Annual Partnership Awards Benefit

Thursday, November 17, 2011
Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A

ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP AWARDS BENEFIT

6:00 PM COCKTAILS & DINNER

7:15 PM WELCOME FROM MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES ROMA TORRE NY1

CONVOCATION FATHER JOHN POWIS Bushwick Housing Independence Project

WELCOME REMARKS MARTIN S. NEEDELMAN, Project Director & Chief Counsel Paul J. Acinapura, General Counsel Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A

GUEST SPEAKER JAMES J. SANDMAN, President Legal Services Corporation

7:40 PM AWARD PRESENTATIONS

HONOREES SARGENT SHRIVER MEMORIAL AWARD
Presented by William H. Josephson, Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP

SARGENT SHRIVER
Posthumously honoring a legacy of public service.
Presented to Mark Shriver on behalf of the Shriver family

CORPORATE HONOREE
Presented by James H.R. Windels, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Brooklyn A Board Chair

DAN NISSENBAUM
Managing Director, Urban Investment Group, Goldman Sachs Bank USA

DENIS BERGER MEMORIAL AWARD
Presented by Alice Berger

HARVEY LAWRENCE
President and CEO, Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center

8:25 PM CLOSING REMARKS RAUN J. RASMUSSEN, Executive Director Legal Services NYC

THANK YOU REMARKS ROMA TORRE NY1

Skadden, Arps joins Brooklyn A in honoring the memory of Sargent Shriver and honoring Dan Nissenbaum and Harvey Lawrence
Dear Friends,

We are so happy to have you with us tonight celebrating this year’s Honorees and showing your commitment to Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) and the work we do. We cannot thank you enough for your continuing support over the years, assisting Brooklyn A in both providing accessible legal services to people in need as well as developing our communities in partnership with local nonprofit organizations. Each year our Annual Partnership Awards Benefit is a moment in time for all of us to stop and recognize the work we do and the supporters, like yourselves, who truly make it possible for Brooklyn A to achieve what it does. So thank you for joining us this year!

We take the opportunity each year to recognize and honor outstanding members of legal and corporate worlds and of our neighborhoods for their exceptional contributions to the public good. This year we dedicate our Annual Benefit to the late Sargent Shriver, who passed away earlier this year. We like to think that what we do here at Brooklyn A is consistent with Sarge’s vision for the national legal services program, which has provided assistance to millions of low-income people over the past four decades. Tonight we will take some time to reflect on Sargent Shriver and what his legacy means to us and indeed, our country and our world.

We are also pleased to be recognizing two other outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to the re-building and revitalization of local communities: Dan Nissenbaum and Harvey Lawrence. Dan Nissenbaum, Managing Director of the Goldman Sachs Urban Investment Group, is this year’s Corporate Honoree. Dan has spent his professional career focusing on bringing to communities, through community organizations, access to private capital necessary for their development. These financial tools have enabled many community-based visions of a future, to become a reality. Along with his work in the Urban Investment Group, Dan chairs the Boards of the Low Income Investment Fund and the National Housing Conference.

Harvey Lawrence, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Brownsville Community Development Corporation (also known as the Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center (BMS)) is this year’s Community Honoree and recipient of the Denis Berger Memorial Award in recognition of his outstanding work in building BMS into a stellar example of a responsive multi-service organization. Its philosophy and underpinnings as a community-based, community-controlled, incredibly effective, accessible and patient-oriented medical institution together with its partnership with Brooklyn A through our Community and Economic Development Unit for over 25 years, line up squarely with Sargent Shriver’s vision of neighborhood-based community and legal services partnerships.

In our forty-three years of providing legal services to people and communities in need throughout North and East Brooklyn, we have learned that we serve our clients better if, in the provision of our services, we are part of the fabric of their community. Additionally, our legal services, much like treating the symptoms of a larger problem, should, whenever possible, connect with larger community-wide undertakings and activities. One of the best ways to serve an individual is, at the same time, to assist in empowering their community by providing resources and services to those neighborhood-based organizations committed to the betterment of their communities. That element of practice and service is critical to what we do at Brooklyn A and is reflected in the partnerships with our communities as we work together towards a better future even in these deeply trying and challenging times.

