



COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Learn How the CRC is Rebuilding Its Future



Jirandy Martinez, Executive
Director

*Remembering Hurricane
Ida: What CRC Learned
and How We Helped*



In the late evening hours of September 1, 2021, waters from Hurricane Ida swept through Mamaroneck...

1000 people were displaced

535 homes flooded

310 cars flooded in the street

Several buildings were condemned for safety concerns

\$18M in losses alone in the first week

CRC is still displaced



CRC BY THE NUMBERS

OUR IMPACT

Ida Relief for local families

284 families provided financial emergency assistance between \$500-\$5,000/per family depending on need.

80 families were displaced for longer than 5 months.

30 families relocated outside of Mamaroneck but want to return to their hometown (New Rochelle, Port Chester, Harrison, White Plains, Yonkers, Mount Vernon, Poughkeepsie, Stamford).

150 households still reported need due to Ida loss of vehicles and rent increases (from \$200-500/month) after property owners renovated apartments.

Advocacy with NYS Storm Disaster Recovery



A community leader, Briseida Alvarez lost everything—clothing, furniture, appliances, and electronics—during Hurricane Ida. Even more than the material items, they lost vital intangibles like the safety and comfort of their home. Briseida and her children had to live in a double hotel room for more than three months. **“It was distressing to realize we would have to start from zero,”** says Briseida, **“but I want to thank all the people who donated to support the families affected by Ida. I feel grateful that the CRC was able to help all the families, including mine. God bless you all.”** Briseida and her family are now back in Mamaroneck, the town she has called home for 14 years, so her children can continue in their school district and regain the stability they lost when they were displaced by Hurricane Ida.





On top of losing most of their belongings, families had to scurry to the FEMA site stationed at the local courthouse, recount their traumatic experience and nervously apply for support from the federal government. Many families were denied assistance. Luckily, client members like Marcelina, could count on CRC Case Managers ready and willing to file appeal letters to FEMA and support with emergency assistance in the meantime. We did that for Marcelina. She is now grateful and relieved to have been approved for FEMA assistance months later.

Luis Zarate, Deputy
Executive Director

***CRC Today: Navigating
New Challenges and
Enriching our Programs***



We Thank Our Community Partners for Hosting Us

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

Hunger Task Force Food Pantry

Mamaroneck Ave School

Mamaroneck Public Library

STEM Alliance

St. Gabriel's Church, New Rochelle



Rocio Lopez, Worker Center Supervisor:

“We are grateful to our partners for the borrowed space, but the challenges of not having our Center are so vast. It’s more than not having a private space for our domestic violence clients to speak with their case managers. I stay here Friday evenings past 5pm just so our adult literacy students can come in for 1:1 sessions with me because they are struggling to understand via Zoom. They are shy and embarrassed because they are learning to read and write as adults, so they prefer to come only when no staff or clients are in our rented space. I make this accommodation to meet their needs, but they miss their private classrooms where they could learn together and build community. I miss our Center too.”

