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*2nd Dr. Mathew Hurley Public Health Awards*

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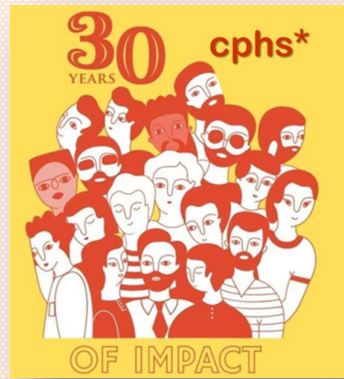
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ON BEHALF OF THE **CPHS\*** COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WE WELCOME YOU TO TONIGHT'S 2021 MARSHALL ENGLAND MEMORIAL PUBLIC HEALTH AWARDS GALA, OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY. THIS ANNUAL EVENT PAYS TRIBUTE TO COURAGEOUS INDIVIDUALS WHO FIGHT FOR EQUAL ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE SERVICES AND ENSURE A STRONG PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM. OVER THE YEARS, THE AWARDS GALA HAS BECOME A CELEBRATED EVENT IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY. THE FUNDS RAISED TONIGHT ARE CRITICAL TO **CPHS\*** OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMS. THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUALS, UNIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS LIKE YOU, **CPHS\*** IS ABLE TO ADVOCATE FOR BETTER COMMUNITY HEALTH, WORK IN AND ORGANIZE COALITIONS, PROVIDE SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROPOSE POLICIES THAT INCREASE ACCESS TO PRIMARY AND OTHER HEALTH CARE SERVICES. THIS SPECIAL EVENING COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE SERIOUS COMMITMENT OF THE **CPHS\*** STAFF. WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK WHICH MAKES THIS PROGRAM AN ENJOYABLE EVENT FOR EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE TONIGHT. WE ARE ALSO GRATEFUL TO OUR MANY FAITHFUL SPONSORS AND CONTRIBUTORS OVER THESE PAST 30 YEARS. WE ALSO WELCOME NEW SUPPORTERS AND HOPE THAT WE CAN COUNT ON YOU IN THE COMING YEARS. YOUR GIFTS, ALONG WITH OTHERS, ALLOW **CPHS\*** TO CONTINUE "PUTTING THE PUBLIC BACK IN PUBLIC HEALTH." FINALLY, WE CONGRATULATE ALL OF THE **SHEROES AND HEROES** THIS EVENING. YOU ARE ALL AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US AND FOR THAT WE THANK YOU!

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# Jenna Flanagan

## Gala Emcee and MetroFocus Journalist and Host



**JENNA FLANNAGAN** FIRST KNEW SHE WAS DESTINED FOR A CAREER IN JOURNALISM AFTER FOLLOWING THE WEEKLY REPORTS OF THE MUPPET NEWS FLASH AS A CHILD. SHE WENT ON TO STUDY COMMUNICATIONS AND JOURNALISM AT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY IN SOUTH ORANGE, NJ, WHERE SHE EARNED HER BACHELOR OF ARTS. IN 1999, JENNA TOOK HER FIRST JOB IN THE BUSINESS AS A PRODUCTION ASSISTANT FOR 1010WINS EVENTUALLY WORKING HER WAY UP TO ASSISTANT EDITOR. WORKING IN A BUSY NEW YORK NEWSROOM, SHE QUICKLY LEARNED WHAT IT TAKES TO CHURN OUT A FACTUAL, ENGAGING AND NEWSWORTHY STORY ON DEADLINE. FROM THERE SHE TOOK HER FIRST ON-AIR POSITION AT WBGO, NEWARK PUBLIC RADIO AND BEGAN A LIFELONG LOVE OF PUBLIC BROADCASTING. AFTER WBGO, JENNA SPENT 6 ½ YEARS WRITING, REPORTING AND PRODUCING ALL THINGS CONSIDERED FOR WNYC IN NEW YORK CITY. HER WORK HAS ALSO AIRED NATIONALLY ON NPR. HER TELEVISION REPORTS CAN BE SEEN ON WMHT'S AWARD-WINNING PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOW, NEW YORK NOW, WHICH AIRS ON PBS STATIONS STATEWIDE.



# Entertainment

## STEPHEN ANTHONY BEASLEY

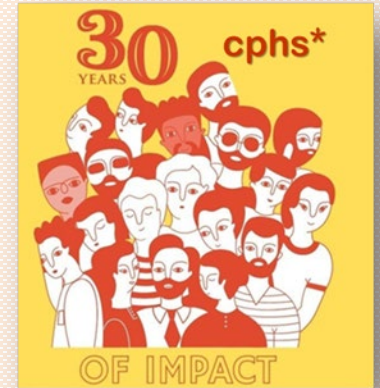
IS A CHRISTIAN HUSBAND AND DAD  
A FAMILY MEMBER AND FRIEND  
A MUSICIAN AND PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCATE,  
HE LIVES, WORKS, PROCESSES, CREATES  
AND SEEKS TO REMAIN CONNECTED TO LOVED ONES AND COMMUNITY

## ABOUT HIS WORK

MUSIC IS CLOSEST TO THIS HEART AND IDENTITY SINCE 2007. WITH A COLLECTIVE OF MUSICIANS FROM NEW YORK CITY, LOUISVILLE, TORRONTO, RURAL NEW HAMPSHIRE AND ATLANTA, HE HAS DONE OVER 300 LIVE AND VIRTUAL PERFORMANCES, RELEASED HIS DEBUT ALBUM "THE MUSIC OF TRANSITION", IN 2009, AN EP IN THE EARLY 2010'S AND 15 SINGLES. SINCE THEN HE CURRENTLY HAS A YOUTUBE PERFORMANCE SERIES CALLED SONGS FROM THE STAIRS WHICH IS 35 EPISODES IN!