Thank you all for standing by us in all that we have striven to accomplish over the years and for your continued support in building communities; ensuring opportunities; and achieving justice.
### PAST HONOREES

#### ATTORNEY HONOREE

**Sargent Shriver**  
Posthumously honoring a legacy of public service

#### CORPORATE HONOREE

**DAN NISSENBAUM**  
Managing Director  
Urban Investment Group  
Goldman Sachs Bank USA

#### DENIS BERGER MEMORIAL AWARD

**Harvey Lawrence**  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
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### 2011 HONOREES

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Steve Flax  
M&T Bank  
Mildred Tomy Johnston  
Crispus Attacks Community Council |
| 2009 | John D. Feerick  
Fordham University School of Law  
Eileen Auld  
Citi  
Father John Powis  
Bushwick Housing Independence Project |
| 2008 | Bertris B. Flevon  
Prokauer Rose LLP  
Vincent F. Palagianno  
Dome Community Bancshares, Inc.  
Luis Garden Acosta  
El Partie |
| 2007 | Paul J. Curracc  
Kay & Schiller LLP  
Brendan J. Dugan  
Sovereign Bank  
Maria Contreras-Collier  
Cypress Hills Child Care Center |
| 2006 | Robert C. Sheehan  
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP & Associates  
Terri Thomson  
Citigroup Inc.  
Barbara Schiff  
Southside United Housing Development Fund Corporation |
| 2005 | John Callagy  
Kelly Drye & Warren LLP  
Thomas Early  
Health Plus  
Dr. Claude Oloff  
Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center |
| 2004 | Evan Davis  
Clary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP  
Maureen Bexman  
Bank of America  
Michael Rochford  
St. Nicholas Neighborhood Preservation Corp. |
| 2003 | James F. Gill  
Bryan Cave LLP  
Frederick W. Hill  
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.  
Jeffrey E. Dunston  
Northeast Brooklyn Housing Development Corp. |
| 2002 | Zachary W. Carter  
Dorsey & Whitney LLP  
Morgan Stanley  
Piper Global  
Manufacturing  
Sister Peggy Walsh  
Southside Community Mission |
| 2001 | Barbara Paul Robinson  
Deboutre & Plimpton LLP  
Marilyn G. Gelber  
Independence Community Foundation |
| 2000 | Frederick A. O. Schwarz, Jr.  
Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP  
John M. Imperiale  
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.  
David D. Pagan  
Southside United HDFC (Los Sures) |
| 1999 | Patricia M. Hynes  
Milberg Weiss Berlouh Ficets & LeVax, LLP  
Francoes A. Rescheke  
Cow Edmon  
Admirer Rahaman  
Farrakah Khan  
Oceanhill-Brownsville Tenants Association |
| 1998 | Barry H. Garfinkel  
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP & Associates  
Magda N. Yrizarri  
Bell Atlantic  
John F. Mulhern  
Nuestra Ninos Child Development School |
| 1997 | Conrad Harper  
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP  
Michelle Neugebauer  
Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation |
| 1996 | Henry L. King  
Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP  
Angela M. Battaglia  
Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizens Council, Inc.  
Harold T. Tyler, Jr.  
Patterson Bellnap Webb & Tyler LLP  
Joseph K. Francois  
Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center |
| 1995 | Maurice A. Reid  
Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center |
| 1993 | Sargent Shriver  
Special Olympics International  
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| 1987- | Robert MacCrate  
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP  
Charles J. Hynes  
New York State Medicaid Fraud Prosecutor  
David Trager  
Brooklyn Law School  
Sally Hernandez-Piñero  
Deputy Borough President of Manhattan |

* An additional event in 1987 honored over 40 community leaders.
The year was 1965. President Lyndon B. Johnson, having won the ‘64 election by a landslide, immediately passed two historic Civil Rights bills into law, effectively declaring an end to Jim Crow and finally enabling millions of African Americans to vote. While President Johnson’s ambitions for a fully integrated society were met with explosions of violence throughout the country and in particular in the South, and the Vietnam War loomed large as troop increases were met with growing opposition, another set of Johnson’s policies were in their infancy and beginning to take shape, namely his ‘Great Society’ programs: a series of policies introduced in his 1965 State of the Union Address. In the midst of the whirlwind of social change that year was Sargent Shriver, the late President Kennedy’s brother-in-law. Named as Special Assistant to President Johnson, Sarge started and led the ‘War on Poverty,’ a myriad of government programs designed to improve the quality of life for low-income Americans by providing services and greater access to government as well as providing support for community-based and led initiatives focused on assisting impoverished and neglected community residents build a better future for themselves and their neighbors. As the country and the world experienced increasingly dramatic clashes, both physical and ideological, Sarge set into motion one of the most significant and effective support structures for social and economic justice and development in the history of our country.

