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2025 ANNUAL REPORT





Dear Friends of The Arthur Project,

I am honored to share the highlights of another impactful year at The Arthur Project. Your unwavering support has been a cornerstone of our success, enabling us to continue our vital mission of providing transformational mentorship to New York City youth. Through the dedication of our mentors and staff, as well as consistent support and enriching programs, our students have achieved remarkable milestones. We have seen increased academic engagement, improved social-emotional skills, and a growing sense of self-confidence among our mentees.

Our accomplishments this year include:

Expanded Reach: We thoughtfully increased the number of young people we serve, allowing us to offer our unique model to more individuals.

Deepened Impact: We enhanced our mentor training and support systems to ensure our mentors are even better equipped to guide and empower their mentees.

New Partnerships: We forged new collaborations with community partners, organizations, and schools, broadening our network of support and resources.

These achievements are the result of the tireless efforts of our staff, the commitment of our social work student mentors, the trust and faith of our community, and the generous contributions of our donors. Each of you plays a crucial role in empowering our young people to overcome adversity and reach their full potential.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to deepening our impact and expanding our reach. We will continue to innovate, collaborate, and advocate for the young people we serve, ensuring they have the opportunities and support they need to thrive.

Thank you for being a part of The Arthur Project family. Together, we are making a profound difference in the lives of our students and building a better future for our community.

With sincere gratitude,

Travis Montez Johnson
Board President, The Arthur Project

MENTOR + MENTEE SPOTLIGHT:

Nicholas (Mentee) *and Emily* (Mentor)



Emily Joyce didn't always envision a career in social work. With a background in theatre and economics, she began her professional journey producing creative projects and organizing events in the queer community. Yet one theme consistently emerged: her passion for connecting with people and offering meaningful support. When the pandemic brought her theatre work to a halt, Emily took time to reflect.

Across her varied experiences from campaign organizing to teaching high school theatre, she recognised a common thread: helping others through change. That realization led her to pursue a Master's in Social Work at the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College.

Today, as a mentor with The Arthur Project, Emily provides the kind of care and guidance she once needed herself. "I wish I had a me when I was growing up," she says. Her students, including

Nicholas, an eighth grader in the program, feel that support deeply. "They teach me things I need before high school," Nicholas shares noting that he especially enjoys the field trips and the welcoming, safe space to talk.

**"I didn't know where to go
so I came here."**
— The Arthur Project Mentee

Emily recalls one student who sought her out after being criticized for showing emotion. "He needed to know it was okay to feel," she explained. For Emily, mentorship is not about discipline; it is about trust. "I'm not here to get them in trouble. I'm here to help." One afternoon, another student knocked on her door after being sent out of class and said, "I didn't know where to go, so I came here." For Emily, that simple statement captured the essence of The Arthur Project.

For both mentors and students, The Arthur Project is more than just a program. It is a lifeline. It offers a space where young people are seen, heard and supported, helping them build confidence and resilience that extend far beyond the classroom. ▀

THE ARTHUR PROJECT'S *Community Holiday Party*



This past year, The Arthur Project hosted a remarkable Community Holiday party in Midtown Manhattan, bringing together the entire Arthur Project community to celebrate the season through music, art, and creative engagement.

The event opened with an energetic set from DJ Dot from 105.1 FM, whose music

set a vibrant tone for the evening. The celebration was further enriched by the generous support of RBC employees, who gave dozens of gifts to The Arthur Project youth, adding a memorable and uplifting element for our students.

Attendees enjoyed interactive activities, including cookie decorating, jewelry making, and ornament design, along with a buffet of food and games for all ages. The combination of great food, lively entertainment, and hands-on creative opportunities made the event meaningful and enjoyable to everyone who attended. ▀





THE ARTHUR PROJECT LITERACY FAIR

This year, The Arthur Project hosted our first Literacy Fair. This event was made possible through the generous sponsorship of RBC Capital Markets and the unwavering support of our partners: Adanne Bookstore, Liz's Book Bar, and Taylor & Co. Books. Every student at The Meyer Levin School for the Performing Arts received a young adult book of their choice to take home. Held during the lunch periods, the fair featured an array of interactive, educational, and creative activities that inspired students to explore the transformative power of literature.