## PUBLIC HEALTH

FOR ALL OF HIS ADULT LIFE, STEPHEN HAS WORKED TO IMPLEMENT EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS AND SHARED LEADERSHIP IN COLLECTIVES WHO WORK TOWARD POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE AREAS OF HIV/AIDS, DIABETE, HEALTHY AND ACTIVE LIVING, AS WELL AS RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. IN THAT REALM STEPHEN PROUDLY SHARES LEADERSHIP IN ORGANIZING WITH THE NEW YORK CITY COALITION TO DISMANTLE RACISM IN THE HEALTH SYSTEM. HE WILL CONTINUE BEING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF PEOPLE'S LIFE AND HEALTH OUTCOMES IN ANY WAY HE CAN.





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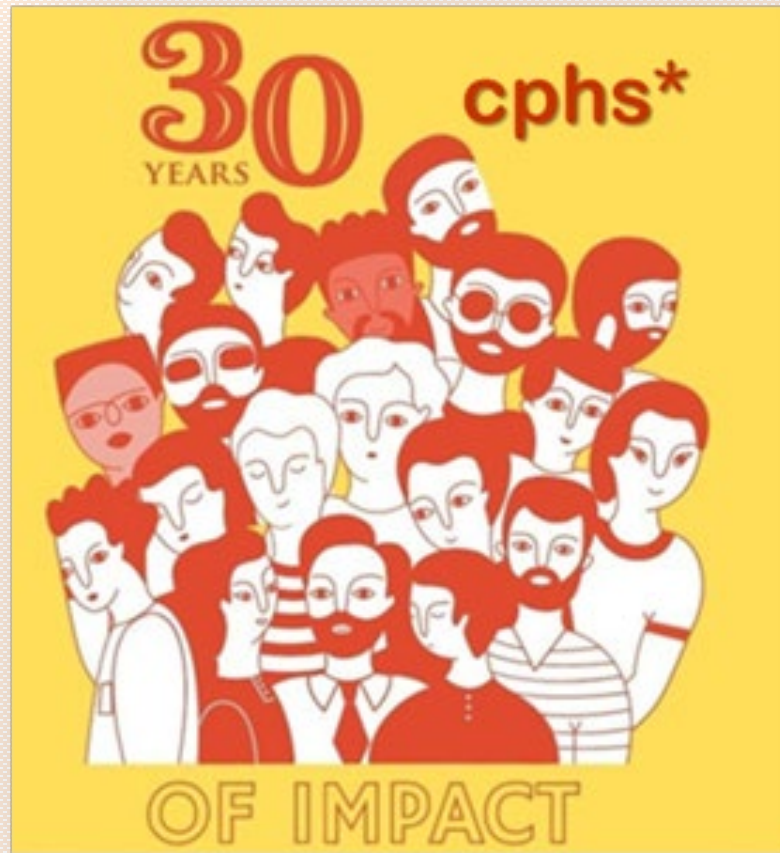


HIS FIRST PERFORMANCE WAS AT LINCOLN CENTER AT AGE 8 WITH THE CULTURAL MUSIC AND DANCE ENSEMBLE "EL GRUPO CEMI" AS A PERCUSSIONIST AND VOCALIST. THE GROUP FOUNDED BY HIS MOTHER ANGIE HERNANDEZ. IT WAS WITH GRUPO CEMI THAT HE DEVELOPED A PASSION FOR CULTURAL ARTS, PERCUSSION AND DANCE. AT AGE 10 IT WAS HIP-HOP THAT STOLE HIS HEART. BY THE AGE OF 13 HE FORMULATED HIS OWN HIP HOP MUSIC DANCE GROUP "THE BODY ROCKERS EMPIRE". PRODUCING HIP HOP BEATS, MC RHYMES AND POP AND BREAK DANCE CHOREOGRAPHIES THAT WERE ROUTINELY PERFORMED ON NEW YORK AND PUERTO RICO CITY STREETS AND LOCAL VENUES. DAVID WAS INTRODUCED TO LATIN ROCK AT THE AGE OF 18 AS THE FRONTMAN OF A BAND CALLED LOISAIDA UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MUSIC DIRECTOR AND GUITARIST EDWIN PUPA SANTIAGO.