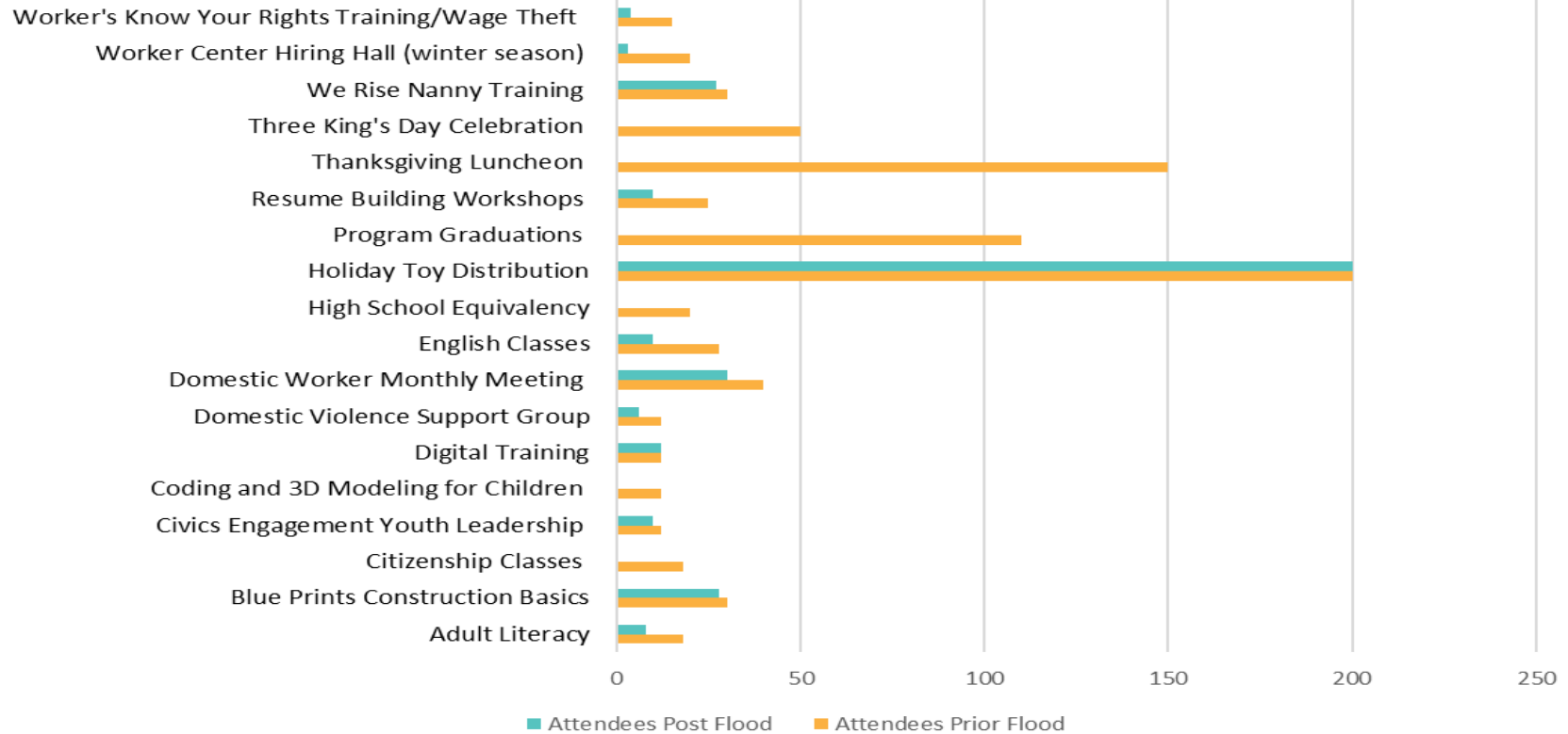


Challenges

- Little to no private space for clients who need confidentiality (Domestic Violence victims, immigration cases, adults with literacy needs, wage theft cases)
- Lack of space for programs that are couples with childcare for educational programs like High School Equivalency
- Location is removed from where community lives
- Trust factor



Impact on Programs/Services





freezer

Q Do you have fish in your fridge?
A Yes I do.
Q How often?
A Once a week.
Q Do you have milk in your fridge?
A Yes there are some.
Q How often do you buy milk?
A Every two days.
Q What kind of food do you have in your fridge?
A There is only healthy food.
Q How often do you eat healthy food?
A Every day.
Q How often do you eat unhealthy food?
A Once a week.

Q What is your favorite food?
A I like pizza.
Q How often do you eat pizza?
A Once a week.
Q What is your favorite drink?
A I like coffee.
Q How often do you drink coffee?
A Every day.

Leonard Aubrey, Board
Member

Project CRC Rebuild



The basement of CRC's Main Building and the Worker Center crawl space were seriously damaged by flooding from Ida.

Following discussions with CRC clients and staff, the Board, Village officials, potential donors, and others interested in a thriving CRC, the Rebuild Committee established several project priorities:

- Ensure continued easy access to our facilities by our clients—be close to the primary communities we serve.
- Make sure CRC has enough space for growing and planned new programs; and
- The rebuild plan must be affordable and achieve significant protection from flooding.

Maximizing protection from flooding and improving CRC's existing facilities at 134 Center Avenue is the option recommended by the Rebuild Committee.

The Rebuild Committee explored other location options. Since any investment in facilities would be considerable and represent a long-term commitment to a particular location:

1. Sell the Center Avenue buildings and relocate or occupy space in two locations;
2. Elevate or add a second floor to the Main Building at the current site; and
3. Maximize flood protection for existing facilities at the current site.