Through storytelling, art, reading, and writing stations, students engaged with culturally representative voices and discovered new ways to express themselves. The literacy fair reflected The Arthur Project's commitment to literacy, self-expression, and community engagement. It was a powerful reminder that books can open minds, build empathy, and inspire lasting change, one story at a time.

We thank our Program Director, Candice Brown - Saunders, for coordinating the event and to our Brooklyn Education Advocate, Destiny Kirk, for the inspiration behind it. To the staff of RBC Capital Markets, we are truly grateful for the opportunity to spend the day with you and deeply humbled by your commitment to our students. It is through your dedication that we turn the page toward a brighter future together. 📖



The Arthur Project Presents: YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE "LEAD WITH CONFIDENCE"

The Arthur Project launched its Summer 2025 Youth Leadership Institute for rising high school students, continuing its mission to provide transformational leadership development experiences. The Youth Leadership Institute prepares students for the transition to high school and beyond, emphasizing civic engagement, critical thinking, and community leadership.

The program featured workshops on life skills, emotional intelligence, and high school readiness, including topics such as communication, financial literacy, self-care, advocacy, and emotional regulation. Field trips to Beat the Bomb, Pier 2 Roller Skating Rink, Spyscape Museum, and Six Flags, along with creative workshops in writing, sewing, and pillow making encouraged curiosity, teamwork, and personal growth.



Students explored real-world issues such as gun violence, environmental protection, homelessness, inequality, mental health, education, and voting rights through project based learning and presentations to peers and community leaders, including the President of the NAACP's Brooklyn chapter. Guided by mentorship from NYU Pre-law student Taylor Campbell and the 5 W's framework, students created actionable projects and strengthened skills in leadership, problem-solving and creativity.

By the end of the program, students gained leadership training, life skills, and a stipend, reinforcing financial literacy and self-empowerment. From 30 students in its inaugural year to 55 students in 2025, the Youth Leadership Institute continues to grow, equipping the next generation with the confidence, skills, and purpose to make meaningful contributions to their communities. 📖

This year, The Arthur Project:

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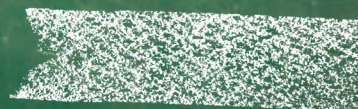
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DEVELOP
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS



Meet
Petra Vega, LMSW
Bronx Clinical
Site Coordinator

Before joining The Arthur Project, Petra Vega was deeply engaged in building an anti-oppressive leadership coaching business focused on supporting BIPOC and LGBTQ+ nonprofit leaders. Her work helped leaders reclaim their voices and speak confidently, amplifying their impact within their organizations and communities. Petra's career spans a wide range of direct service and advocacy roles, including Community Organizer, Program Manager, and Board Member, across issues such as LGBTQ+ rights, anti-poverty efforts, gender-based violence protection, racial justice, peer leadership, and family and community engagement. At The Arthur Project, Petra leverages her experience to support her team in developing anti-oppressive, equitable practices that strengthen both the organization and community.

**"I decided to dedicate
my life to learning how
change happens."**

— Petra Vega

Throughout her journey, Petra gained powerful insights into leadership and growth. Early in her career, she equated impact with perfection, leaving little room for missteps. Working closely with young people shifted this view: she realized mistakes are essential for learning and leadership. Now, she values imperfection, resilience, and growth as traits of authentic leadership.

Through her work at The Arthur Project, Petra translates her frontline experience into strategic guidance, supporting mentors with navigating complex challenges while remaining true to themselves and their learning experience. Petra's goal at The Arthur Project is to shape environments where both mentors and students can thrive. //

THE ARTHUR PROJECT'S END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION 2025

*An Afternoon of Fun, Laughter,
and Community!*

The Arthur Project wrapped up the school year in style during its End of the Year Celebration. The event welcomed The Arthur Project families for an evening filled with music, games, delicious food, and vibrant community spirit.

In keeping with The Arthur Project's commitment to accessibility and inclusion, free round-trip transportation was provided so that every family could participate in the celebration.