IN 2005, DAVID SOTO BEGAN PERFORMING AS DASO AND RE-ESTABLISHING EL GRUPO CEMI THROUGH HIS NEWLY FORMED BAND. DASO Y EL GRUPO CEMI IS A MUSIC ENSEMBLE THAT IS VERY DIVERSE IN STYLES FUSING SALSA TROPICAL, HIP HOP AND REGGAE WHICH INCLUDE REFERENCES TO HIS EARLY INFLUENCES OF AFRO CARIBBEAN RHYTHMS - BOMBA AND MUSICA JIBARA. THIS ECLECTIC MIX OF STYLES IS SOMETHING HE CALLS "AFRO CARIBBEAN SOUL" MUSIC.

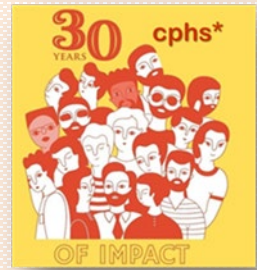
DASO STATES HE IS VERY INSPIRED BY HIS EARLY MEMORIES AND COLLABORATIONS WITH LEGENDARY VISIONARIES SUCH AS BIMBO RIVAS, TATO LAVIERA, MIGUEL PIÑERO, PUPA SANTIAGO, CHINO GARCIA & ARMANDO PEREZ. CHILDHOOD INSPIRATIONS WERE NUYORICAN POETS PEDRO PIETRI, JORGE BRANDON "EL COCO QUE HABLA" & MIGUEL ALGARIN. THESE LEGENDARY NUYORICAN POETS, MUSICIANS AND ACTIVISTS IGNITED HIS PASSION FOR CULTURAL ARTS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING.

IN 2007, DAVID SOTO CREATED THE "NEW VILLAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL" AN ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL CONCERT THAT CELEBRATES MUSIC, CULTURE AND LIFE. THE FOCUS OF THIS EVENT IS TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY ACTIVISM THROUGH MUSIC, DANCE, POETRY AND CULTURAL ARTS. UNITING PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ETHNICITY TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PEACE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES WHILE HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILDREN'S CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAMS. DASO HAS ALSO BEEN BLESSED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ORGANIZE EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL, MUSIC AND CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE, SOUTH BRONX AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, TAKING ON THE ROLE AS COMMUNITY COORDINATOR FOR THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY SINCE 2005.



# Heroes and Sheroes of Public Health





# Award Recipients

**JENNIFER JOHNSON AVRIL**, DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY COMMUNICATIONS

**JARON BENJAMIN**, VP, COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION AND NATIONAL ADVOCACY

**VALERIE REYES-JIMENEZ**, ASSOCIATE FOR NYC COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

**REED VREELAND**, DIRECTOR OF NYC COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION, HOUSING WORKS ADVOCACY DIVISION

**ANITA GUNDANA**, CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COALITION FOR ASIAN AMERICAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**JARRET MURPHY**, EDITOR-IN LARGE,  
CITYLIMITS

**HON. KARINES REYES**

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 87

RECIPIENT OF DR. MATHEW HURLEY LEADERSHIP AWARD



# Jennifer Johnson Avril

## Director of Advocacy Communications



**JENNIFER JOHNSON AVRIL** IS THE DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY COMMUNICATIONS AT HOUSING WORKS, WHERE SHE AMPLIFIES A COMMUNITY OF RELENTLESS ADVOCATES AND WORKS WITH HER TEAM TO CHANGE THE WAY PEOPLE WRITE, TALK, POST AND THINK ABOUT HIV/AIDS, HOMELESSNESS, HARM REDUCTION AND RACIAL JUSTICE. PRIOR TO COMING TO HOUSING WORKS, JENNIFER WAS THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR UNLOCKED, AN ONLINE EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AIMED AT INCREASING UNDERSTANDING AND EMPATHY FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES, BASED ON THE WORK OF FILMMAKER LUCY WINER. SHE HAS ALSO WRITTEN ABOUT HIV/AIDS ISSUES AND ACTIVISM FOR THE BODY AND IS A PROUD FORMER FLOOR MEMBER OF ACT UP NY. JENNIFER RECENTLY RECEIVED HER MA IN MEDIA STUDIES + SOCIAL CHANGE FROM QUEENS COLLEGE. A LIFELONG NEW YORKER, SHE LIVES IN BROOKLYN WITH HER HUSBAND, SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD CHILD, TWO DOGS, A CAT WHO THINKS HE'S A DOG, AND AN ACTUAL CAT.

# Jaron Benjamin

## VP, Community Mobilization and National Advocacy



**JARON BENJAMIN** IS THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION FOR HOUSING WORKS, INC AND INVOLVED IN THEIR NATION-WIDE EFFORT TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE. HE ALSO MANAGES THE "ACT NOW, END AIDS" COALITION, A NATIONWIDE PARTNERSHIP THAT IS DEDICATED TO ORGANIZING AND ASSISTING STATES, CITIES, AND COUNTIES IN ENDING AIDS AS AN EPIDEMIC AND IMPROVING BASIC HEALTHCARE SERVICES. AS PART OF THAT WORK, JARON (ALONG WITH TWO COLLEAGUES) FOUNDED "BIRDDOG NATION," THE NATIONAL GRASSROOTS NETWORK THAT HELPED SAVE THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IN 2017.