Sarge’s resume is too extensive to cover in anything short of a biography (see ‘Sarge: The Life and Times of Sargent Shriver’ by Scott Stossel) and his achievements can only be summarized by saying “They don’t make them like that anymore.” Indeed, just looking at the black and white photos of Sarge intently walking with former presidents, smiling with his young wife, and sitting shoulder to shoulder with the political elite of yore, has the feel of a movie in the making. Born in Maryland, raised in Connecticut, Sarge and his family weathered the Great Depression with fortitude. He attended Canterbury Catholic School on a scholarship, excelling in sports and other aspects of student life. He put himself through Yale Law School and, despite initially being an outspoken opponent of the US involvement in World War II, during his time at law school he enlisted in the Navy and left a decorated veteran. He met Eunice Kennedy at a dinner party and began a seven year courtship, going to work for Eunice’s father, Joe Kennedy, as Manager of Chicago’s Merchandisemart. He married Eunice, and the two have five children: Robert, Maria, Timothy, Mark, and Anthony.

Sarge’s career in politics is often talked about in relation to his in-laws, his unsuccessful runs for Governor of Illinois and for Vice-President on the McGovern ticket. However, what he did accomplish is indeed much more significant. Under President Kennedy he created and ran the Peace Corps, a job that he continued under President Johnson and for which he is perhaps most well known. He openly disdained bureaucracy and often bristled at the role of politics in his work and yet, in his time serving in the Johnson Administration as Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, he overcame politics and bureaucracy and created Head Start, the Job Corps, Volunteers in Service to America (“VISTA”), the Community Action Program and Legal Services for the Poor. While the world outside was on fire, Sarge seemed to pinpoint the needs of everyday Americans and create services and programs to address those needs. At a time when everything else was a far cry from simple his vision was clear: the American people have needs and the role of government is to address those needs, especially for those most in need.

The results of Sarge’s approach were resounding and, although his contributions to
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No question that I was shaped by my family experience.” This year’s Corporate Honoree, Dan Nissenbaum, explains, “we grew up with a service orientation, lots of volunteering.” Dan grew up, guided by his father’s career in international development and his mother’s work as an activist, an advocate for low-income families, and his brother works in development for universities. Dan has put his upbringing to good use by focusing on financing nonprofits and community development projects for over twenty years for some of the largest names in banking: Chemical Bank, Chase Manhattan Bank Community Development Corporation (CDC), JPMorgan CDC and HSBC Bank. He is currently a Managing Director at the Urban Investment Group, a division of Goldman Sachs.

With a BA in Urban Studies from Grinnell College and MBA from Columbia University, Dan started his career working at nonprofits and organizations in Washington DC, including an association that served city managers. After business school, he was recruited by Chemical Bank, an offer he accepted in order to gain private sector experience before returning to the nonprofit sector. Once at Chemical Bank, Dan was introduced to bank Community Development Corporations, in what he describes as a “fascinating confluence of transactional work, regulation, public policy and nonprofit support” and decided that this path was perfect for his interests. He found what has been a sustaining mixture of his upbringing, passion for public service, education, and business savvy. Managing community development lending and investing programs for over two decades has provided Dan a level expertise about the business of nonprofits that is as useful as it is unique. Throughout his time working in this sector, at the crossroads of public service and private finance, he has relied on a careful knowledge of the terrain while maintaining a clear sense of the purpose of nonprofit organizations, “[A] critical element for nonprofits is the mission orientation and the long term view; this is what results in real and sustainable neighborhood stabilization and community revitalization.” Explaining the excitement and challenge in community development finance Dan states, “[The] nuances with nonprofits add interesting challenges, in terms of financing...
Dan is also distinguished by his dedication and support to nonprofits, serving on numerous boards and advisory committees. He has served on many Loan Committees for CDFI lenders, including for the Community Preservation Corporation; the NYC Investment Fund; and the Low Income Investment Fund, where he chaired their Community Facilities Committee. In addition, he currently chairs the Board of the National Housing Conference, a well known housing advocacy association in DC, and chairs the Board for the Low Income Investment Fund, one of the nation’s largest and most respected CDFIs. Dan was a founding member of the Board for the Center for NYC Neighborhoods, a group dedicated to combating predatory lending and finding solutions to the foreclosure crisis. He has also served on other boards unrelated to his affordable housing work, including West Side One Stop for Senior Services, and the Bill T Jones/Arne Zane Dance Company.