The gathering featured colorful decorations, playful activities, and moments of joy and connection that reflected the strength and unity of the The Arthur Project community. From toddlers to teens, each guest found something meaningful to enjoy, creating an atmosphere of laughter, engagement, and togetherness.

The celebration served as a heartfelt thank you to the students, families, and staff who contributed to a successful school year. It was a beautiful reminder of the power of community, the joy of shared experiences, and the spirit of celebration at the heart of The Arthur Project's mission. //



THIS YEAR, THE ARTHUR PROJECT
CELEBRATED OUR **3RD ANNUAL**

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THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF
OUR 220 GUESTS AND SUPPORTERS
WE RAISED AN IMPRESSIVE

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Additionally, we awarded high-end prizes, including a Peter Max Lithograph, a Bulgari Carbon Gold Watch, a Limited Edition Humidor and Men's Grooming Set, Larkspur and Hawk Earrings, an exclusive golf package from RBC Capital Markets, and much more.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the support of our key sponsors: **RBC Capital Markets, and our presenting sponsors: Amy Wu & David Silverman; IHL Group; The Miner-Romanoff Family; Jeff & Antoinette Muti; American Life; Steve Logan; Christian Asmar; AVO Construction; and Quontic Bank.**

We are looking forward to continuing this tradition and achieving even greater success at next year's tournament.



RUNNING FOR A CAUSE: THE ARTHUR PROJECT AT THE 54TH ANNUAL TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON

The Arthur Project proudly raised \$26,425 during the 2025 Annual TCS New York City Marathon, held on Sunday, November 2, 2025. This remarkable achievement was made possible by the dedication of its runners and the generous support of donors who believe in the organization's mission to empower underserved youth through long-term, one-on-one mentoring.

Tom and Charlie Shapiro, father and son, shared, "We have always been believers that strong mentorship creates strong individuals. The Arthur Project is an incredible organization that has taken mentorship to the next level. We are excited to run the marathon together in support of their programming".

Runner Christian Capasso said, "I'm pumped to run the NYC Marathon for The Arthur Project! Their mentoring-based mission addresses a critical need in today's uncertain landscape, where visible, worthy role models have become increasingly rare."

Thank you to the runners: Christian Capasso, Charlie Shapiro, Tom Shapiro, Kyle Rechnitz and Trevor Rechnitz."

The Arthur Project's participation in this iconic event not only highlighted its commitment to youth development but also connected the cause to a global audience. The funds raised will directly support our mentoring programs, helping to foster resilience and opportunity for the youth we serve. 





LOOKING AHEAD WITH OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jessica Greenawalt, Ph.D. LCSW

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on this past year, I'm filled with gratitude for the incredible strides we've made together at The Arthur Project. We've doubled down on our commitment to youth - and the mentors that serve them. Throughout, it has been an honor to lead an organization rooted in care, innovation, and an unwavering belief in the potential of every young person. Serving as Executive Director remains a privilege and humbling responsibility.

This year brought no shortage of challenges. Ongoing social and political shifts have deeply impacted the youth and families we serve — often in complex and painful ways. Still, our team rose to the moment — focused and deeply committed to meeting the evolving needs of our communities. Yet, the current climate has only magnified the importance of our work. Inequities continue to shape the daily realities of our youth, underscoring the need for a response that is both intentional and immediate.

In the face of adversity, our mission has only grown stronger. I've witnessed, time and again, the transformative power of mentorship — how consistent, compassionate guidance can shift

the trajectory of a young person's life. Our mentors, social work students grounded in their own lived experiences, show up with professionalism, wisdom, and unwavering dedication.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to creating spaces of healing, discovery, and growth —while also pushing for lasting, systemic change that uplifts every young person. Over the next years, we'll continue to strategically deepen our roots in NYC and partner to expand our reach to students and communities outside of NYC.

As we enter a new chapter, I invite you to continue building a future where all youth have the opportunity to thrive. Your belief, partnership, and support power this work. Thank you for being part of this resilient and inspiring community.

In solidarity,

Jessica Greenawalt, LCSW, PhD
Executive Director, The Arthur Project

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