BEFORE JOINING HOUSING WORKS, JARON WAS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT THE MET COUNCIL ON HOUSING, THE OLDEST TENANT ORGANIZATION IN THE US. THE ORGANIZATION'S REPORT, "TAX BREAKS FOR BILLIONAIRES," CAPTURED INTERNATIONAL HEADLINES FOR MORE THAN A YEAR AND RESULTED INTO AN INVESTIGATION OF NEW YORK STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS. BEFORE HIS TIME AT MET COUNCIL, JARON WAS THE COORDINATOR FOR VOCAL-NY'S AIDS HOUSING NETWORK AND ORGANIZER THE "30% RENT CAP" CAMPAIGN, WHICH RESULTED IN A POLICY CHANGE THAT HELPED PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AMONG 10,000 LOW-INCOME NEW YORKERS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS.

# Valerie Reyes-Jimenez

## Associate for NYC Community Mobilization



**VALERIE REYES-JIMENEZ** IS A NATIVE NEW YORKER, AN ACTIVIST, A LONG-TERM HIV SURVIVOR AND AN ORGANIZER. SHE LEARNED SHE WAS HIV POSITIVE IN FEBRUARY 1989 ALONG WITH HER HUSBAND, WHO PASSED AWAY IN 1992. VALERIE SURMISES SHE SEROCONVERTED IN 1981 AT AGE 16 SEVERAL MONTHS INTO THEIR RELATIONSHIP WHEN SHE HAD BECOME EXTREMELY SICK. VALERIE IS A NUYORICAN WHO GREW UP ACROSS THE STREET FROM A CAFÉ OF THE SAME NAME. A FORMIDABLE WOMAN WHO WAS DETERMINED TO BEAT THE ODDS AND RAISE HER TWO CHILDREN HERSELF. VALERIE IS NOT ONLY A MOTHER, BUT SHE IS ALSO THE PROUDEST ABUELA OF AN UNABASHEDLY BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL 18-YEAR-OLD GRANDDAUGHTER WHO IS THE GREATEST LOVE OF HER LIFE. SHE CAME TO HOUSING WORKS IN AUGUST 1991 AS A CLIENT WHO WAS HOMELESS AND IS CURRENTLY A FULL-TIME STAFFER IN THE ADVOCACY DEPARTMENT. NEXT MONTH WILL MAKE THIRTY YEARS THAT ADVOCACY LANDED SQUARELY UPON HER SHOULDERS. PRIOR TO THAT AUGUST DAY, SHE HAD NEVER EVEN HEARD THE WORD 'ADVOCACY' BEFORE. SHE APPLIES HER SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES OBTAINED THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, SHE CONTINUES TO ADVOCATE WITH AND FOR OTHERS LIKE HERSELF, WHO ARE LIVING WITH HIV AND AIDS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF HOMELESSNESS, HEALTHCARE, ADDICTION, AND PREVENTION.



# Reed Vreeland

Director of NYC Community Mobilization,  
Housing Works Advocacy Division



**REED VREELAND** IS CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF NYC COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION AT HOUSING WORKS. HE IS A LONG-TERM SURVIVOR OF HIV WHO WAS BORN WITH HIV AND HAS BEEN CURED OF HEPATITIS C, AND HE IS DEDICATED TO ENDING THE HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC AND ELIMINATING VIRAL HEPATITIS IN NEW YORK AND NATIONALLY. HE IS NOW THE PROUD FATHER OF TWO HIV-NEGATIVE CHILDREN. REED HAS ALSO WORKED AT THE SERO PROJECT FIGHTING HIV STIGMA AND CRIMINALIZATION, AND AT POZ MAGAZINE. THIS YEAR HE WILL BE PURSUING AN EXECUTIVE MASTER'S IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEGREE AT NYU WAGNER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE.



# Anita Gundanna

## Co-Executive Director, Coalition for Asian American Children and Families



**ANITA GUNDANA** HOLDS A PHD FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK. SHE CONDUCTS RESEARCH ON ORGANIZATIONS, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, AND COALITION-BUILDING. SHE TEACHES PROGRAM EVALUATION AND ADVOCACY TO STUDENTS IN THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS. SHE ALSO GIVES SEMINARS ON PROGRAM DESIGN, PROGRAM EVALUATION, AND THEORIES OF CHANGE FOR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF CACF AND FPWA IN NEW YORK CITY.

FROM 2007-2010, ANITA WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR AT THE FUND FOR SOCIAL CHANGE (FSC) WHERE SHE CREATED AND COORDINATED A NUMBER OF DONOR-COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS AND STRATEGIC ALLIANCES TO AFFECT POSITIVE CHANGE IN NEW YORK CITY'S CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. SHE WAS ALSO PROGRAM OFFICER FOR THE CHILD WELFARE FUND AND MANAGED THE FOUNDATION'S PORTFOLIO OF GRANTEES.

