Since 1997, the Foundation has mobilized over 50 million dollars to increase the capacity and reach of the Morris Heights Health Center.

Our Mission

A not-for-profit corporation established to promote health and quality innovative health care for underserved populations. The Foundation’s primary focus is support of Morris Heights Health Center, Inc., a community health center providing health care services to underserved communities.
Dear Friends,

From its beginnings, the MHHC Foundation has derived its sense of purpose and pioneering spirit from its supporters, its staff, and the people it serves. As the philanthropic arm of Morris Heights Health Center, the MHHC Foundation has helped make great leaps forward in providing healthcare and social services, and in fostering community development. The theme for this year’s MHHC Foundation annual report is Making an Impact – to recognize the ways that our supporters and staff strive to make an impact in our community each day.

This is a time of enormous change. The Affordable Care Act has directed momentum and resources toward our mission of serving the medically underinsured and uninsured. As a federally-qualified health center, Morris Heights Health Center will play a vital role in expanding access to health care among the under-served – including those individuals who will be newly covered under the Act. At MHHC Foundation, we are already embracing new opportunities to help Morris Heights Health Center reach more people and make a greater impact in our community. The MHHC Foundation has made capital and programmatic investments to strengthen the coordination of care at Morris Heights Health Center across the spectrum of health needs. We will continue to fulfill our mission of helping Morris Heights Health Center provide high-quality care to the underserved populations of the Southwest Bronx.

We have witnessed the transformation of the Southwest Bronx from an area facing poor conditions and dis-investment into a thriving community. Despite the revitalization of the neighborhood, social and economic inequities still diminish the health and well-being of the community. As Morris Heights Health Center strives to improve patients’ wellbeing, it faces a deepening shortage of primary care providers at a time of increasing need for preventive care, primary healthcare, and chronic disease management. Through support for the establishment of the Morris Heights University (MHU), a comprehensive learning center housed at Morris Heights Health Center, the MHHC Foundation is focused on ensuring that Morris Heights Health Center answers the call for diverse, highly-qualified healthcare professionals who have a commitment to serving the underserved.

Since its formation, the MHHC Foundation has provided visionary support that enables Morris Heights Health Center to adapt to changing circumstances and embrace new opportunities. The work of the MHHC Foundation is only possible through the generosity of donors, board members, and Friends of the Foundation; federal, state, and city government officials; partners at community organizations and local businesses; and staff and patients. To all of our friends, we thank you. Your contributions, expertise, time, and effort have helped MHHC Foundation improve health and change lives every day.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]

Verona Greenland, Maura Bluestone, President Chair
Making an Impact…

Realizing a Vision

Harrison Circle

The 2010 opening of Harrison Circle was the realization of the MHHC Foundation’s most ambitious fundraising campaign to date. Harrison Circle is an innovative six-story mixed-use facility with primary and specialty healthcare and 70 units of housing for low-income seniors. Built to the “LEED Silver” standard, the facility is an environmentally sustainable addition to the community. At the culmination of a six-year capital campaign, MHHC Foundation helped raise 49 million dollars to turn this vision into reality. The facility allows Morris Heights Health Center to serve an additional 18,000 individuals each year with physical therapy, mammography, orthopedics, cardiology, and community programming.

Always looking for new ways to leverage our resources, the MHHC Foundation participated in the recently created New Market Tax Credit program to secure substantial funding toward Harrison Circle. MHHC Foundation embraces innovative fundraising strategies to maximize our ability to invest in the future of the community.

MHHC thrives because of its people and their belief in its mission. To make Harrison Circle possible, MHHC staff contributed their own funds through the Building Blocks program. To Building Blocks participants: Thank You!

Looking to the Future

MHHC Foundation is currently raising funds toward a goal of $5 million dollars to renovate the Morris Heights Health Center “flagship” facility. The site has served MHHC patients and staff well since its establishment, but at over 30 years old, critical improvements are needed to make the facility more patient friendly and service efficient. With the achievement of site renovations, MHHC will be positioned to continue providing services of the highest quality to its patients and to participate in the ongoing transformation of the Southwest corridor of the Bronx.
Recently, MHHC Foundation began a campaign to support the Morris Heights University (MHU). Morris Heights Health Center created the MHU to answer the call for increasing numbers of diverse, highly qualified healthcare professionals.

MHU is a comprehensive learning center through which all teaching and training activities at MHHC are coordinated, with a focus on developing clinical capabilities and knowledge, information technology, management development, and work skills enhancement.

MHHC already has established training partnerships with leading educational institutions and currently trains over 175 providers each year. MHHC Foundation is proud to help MHU build on these existing programs and develop new opportunities to dramatically enhance MHHC’s ability to attract, develop, and retain health care providers with a commitment to serving the underserved.

In 2010, MHHC Foundation was endowed with the Charles and Dorothy Harman Training Center. The training center is the designated training site of MHU. It significantly enhances MHHC’s ability to offer effective staff training programs, and will play an essential role in the future of organizational excellence and clinical care at MHHC.

The Center’s inaugural training was delivered by the NYC Department of Health on an evidence-based teen health program being piloted at two of our school based health centers. MHU has also hosted trainings in the Center on diverse topics such as cholesterol testing and use of electronic medical records.
Making an Impact…
Building Our Community

The MHHC Foundation is inextricably linked to the South Bronx community. We are guided by a commitment serving the underserved, and in keeping with this mission, we support work by local organizations to overcome health disparities and improve the quality of life for the people we serve.

Last year, we provided funds to the Association of Hispanic Healthcare Executives, for its work to increase the diversity of the healthcare workforce and expand access to healthcare to the Latino community.

We also provide small community grants. Last year we provided funds to the M.S. 390 school chorus for uniforms and transportation, thus helping the chorus to continue providing positive engagement and enrichment for Bronx youth.

Funds to the Bronx Red Sox Little League team for new uniforms help the team continue to provide health and social benefits to participating young people. Small grants like these ensure that local organizations and schools can continue fostering individual and community development.
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