CAMBA Partnership with Brooklyn Diaper Project Reaches Milestone
100,000 Diapers Donated

CAMBA is thrilled to announce that it has surpassed 100,000 diapers donated to clients through its partnership with Brooklyn Diaper Project (BDP).

BDP, a project by The Moore Family Charitable Foundation, is helping to alleviate diaper need among NYC residents, including many clients. To date,
CAMBA has received 104,000 diapers through its partnership with BDP, lifting a tremendous burden off families at our Kensington and Flagstone Family Shelters, in our Healthy Families program, and at our Beyond Hunger Food Pantry.

Diapers cost an average of $75 a month, making a lack of diapers an often-invisible need faced by one in two children in the U.S. — and leaving their parents to make heart-wrenching decisions. One such parent who's currently benefiting from the program told us, "If it came down to it, I would always sleep hungry instead of sending my child to bed with a wet diaper. In those situations I'd always choose the diaper over food." This is a dilemma no parent should ever be faced with.

Without clean dry diapers, children run the risk of diaper rash, infections and other significant health problems. Since children without diapers can be exposed to more potential health risks, they are often less likely to be accepted to daycare programs, making it even more difficult for parents to work. BDP and CAMBA aim to help eliminate this cycle through their continued partnership.

"Our partnership with Brooklyn Diaper Project has been a lifeline for the mothers we serve," said Claire Harding-Keefe, CAMBA's Executive Vice President of Homeless & Family Services. "Receiving these generous donations of diapers over the last four years has enabled our clients — who are on a very limited income — to focus on taking care of their babies instead of the stress of affording basic necessities."

"We are deeply grateful to contribute to CAMBA's significant impact by providing diapers to the Brooklyn families they serve," said Wendy Moore, Executive Director of Brooklyn Diaper Project. "We recognize that, despite our efforts, diaper need only continues to grow. In addition to efficiently distributing pallets of diapers, we are committed to changing the conversation by building new, creative solutions to solve diaper need once and for all."

By lifting that burden, Brooklyn Diaper Project has tremendously helped these women as they navigate motherhood and create a happy, healthy life for their families.

As we continue our partnership in 2024, we remain dedicated to providing as many children as possible with clean diapers.

CAMBA Staff Member N'Dia Brissett Tragically Shot While Escorting a Program Participant Safely Home
BIVO team member N'Dia Brissett, upon her graduation from Buffalo State University

Brownsville In, Violence Out (BIVO), our anti-gun violence program, works directly with the community doing violence prevention, deescalation, and interruption work in Brownsville, Brooklyn, particularly aiming to reach youth at risk of getting caught up in dangerous behaviors and especially gun violence.

The BIVO team works tirelessly every day to keep young people, their families, friends and local community safe. Additionally, BIVO provides participants between the ages of 16 and 25 with a variety of supportive services, including job training programs and access to employment, legal and therapeutic services, as well as school conflict mediation.

While extremely rare, unfortunately sometimes our team members are caught in the very violence they are working so hard to prevent. BIVO Staff Member N'Dia Brissett, a Case Manager who has been with BIVO for two years, was tragically shot while escorting a program participant safely home on January 4th. N'Dia continues to recover and is in good spirits.

When violence happens in BIVO’s community, they hold a shooting response event to come together in a show of support and to remind their neighbors that they will continue to work together to eradicate violence. The January 5th event was attended by its partners from the NYC Crisis Management Systems (CMS) and the Brownsville Safety Alliance, as well as many community and faith leaders. The response was covered by both News 12 Brooklyn and PIX 11 News.

Almost a year to the day from when fellow BIVO team member Taronn "Tree" Sloane was shot — also while trying to keep the neighborhood safe — this
latest tragedy is deeply disturbing and underscores the dangerous nature of the work BIVO does to protect others.

These incidents have significantly decreased in frequency over the last several years thanks to BIVO's instrumental presence in its geographical area of focus. There were zero murders in 2023, and there were significant decreases in both shooting incidents (down 63.6%) and shooting victims (down 58%). However, even one incident is one too many.

Every day, the BIVO team puts their own personal safety on the line to improve their community, and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their dedication and selflessness.

If you're interested in reading more about CAMBA's BIVO team, they were also recently featured in two news stories: a USA Today piece about the important work of violence interrupters, which features an extensive interview with BIVO Team Member Taronn "Tree" Sloane; and a Gothamist piece about NYC crime statistics in 2023.

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Spring is Almost Here! Join Us April 14th for NYCRUNS 5K & Brooklyn Training Run Benefiting CAMBA

Spring is around the corner and so is our annual race with NYCRUNS in Prospect Park - The NYCRUNS Prospect Park 5K & Brooklyn Training Run! Run for a cause and join us on Sunday, April 14.
Your support helps CAMBA impact the lives of more than 65,000 people a year. With more than 180 programs, you can make it possible for CAMBA to keep families facing homelessness from being evicted, provide food for the hungry with our Beyond Hunger Emergency Food Pantry, bring literacy classes and job training programs for immigrants and low-income adults, and support after school and college prep programs to ensure our youth are on track for a successful future.

Not a runner? Support the race by making a donation here. Or join the 5K or the Brooklyn Training Run for the NYCRUNS Brooklyn Half Marathon. Here’s how:

- You can register to run in the race directly with CAMBA and support CAMBA’s Programs here.
- You can register for the race with NYCRUNS.
- After registering you can also make a donation and encourage your friends and family to donate as well here.
- Once you have signed up for the race you can go to Run this One and set up a fundraising page to support.
- You can make a donation here even if you are not able to join the race or fundraise.

Please join us in racing for CAMBA. Together we can build a stronger, more inclusive, and more prosperous NYC!

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**Students in CAMBA's LTW Program at Forsythe Satellite Academy Benefit from Two Unique Partnerships**

**New Partnership with Trader Joe's Gives LTW Students Nourishment for Learning**
Thanks to a new partnership with Trader Joe's, Forsythe Satellite Academy will receive bi-monthly deliveries of fresh produce and baked goods, as well as microwaveable meals for its homeless youth. There are three different schools in the building, totaling 577 students.

Many thanks to the amazing hard work and dedication of the Community Schools Director Tony Canton. Tony called, emailed and met in person with Trader Joe's Community Liaisons. This could not have been possible without his foresight and commitment to provide the best services for our students and our community in this building.

New Partnership with Warby Parker Gives LTW Students Free Eye Exams & Glasses
Many thanks to Warby Parker and the Helen Keller Institute for giving students in CAMBA's Learning To Work (LTW) program at Forsythe Satellite Academy much-needed free eye exams and glasses!

CAMBA Housing Ventures Breaks Ground on Clarkson Estates in Brooklyn
Last month, Governor Hochul announced the start of construction on Clarkson Estates — CAMBA Housing Ventures (CHV)’s $238 million affordable and supportive housing development which is part of the State’s $1.4 billion Vital Brooklyn initiative.

Clarkson Estates will feature 328 affordable apartments, including 164 supportive units for formerly homeless households, CAMBA’s onsite supportive services, and over 30,000 square feet of community facility space in Flatbush, Brooklyn.

CAMBA and CHV are beyond grateful to all of our project partners and investors for making this sustainable and amenity-rich development possible. Click here to read the press release.

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