Staying at 134 Center Avenue is the option recommended by the Rebuild Committee. **This option best meets the priorities established by the Committee—close to our community, space for growth** as a result of Head Start and the Food Pantry leaving the Main Building and is affordable compared to the other options.

Transformational Return on Investment

Your support will help us transform our facilities into a thriving space once again for our nearly 4,000 client members to learn and grow.

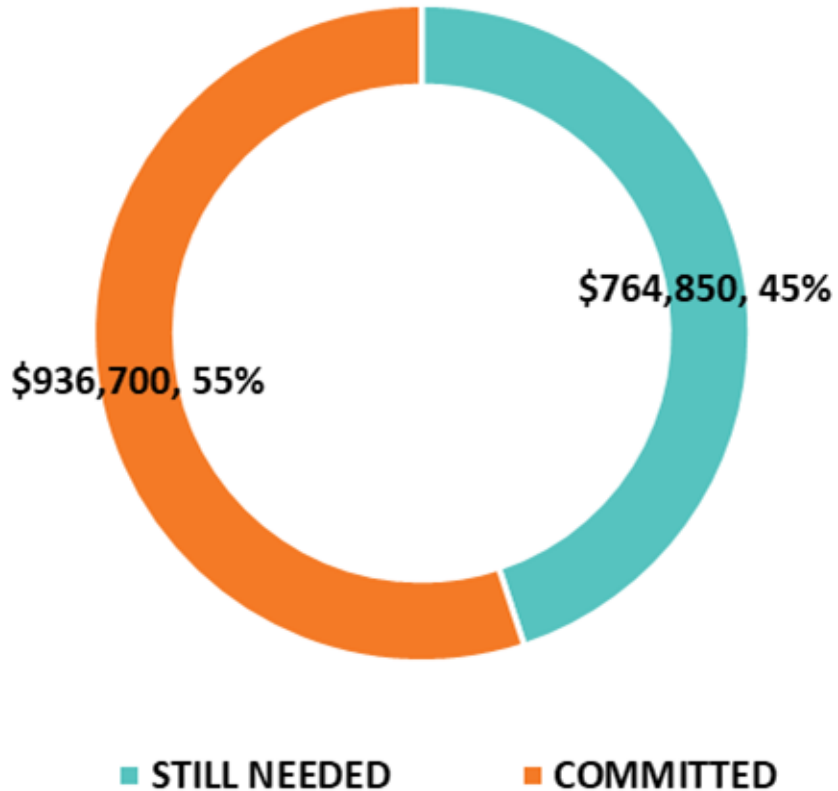
Flood Mitigation: our rebuild budget is committed to better prepare our facilities (entrance moved from the ground up, waterproof materials, metal studs, moving mechanicals up) so we can continue our mission on an uninterrupted basis in future floods.

Enhanced Programs: CRC will enhance our workforce development programs like our food-handlers training into a Restaurant Culinary Training, which will support participants with local job security in restaurants, so they can be self-reliant and thriving members of the community.

Partnerships: our rebuild will help us re-establish critical partnerships with Westchester Community College and BOCES, which will continue to improve our programs and help us secure more funding from foundations and corporations.

Health and Safety: adding basic necessities to our physical structure like access to water and a bathroom and sinks will allow us to provide a safe and dignified space for our programs and services, especially in light of COVID-19 precautions to frequently wash hands.

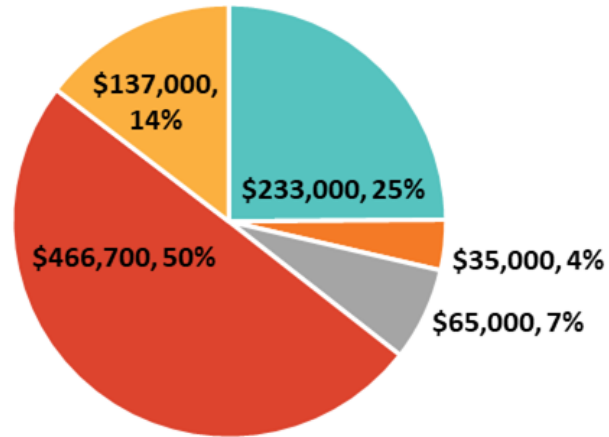
CRC REBUILD



The total project cost is \$1.7 million and requires \$665,000 be raised to fund the project.

If the two potential sources of funding or other sources are not available, the fundraising total increases by \$100,000 to \$765,000.