Having worked in community development finance for a substantial part of his career Dan has been in the midst of the changing economic landscape. Although he is quick to remind us, “In many ways, the core elements are the same – creating access to capital for nonprofits, and increasing the flow of private capital to low-income communities”, Dan has watched his field grow and evolve. Some of these developments are evidenced by sophisticated new financing tools such as New Markets Tax Credits, however, Dan sees the change as having a larger scope: "community reinvestment has evolved from a narrowly focused business in banks driven by regulatory requirements into a more broad-based, decentralized and opportunistic approach . . . In fact, in larger retail banks, community development products are embedded in conventional business units across banks. Community reinvestment has developed and expanded markets, and in some cases attracted other investors. As a consequence, we are now financing not just new rental or for-sale housing developments, but also supporting the development of charter schools, community facilities, and health care clinics. This is true community development, where we can more comprehensively address the true needs of low and moderate income families and individuals.”

“There are challenges,” explains Dan, “inefficiencies remain in executing these financings, we need a more robust secondary market for the array of community development loans and investments, and clearly there is a fundamental question about whether the industry can create sustainable and responsible homeownership programs and products for community residents. As community development finance continues to grow Nissenbaum hopes to see, ‘. . . [an] increased focus on enterprise level financing’ to build the capacity and growth potential for nonprofits, so they can scale and operate [with] more flexibility.”

We are truly grateful to have Dan Nissenbaum with us tonight as this year’s Corporate Honoree. He exemplifies the kind of dedication and the spirit of service that we in the legal services community and beyond aspire to everyday.

We hope you will all join us in celebrating his work and accomplishments tonight.
Harvey Lawrence

When asked about his motivations as a committed leader in the service and wellness communities Harvey Lawrence, this year’s Community Honoree and recipient of the Denis Berger Memorial Award explains: “I know first hand the difference a person can make in the life of another human being because of [the] difference individuals have made in my life; people who stood for me and gave of themselves selflessly without being asked.” As President and Chief Executive Officer of the Brownsville Community Development Corporation (also known as the Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center (BMS)), Harvey knows something about making a difference in the lives of others. Harvey has served on the executive staff of BMS since 1994 and previously served as Senior Vice President at the Financial Services Corporation in NYC’s Office of Economic Development; Executive Director of the City’s Industrial Commercial Incentive Board, and Senior Finance/Development Director at the NYC Public Development Corporation. Brooklyn A has served as counsel to BMS for over twenty-five years and is honored to have Harvey and his dedicated staff and Board of Directors as clients and community partners. We are so happy to celebrate Harvey and all of his accomplishments this year as a community leader, a valued colleague, and a person of great integrity.

Born in Harlem, Harvey was primarily raised by his maternal grandparents in South Carolina. He attended Harriman College, at the State University of New York at Stony Brook from which he received a Masters of Science Degree in Management Science and Policy Analysis. Beginning his public service career as a Management Trainee at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Harvey went on to have a fruitful career in non-profit housing development and eventually held the position of Vice President in the investment banking, public finance and real estate divisions of the former Manufacturers Hanover Trust Bank. When asked about the effect that his prior experience has had on his career at BMS, Harvey replies, “The skills that I acquired over the course of my professional experience have all been invaluable in helping me to expand, sustain, and enhance services in our neighborhood. I learned and appreciated that passion alone was not sufficient to effect long-term sustainable results.”

