



Dear POINT community,

We've made it to the end of the summer! These past few months have undoubtedly been one for the books; from the uprising of BLM protests to the decrease in COVID infections to a heated race for the NY-15 congressional seat. Our community and staff have shown up in ways that make us feel hopeful and give us the strength to move towards the Fall.

Since the start of the pandemic THE POINT has...

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:**

- Since mid-March, in collaboration with the office of Senator Michael Blake, we've distributed **12,500+ meals**.
- We co-organized Ms. Pat's Food Ministry and Pantry for 9 weeks, feeding approximately 150 families weekly. **400+ face masks and 200 Cooper Hewitt's Design Activity books** were distributed during this time.
- **100 gift cards and 100+ water bottles** were donated by Fidelis Care and distributed to our community.
- Our BaB staff held **4 "Cooling Stations"** in August in order to promote the census and literature on how to stay cool during the summer months.
- Bascom Catering led **6 virtual [Blank Plate Summer Food Demos cooking demos](#)**.
- In collaboration with CTNY, the Hunts Point Digital Stewards program held a **3-week intensive "Virtual Summer Digital Equity workshop"** for local partners with a total of 20 participants, taking time to demystify the internet for themselves and on behalf of their communities.

#### **ARTS AND CULTURE:**

- **10.5 hours of bi-lingual yoga instruction** by Laura Cabrera.
- In collaboration with **Pepatian Hip Hop Academy**, we held **10 virtual workshops about Spoken Word, Hip Hop Dance, and Film Screenings** "Women of Hip Hop Rep The Bronx", and "Out of La Negrura/Blackness for ages 11-21 throughout May and June 2020, with 20 young people participating. We also workshopped a **3 session long TOOFFLY "Being Heard in the Pandemic"** virtual mural art workshop geared towards teens in June and July 2020, with 15 participants.
- **Fish Parade 2020** happened virtually this year, that included a youth panel, a ["Converging Pandemics" panel, performances, and interviews](#).

#### **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:**

- For six weeks, we engaged 40 participants for our “Virtual Summer Youth Program”. Classes included Environmental Justice 101, and Choir. [Check out the choir’s final presentation video.](#)
- For six weeks, we held a “Virtual ICP Summer Youth Program”, with 15 participants. See their presentation here!

#### CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:

- We held 2 ongoing “Community Conversations” in partnership with Montefiore Community Clinic in the Longwood Area. Topic discussions included “The myths and truth about COVID-19” and “BLM, mental health, and COVID-19”.
- As part of the [Bronx-Wide Platform](#) coalition, we organized a [NY-15 candidate debate](#) online.
- As part of the Renewable Rikers campaign, we held [a panel and “Community Conversations”](#) to discuss the future of Rikers Island.

Please check out our “Yearbook 2019-2020” ([Teens](#), [After-School program](#), and [Staff](#)) for a detailed look at our Spring programming and participants. Although we’ve exceeded our expectations and were still able to host a summer program that stipends young people and became a hub for food distribution in Hunts Point we still need YOUR help. Please consider becoming a sustaining member of THE POINT CDC. With the cost of a cup of coffee, you are ensuring that the voices that will imagine a resilient future for the South Bronx and beyond are provided with the supplies and space to do so. Please see our [membership details here!](#)



**Lastly, THE POINT will be completely CLOSED from August 24-September 8, 2020.** If you have any needs, suggestions, or would like to contribute back to the community, please reach out to us at [info@thepoint.org](mailto:info@thepoint.org). Make sure to subscribe to our newsletter and check back for updates at [www.thepoint.org](http://www.thepoint.org), [www.huntspoint.nyc](http://www.huntspoint.nyc), and on Instagram [@thepointcdc](https://www.instagram.com/thepointcdc).

With our deepest love and gratitude,  
THE POINT CDC