



# NEWS FROM

## Speaker of the Assembly **Carl E. Heastie**



Assemblyman Heastie at Wake Eden Baptist Church's Annual Block Party with Reverend Williams.

### Dear Neighbor,

As we dive into the summer season, I wanted to take a moment to send you and your family a little sunshine to brighten your days, as well as update you on some important developments and upcoming community events. This legislative session gave rise to so many beneficial programs and sent funding to the Northeast Bronx. These programs contribute to a better quality of life for our community, and I hope they're helpful to you.

Being your Assemblyman is a role I find deeply fulfilling. Helping to provide necessary resources for our community to prosper and grow is no small feat, but with your support we will continue moving in the right direction. I want to assure you that I remain steadfast in fighting for your interests and priorities – providing families with resources to succeed.

I encourage you to actively participate by sharing your comments, feedback, and suggestions. Your input is crucial in guiding our efforts to create a thriving and inclusive community. We are stronger when we work together! If there is any way that I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. My office is here to serve you.

With Love and Hope,

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## Local Funds Secured in State Budget

- » **St. Nicholas Chess for Kids, Inc.**  
\$10,000 – Funds will provide materials and supplies to run an afterschool chess program for local youth.
- » **Education Through Music**  
\$200,000 – Funds will be used to provide music instruction for children in our local public schools.
- » **East 233<sup>rd</sup> Street Senior Center**  
\$10,000 – Financial assistance will provide materials for senior programs and activities.
- » **Wiz Kids Books B4 Basketball**  
\$30,000 – Funds will be used to purchase new materials and supplies for activities.
- » **Fresh Air Fund**  
\$1.6 million – This program, also known as Camp Junior, is an innovative project that allows Bronx youth to experience summer camp in upstate New York. The funding will provide disadvantaged youth with the opportunity to leave the city and spend two weeks learning about nature and the great outdoors.
- » **Lehman College BronxNet**  
\$100,000 – State grant will assist BronxNet to continue to provide award winning programming to Bronxites.
- » **Lavelle School of the Blind**  
\$1,000,000 – To assist school in making necessary infrastructure upgrades that will ensure longevity of its facilities.



## Groups Funded Through Special Projects Program

- » **Citizens Committee for New York City**  
\$200,000 – Community improvement grants
- » **Jewish Association Serving the Aging (JASA) Bay Eden Senior Center**  
\$30,000 – To support programming for Bay Eden Senior Center
- » **Junior Achievement of New York**  
\$250,000 – Tennis programs
- » **Wake Eden Community Baptist Church**  
\$125,000 – Summer STEM program
- » **Gun Hill Basketball Association, Inc.**  
\$25,000 – Basketball programming
- » **SCO Family Services**  
\$25,000 – Human services for children, families, adults, and the community
- » **Nest Music Conservatory, Inc.**  
\$50,000 – To provide music education to youth in the Bronx through out-of-school programs, live events, and academic empowerment.
- » **New York Common Pantry, Inc.**  
\$50,000 – For food services in the NYC community
- » **Beulah Church Of God Seventh Day, Inc.**  
\$25,000 – Food pantry
- » **New York Zoological Society**  
\$85,000 – Support programming
- » **North Bronx National Council of Negro Women**  
\$50,000 – State monies will be used to help the organization continue their programs which include quality daycare services and support for children and their families here in the North Bronx.

## Speaker Heastie Makes Community Cleanliness a Priority

Community wellness continues to be a top priority for residents of the Northeast Bronx – this includes the cleanliness of its streets. Maintaining a clean and beautiful community is not just a goal but a shared responsibility. To assist in these continued efforts, Assemblyman Heastie has directed funding to the New York City Department of Sanitation to procure hidden cameras across the Bronx to assist in deterring illegal dumping.



*“Proper garbage disposal practices allow residents to have pride in their neighborhood while also making the preservation of our planet for future generations a priority.”*

*– Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie*

Assemblyman Heastie, in partnership with Councilman Riley, has also provided funding of \$162,000 to The Association of Community Employment Programs for the Homeless (ACE) to provide supplemental cleaning of our busiest streets (specifically the Boston Road and Gun Hill Road business corridors). Both the Assemblyman and Councilman believe the cleanliness of the Northeast Bronx is top priority and have made proper investments that will enhance quality of life and promote health and safety amongst those who reside in the Northeast Bronx.

## Speaker Heastie Secures Funding for Cameras for Local Police

Community safety continues to be a top priority for residents of the Northeast Bronx. Last year, Speaker Heastie made investments in Argus Cameras, also known as ‘eyes in sky,’ which are surveillance cameras that have played a great part in bolstering security across the district. This year, Speaker Heastie has continued to invest in community safety, allocating \$300,000 for the 49<sup>th</sup> NYPD Precinct to purchase and install more of these cameras throughout the 83<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District.

## Investment in Food Programs Provide Increased Stability for Families

In this year’s state budget, Speaker Heastie made significant investments in food assistance programs. Food insecurity programs are vital to our community, strengthening our collective ability to support those in need.

