our **Volunteers**, thank you for showing up. We truly appreciate your help.

To our **Youth Board**, thank you for the role you played in our success this year.

We say thank you to our city's leadership, City Manager, Matt Alexander, Mayor Vivian McKenzie and Common Council.

A special and heartfelt thanks must go to community partners whose extraordinary commitment lifted our work this year:

- Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg
- Black Diamonds Academic Success Program
- Dr. David Mauricio, City of Peekskill School District
- Environmental Leaders of Color
- Ernest McFadden, Westchester County Youth Bureau
- Grandpas United
- Legislator Colin Smith
- New York-Presbyterian Hospital
- Peekskill Girl Scouts
- Peekskill Rotary
- Peekskill Resource Center (E. McCorvey)
- Senator Pete Harckham
- Sloyd Woodworking
- Trooper Raymond Renzo
- Walmart (Mohegan Lake)
- Westchester Arts Council
- Westchester Cars & Coffee
- Westchester Children's Association
- Win Waste

THANK YOU!