FROM 2004-2007, ANITA SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF CLIENT SERVICES AT WOMANKIND (FORMERLY THE NEW YORK ASIAN WOMEN'S CENTER), WHERE SHE MANAGED THE AGENCY'S RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES ASSISTING WOMEN AND CHILD VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WHILE THERE SHE DEVELOPED PROJECT FREE, A PROGRAM SERVING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

ANITA ALSO WORKED AT CACF FROM 2001 - 2004 IN CHILD WELFARE POLICY ADVOCACY FOR NEW YORK CITY'S ASIAN AMERICAN AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. ANITA HOLDS A BS IN PSYCHOLOGY AND AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHING CERTIFICATION FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY, AND AN MS AND PHD IN SOCIAL WORK FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. SHE LIVES WITH HER FAMILY IN SOUTH ORANGE, NJ.

# Jarrett Murphy

## Contributing Editor at City Limits



**JARRETT MURPHY** IS A NURSING STUDENT AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND A CONTRIBUTING EDITOR AT CITY LIMITS, WHICH HE JOINED IN 2007. FROM 2010 TO 2020, HE SERVED AS CITY LIMITS' EXECUTIVE EDITOR, OVERSEEING WORK THAT WON MULTIPLE LOCAL AND NATIONAL AWARDS, LAUNCHING A YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM AND A SPANISH-LANGUAGE REPORTING INITIATIVE, AND HELPING TO DOUBLE THE ORGANIZATION'S STAFF. HE WAS ALSO THE CO-HOST OF WBAI'S *MAX & MURPHY SHOW* AND HOST OF BRIC-TV'S *STRAIGHT UP*. BEFORE JOINING CITY LIMITS, MURPHY WORKED FOR THE HARTFORD ADVOCATE, CBS NEWS AND THE VILLAGE VOICE. HE HAS TAUGHT JOURNALISM AT HUNTER COLLEGE, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY AND THE NEWMARK GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AT CUNY. HIS WORK HAS APPEARED IN OUTLETS INCLUDING *THE NATION*, *NEWSDAY*, *THE DAILY NEWS*, *THE TRACE*, *COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW* AND WNYC. HE ATTENDED FORDHAM UNIVERSITY AND THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND HAS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM THE NEW SCHOOL. A HUSBAND, FATHER OF TWO, YOUTH BASEBALL COACH AND THE BASS PLAYER/LEAD SINGER IN A ROCK BAND, MURPHY HAS LIVED SINCE 2002 IN THE NORWOOD SECTION OF THE BRONX.

# Dr. Mathew Hurley

## Leadership Award



**DR. HURLEY** SPENT HIS CAREER ADVOCATING FOR THE HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS SURROUNDING THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING IN ARBITRATION TO ENFORCE PHYSICIAN'S RIGHTS AND ALSO FOR THE RIGHTS OF PATIENTS WITH LIMITED OR UNDERSERVED ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE. AFTER THIRTY YEARS, HE RETIRED TO A PART TIME BASIS AT HARLEM HOSPITAL CENTER TO TAKE ON THE FULL-TIME ROLE OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DOCTOR'S COUNCIL SEIU, CHAIRMAN OF PATIENT CARE. BECAUSE HE WAS A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR WHAT HE BELIEVED IN, HE CONTINUES TO SERVE IN THE HARLEM HOSPITAL CENTER'S EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND RONALD H. BROWN AMBULATORY CARE PAVILION EVERY WEEK. HE TRULY ENJOYED HIS PATIENT INTERACTION AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WANTED TO REMAIN CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY THAT HE SPENT HIS LIFE WORKING TIRELESSLY FOR. THIS AWARD WAS DEVELOPED IN HIS NAME TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE CONTINUED IN SOME WAY TO PROMOTE DR. HURLEY'S LIFE MISSION.



# Hon. Karines Reyes, RN

## Mathew Hurley Leadership Award Recipient



**KARINES REYES** HAS BEEN A BRONXITE FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS. BORN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF LOS MINAS, SANTO DOMINGO, IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, SHE IDENTIFIES AS AN AFRO-LATINA. SHE IS A REGISTERED NURSE IN THE ONCOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT MONTEFIORE EINSTEIN HOSPITAL. KARINES HAS TWO YOUNG SONS AND HAS BEEN BALANCING THE TASKS OF BEING A NURSE, UNION REPRESENTATIVE, ACTIVIST AND VOLUNTEER WITHOUT NEGLECTING THE DUTIES OF HER MOST IMPORTANT JOB – BEING A MOTHER.

KARINES HAS DEVOTED MUCH OF HER CAREER, BOTH IN LABOR AND IN NURSING, TO HELPING OTHERS. SHE HAS MADE IT HER LIFE GOAL TO BE SURE TO REPRESENT THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO AS THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER FOR THE 87TH DISTRICT.