- » **Grow NYC**  
\$700,000 – Funds will go toward programming and support for Grow NYC sites in our local communities. Grow NYC makes fresh, affordable produce accessible to underserved communities across NYC.
- » **ICNA Relief USA**  
\$25,000 – Funds will assist in alleviating human suffering by providing caring and compassionate service to victims of adversities and survivors of disasters.
- » **St. Luke’s Community Food Program**  
\$30,000 – Funds will go toward the community pantry.



## Speaker Heastie Delivers funding for Mind Builders Creative Arts Center

Speaker Heastie helped secure over \$1 million in this year's state budget for the Mind Builders Creative Arts Center. The program offers children enrichment and instruction in music, dance, theatre and other arts programs. Funds will be used for infrastructure upgrades, the purchase of materials and supplies, and instruction for youth. These funds will ensure Mind Builders can continue its program operation in our community.

Education in the arts has been shown to offer numerous benefits including bolstering creativity and expression, increasing critical thinking and problem solving, and fostering emotional intelligence in both children and adults. This program offers an opportunity for young adults to have hands-on experience with shared cultural arts and activities. The programs are conducted year-round to help keep young adults off the street and engaged in quality cultural enrichment.



Speaker Heastie and Senator Bailey attend District 11 Soap Box Derby

## Assemblyman Heastie Allocates \$50,000 in Funds to Local Libraries



Speaker Heastie participating in reading activities with children from local schools

Assemblyman Heastie has dedicated funding to the local New York Public Library Edenwald, Allerton, Baychester and Wakefield branches to support their operations. Our libraries continue to play a crucial role in communities everywhere. Contributing to education, literacy, community, and the progression of learning, libraries are vital in maintaining the growth of our neighborhood. Members of the community, especially our youth, rely on libraries for not only books but access to the internet.

***"Everyone has a memory about their time in a library. Libraries are community hubs that bring people together, help in continued learning, and create a gateway to a sea of information,"***

***said Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie***

## Assemblyman Heastie Secures \$50,000 for NAACP's Williamsbridge Branch

The Williamsbridge branch of the NAACP will continue to conduct education and afterschool programming for local families with funding secured by Assemblyman Carl Heastie through the State Education Department. This will help children thrive academically through education and mentoring from older students and adults.

## Speaker Heastie Awards Local Schools Funding for Afterschool Programming

Speaker Heastie has allotted over \$500,000 in state funding for afterschool programming at several schools in the 83<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District. Afterschool programs assist families that may not have childcare at school dismissal while also giving children academic support in the form of tutoring and homework help, skill development and socialization.

Baychester Academy P.S.169  
Pelham Gardens Middle School

Leaders of Tomorrow M.S.113  
P.S.121 (Education through Music)

P.S.68  
P.S.87

***"Our children deserve the best education possible, and this includes afterschool instruction," said Speaker Heastie. "Afterschool programming plays a crucial role in a child's development. Families should not be deterred as a result of the costs associated with this service. We must continue to work toward giving families options and access to the necessary programs for their child's success."***

## Assemblyman Heastie Invests in our Communities Children through Debate Programming

Debate programs have been found to provide structured environments for children of all ages, helping to improve academic and communication skills and preparing them for future leadership roles. As such, Speaker Heastie has provided over \$40,000 to program operators Debate4All and American Debate League to provide these quintessential skills to community children.

# Speaker Heastie Continues Funding for Northeast Bronx YMCA and its Youth Swim Programs

The YMCA of Greater New York was awarded \$5 million to support the operation of community centers across New York City, including our very own Northeast Bronx YMCA. This funding will enable the Y to continue to service local communities through time-tested programs such as After School for Youth, summer camp, teen center activities, older adult programming, adult literacy programs and food pantries.

Another \$150,000 was secured for the Northeast Bronx YMCA to provide youth swimming lessons and second grade swimming instruction for local elementary schools. Viewed by many as a recreational activity, swimming is not just that, rather it is a lifesaving skill that not everyone possesses. In many communities where access to swimming lessons and facilities is often limited, promoting swimming can help bridge gaps in water safety.

Speaker Heastie understands the importance of this skill and is an avid supporter of swimming-centered investments. With water-related accidents at an all-time high nationwide, it is of the upmost importance to provide children with necessary lessons to ensure they can swim and be knowledgeable of best practices when around pools and other bodies of water.

Remember, the YMCA provides swimming lessons for adolescents as well as for adults, so feel free to stop by the Northeast Bronx YMCA to inquire.



## Don't miss out on Speaker Heastie's Free Annual Summer Community BBQ!



### ASSEMBLYMAN CARLE E. HEASTIE'S SUMMER BBQ

Sat., July 27<sup>th</sup>  
1 pm - 5 pm

Haffen Park  
Ely Ave. & Hammersley Ave. Bronx, NY

Join us for a free fun filled afternoon with music, games, food and community resources!

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"I hope you have a wonderful summer in the Bronx. Enjoy the nice weather, have fun with your family and friends and stay safe!"

- Carl E. Heastie