Breakdown of Committed Sources



- INDIVIDUAL DONORS
- RESTRICTED CAPITAL
- INSURANCE
- GOVERNMENT GRANTS & LOANS
- FOUNDATIONS & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



You are invited to attend

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

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Help bring us back home

Nicole Tuck, Director
of Development
*Be a Part of our
Rebuild Journey*

Honoree:

Rev Tami Burks
St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

For opening their home to us during our displacement after Hurricane Ida, and for Tami's utmost support and extraordinary leadership in our community.

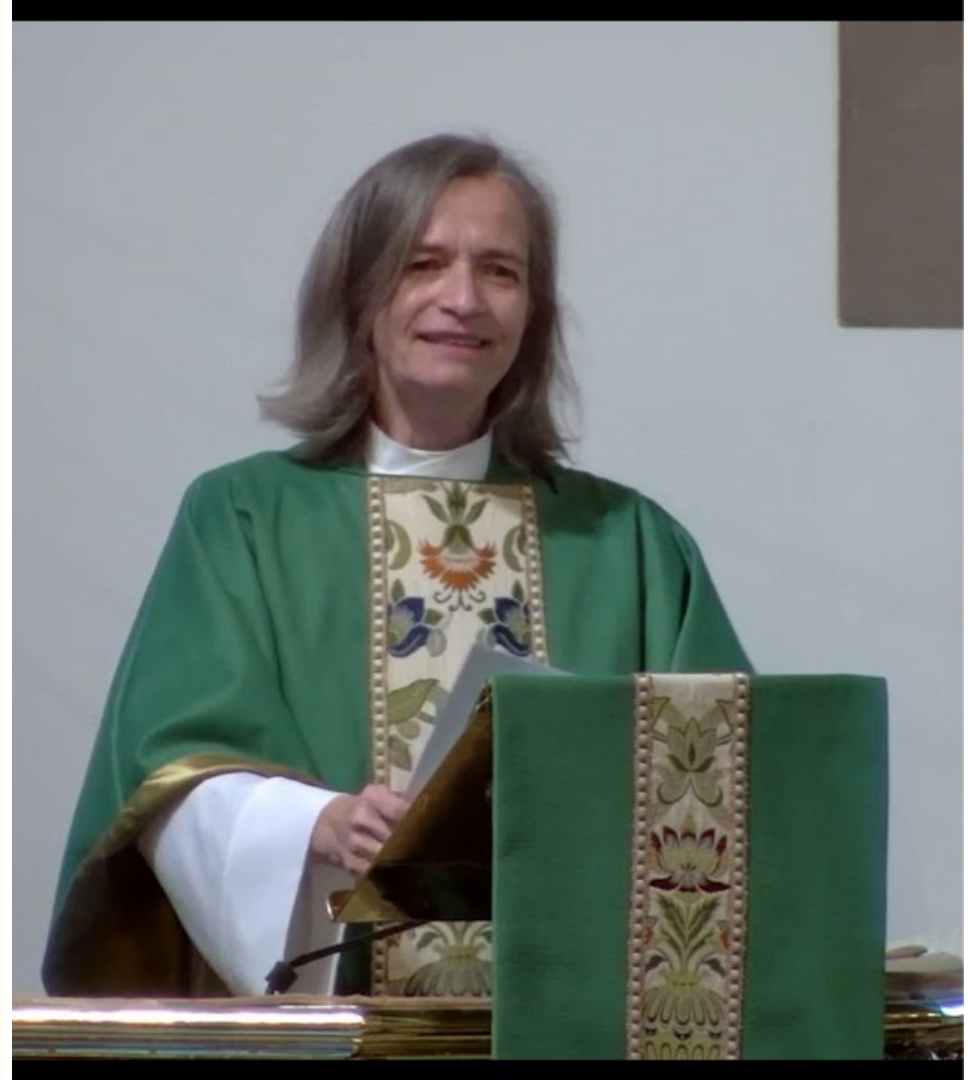
Thursday, November 17, 2022

Beach Point Club

900 Rushmore Avenue Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Cocktails 6:00 pm | Dinner 7:30 pm | Party 9:00 pm
Semi-Formal Attire | Enjoy Latin Inspired Food, Drinks, and Music

**To purchase tickets online and view
sponsorship benefits, scan below:**



Join our Rebuild Journey!

HELP US GET BACK HOME

Contact Nicole Tuck to support or get involved:
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