# Accomplishments

## 2020-2021

TODAY, THE OUTLOOK IS MORE HOPEFUL FOR OUR CITY AND STATE'S RECOVERY FROM COVID-19. BUT THESE ARE STILL ANXIOUS TIMES FOR EVERYONE, AND IT CANNOT BE IGNORED THAT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND OTHER MARGINALIZED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ARE SUFFERING AT DISPROPORTIONATE RATES. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS AND KNOW WE MUST DO MORE.



# For Equity

- = **SUCCESSFULLY STOPPED WITH SAVE NY PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGN, MEDICAID MATTERS, CIDNY, NAACP, CONSUMER DIRECTED SERVICES, NY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS AND OTHER GRASSROOTS MEDICAID LEADERS, GOVERNOR CUOMO'S CUTS TO MEDICAID, ELIMINATION OF STATE'S INDIGENT CARE POOL TO PUBLIC HOSPITALS, AND THE ADDITIONAL 10% CUT TO ARTICLE VI PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING TO NYC.** THIS MEANS MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ON MEDICAID AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES OF COLOR WILL BE ABLE TO NOT LOSE OR HAVE LIMITED ACCESS TO VITAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, ESPECIALLY AS WE RECOVER FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.
- = **ENSURED THE STATE ASSEMBLY PASS A6883 (GOTTFRIED).** THIS BILL WILL ADDRESS SOME OF THE FISCAL DRIVERS OF RACIAL INEQUITIES IN HEALTHCARE BY TARGETING THE INDIGENT CARE POOL AND DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL (ICP/DSH) FUNDING TO ESSENTIAL SAFETY NET HOSPITALS. HOWEVER, THE BILL DID NOT COME INTO LAW BECAUSE THE SENATE FAILED ON THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PASS THE SENATE VERSION S5954 (RIVERA) WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR FOR SIGNING AND FINALLY IMPROVE EQUITY IN PAYMENTS TO FOCUS SCARCE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES ON THE SAFETY NET. THE ADVOCACY CONTINUE AGAIN THIS SUMMER INTO THE FALL/WINTER AND IN 2022.
- = **PROTECTED ESSENTIAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH, NY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS, DISEASE-FOCUSED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, AND MUCH MORE) FROM CUTS IN THE FINAL NEW YORK CITY BUDGET. THIS INCLUDES AN INCREASE FROM 3 MILLION LAST YEAR TO 4 MILLION FOR ACCESS HEALTH NYC INITIATIVE** – ALL DONE WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR PARTNERS NY IMMIGRATION COALITION, COALITION FOR ASIAN AMERICAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, COMMUNITY SERVICE SOCIETY AND 31 OTHER FRONT LINE COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND FQHCS.

# For Equity



- = **WON PASSAGE OF THE STATE HEALTH EQUITY ASSESSMENT ACT ( S.1451A / A.191A )**. THIS MEASURE WOULD REQUIRE INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO SUBMIT A HEALTH EQUITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AS PART OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED ( CON ) APPLICATION ASKING FOR STATE APPROVAL FOR TRANSACTIONS THAT WOULD AFFECT HEALTH CARE CAPACITY IN THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE. WE ACCOMPLISH THIS THROUGH COMMUNITY VOICES FOR HEALTH SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY, A COALITION OF HEALTH ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS FACILITATED BY WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM AT COMMUNITY CATALYST. WE STILL NEED TO GOVERNOR TO SIGN INTO LAW AND MONITOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION TO ENSURE IT'S DONE WITH COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN EXCLUDED AND LOST HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SERVICES LIKE LABOR AND DELIVERY.
- = **INVITED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CITY'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE NYC HEALTH AND HOSPITALS' TEST, TRACE AND NOW VACCINATION COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD ( T2 CAB )**. IN THAT CAPACITY, THE **CPHS DIRECTOR ANTHONY FELICIANO BECAME CO-CHAIR OF THE CBO ENGAGEMENT WORKGROUP**. WITH CO-CHAIR CHARLES KING FROM HOUSING WORKS AND MANY SUPERB COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION LEADERS, WE HAVE MADE SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED AND TIME IMPLEMENTED BY THE CITY. HOWEVER, WE NEED TO IMPROVE THE ENGAGEMENT, PARTNERSHIPS AND STRATEGY TO BETTER REACH AND ENGAGE A BROADER CROSS SECTION OF NEW YORKERS AND HAVE A JUST RECOVERY.



# For Equity



- = **PLANNED AND ORGANIZED OVER 6 SUCCESSFUL ADVOCACY EFFORTS THAT INCLUDED PROTESTS, RALLIES, SOCIAL STORMS AND VIRTUAL FORUMS.** EACH WITH TURN-OUTS FROM 50 TO SEVERAL HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATING AND COORDINATING AROUND ADDRESSING STRUCTURAL AND NON-COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS, AND CENTERING EQUITY IN THE COVID-19 MITIGATION, AND RECOVERY EFFORTS. WE WERE ABLE TO GET HUNDREDS OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS IN THE HANDS OF NEW YORKERS, ESPECIALLY BLACK, LATINO, ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES, LOW-INCOME WORKERS, IMMIGRANTS, FRONT LINE HEALTH WORKERS, LGBTQ+, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND OTHER MARGINALIZED VOICES.
- = **FORMED TWO NEW COALITIONS TO ADDRESS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND RECOVERY EFFORTS.** IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COALITION FOR ASIAN AMERICAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, WE CREATED LAST YEAR PEOPLE OF COLOR HEALTH JUSTICE CAMPAIGN, CPHS, LAAL NYC, MEKONG NYC, MINKWON CENTER, MOTHERS ON THE MOVE, MARY MITCHELL, JUSTICE COMMITTEE (DAVID GALARZA), URBAN INDIGENOUS COLLECTIVE, ALEXA AVILES AND ISIAH HALL. THIS YEAR TO RECLAIM THE SPACE AND DISCOURSE FOR AN EQUITABLE RESPONSE TO PANDEMICS AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH CRISES AND BUILD A PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM GROUNDED IN DIGNITY AND RESPECT THAT WORKS FOR AND BY THE PEOPLE, WE FORMED WITH HEALTH PEOPLES AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS OF THE T2 CAB, THE COMMUNITIES DRIVING HEALTH EQUITY.

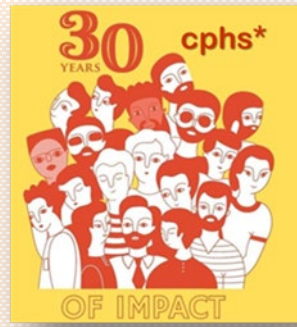
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**Anthony Feliciano**  
DIRECTOR





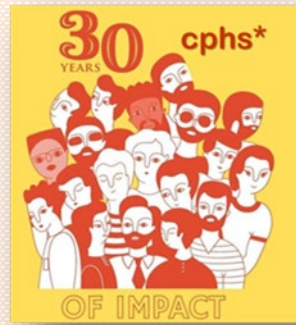






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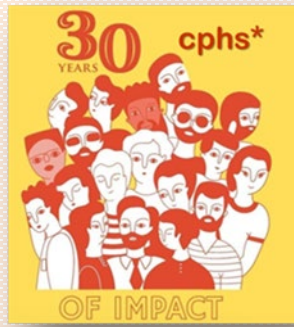
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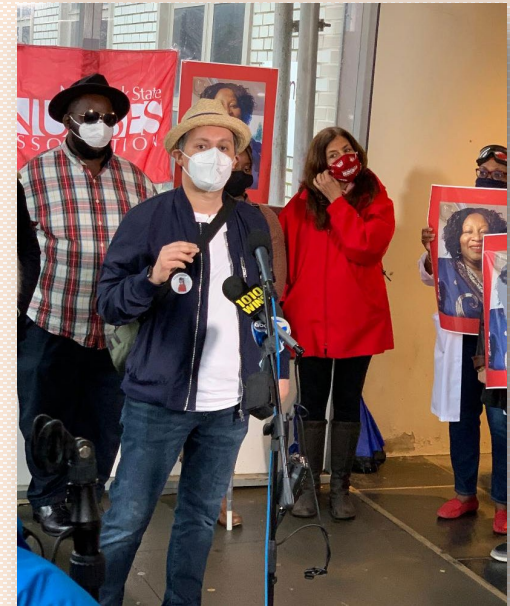
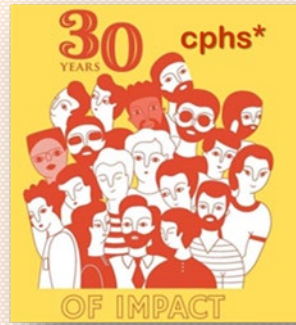
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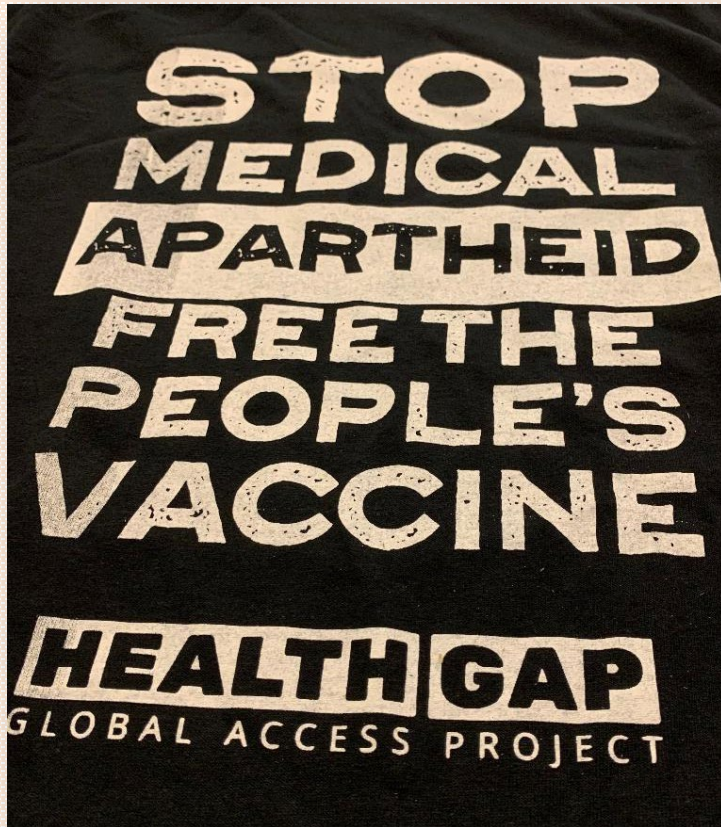






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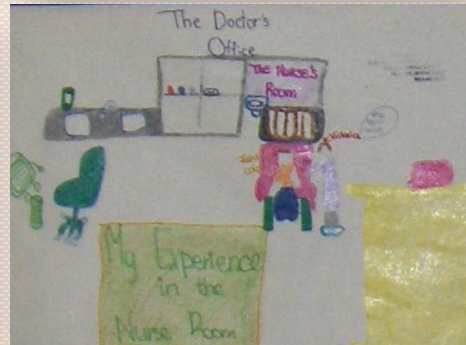
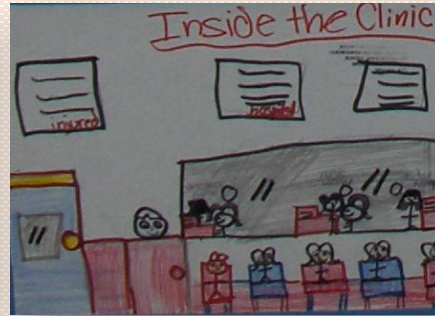


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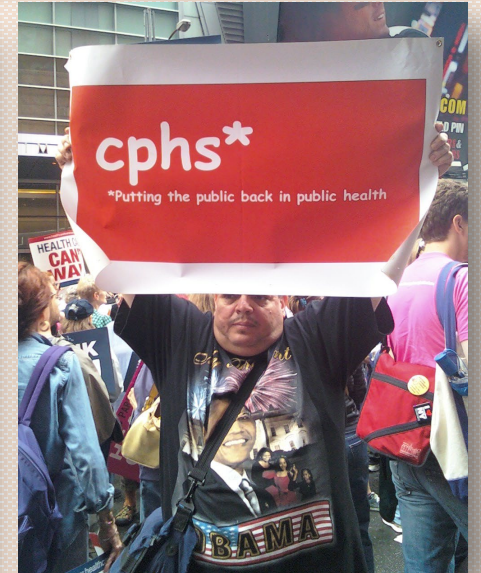


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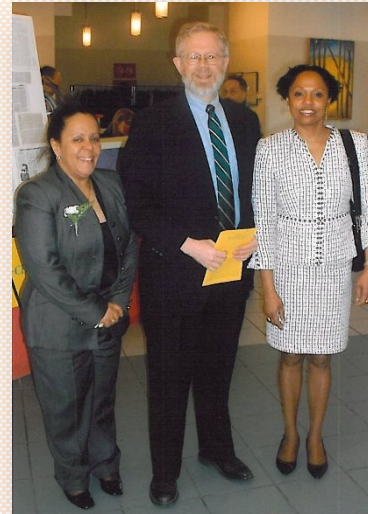


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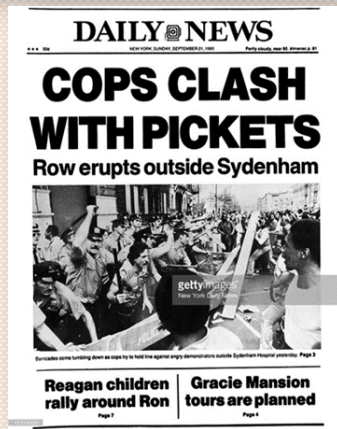


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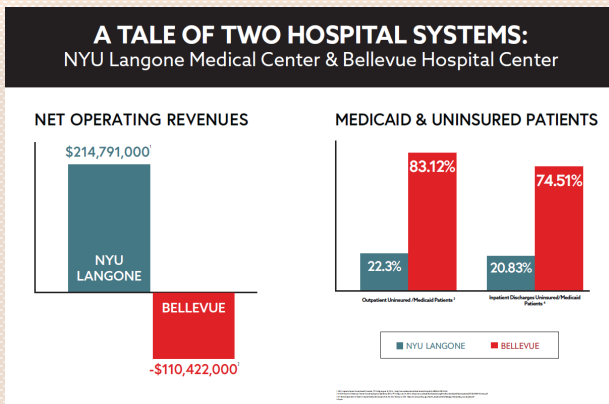


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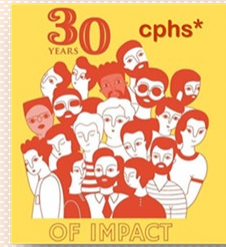
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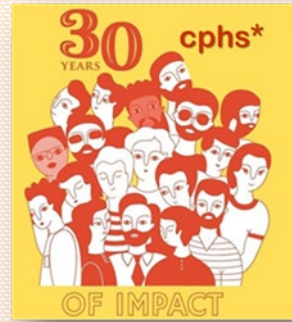
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