BMS was founded in 1982 as a project of the Brownsville Community Development Corporation (BCDC). BCDC was founded in 1974 out of the Ocean Hill/Brownsville education struggle of the 1960s and seeks to provide, through BMS, a full spectrum of health care as well as aid in the cultural, economic and educational development of the communities it serves. The organization, as well as Harvey, have their eyes to the past as they walk forward towards the future, founded in activism and a rich history. In regards to his own past inspirations Harvey shares, “In a historic context as an African American, I am keenly aware of the enormous commitment and sacrifice so many have made to achieve the liberties and opportunity which have made my life journey possible. From this perspective I am simply passing along a little of the gift that was given to me - an opportunity and ability to make a difference in the lives of people seeking ‘the warmth of other suns.’”
This year we are honoring a group of people whose work has helped to maintain this city we call home and preserve its reputation as one of the greatest places on Earth. Whether they are working directly in New York City communities, finding ways to finance community development, or the overall work they’ve done for low-income communities, their labor has benefited countless residents of New York and they have contributed to a higher quality of life for New Yorkers. Thus we could not think of anyone more fitting to MC this event than Roma Torre, one of the most exceptional New Yorkers on television.

You may see Ms. Torre on TV regularly during her mid-day shift on New York 1’s ‘News All Day’ or doing her theater reviews for New York 1’s ‘NY1 on Stage’. Perhaps you remember her from her award winning coverage on the award winning program ‘Inside City Hall’, once referred to as the ‘60 minutes of local television’. You also might know her from her work at News12 Long Island, the first 24 hours local news network in the country, reporting, anchoring, hosting a weekly news program, and serving as the station’s TV and film critic.

However, perhaps what you don’t know about Ms. Torre is that she has won more than 25 broadcasting awards, including an Emmy for reporting and anchoring the Avianca plane crash disaster in 1991. In 1993, she and “News All Evening” anchor Lewis Dodley were honored by New York Magazine’s “Best of” edition as the best news anchors in New York. In 2003 she was the recipient of the Newswomen’s Club of New York’s 2003 Peggy Award for Broadcasting, for her review of the Broadway show “Big River.”

Roma Torre is the daughter of Marie Torre, a print journalist for the N.Y. Herald Tribune and the first journalist to go to jail for protecting a source of information. Marie Torre served a ten day sentence right after giving birth to her daughter Roma.

Roma graduated with a degree in English and history from Tufts University. While in Boston, she started a theater company with fellow student Ed Lopez which, lasting only three years, indicative of her passion for acting which lead to several roles on soap operas and off Broadway productions. The partnership with Ed thrived. They married in 1991.

Ms. Torre, a mom of two, works to keep us informed about and invested in our city. She has spent the past decade plus covering the issues facing New Yorkers with an almost personal conviction. As a parent, a patron of the arts, a journalist and a New Yorker we are honored to have her with us tonight.
The Constitution calls for establishing justice as a national purpose in its very first line. Our Pledge of Allegiance proclaims our commitment to “justice for all.”

“Equal Justice Under Law” is engraved over the entrance to the U.S. Supreme Court building. These are not just words. They are expressions of a core American value.

—James J. Sandman

This year’s guest speaker, James J. Sandman, has had a long and extremely well rounded career. Currently serving as the President of Legal Services Corporation (LSC), Sandman spent three decades at the law firm of Arnold & Porter LLP, including ten years as Managing Partner. In 2007, Sandman decided to go into public service, taking on the role of General Counsel of the District of Columbia Public Schools. He served as President of the District of Columbia Bar in 2006-07.

Mr. Sandman is the co-chair of the District of Columbia Circuit Judicial Conference Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services and is a member of the Pro Bono Institute’s Law Firm Pro Bono Project Advisory Committee. From 2007-2008, he served on the American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service.

He is a member of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission’s District of Columbia State Advisory Committee. He also is Vice Chairman of the Washington Performing Arts Society and on the boards of the Meyer Foundation and the Women’s Bar Association Foundation.

Mr. Sandman previously served on the boards of the Neighborhood Legal Services Program of the District of Columbia, the International Senior Lawyers Project, the NALP Foundation for Law Career Research and Education, Wilkes University, the University of Pennsylvania Law School and the Whitman-Walker Clinic. He also has served on the scholarship selection committee of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association.

Mr. Sandman, the middle child of five, grew up in Albany New York raised by a mother who worked in special education with the hearing impaired and a father in banking. He is a summa cum laude graduate of Boston College, where he pursued his love of history, politics, and writing; and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his law degree cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as Executive Editor of the Law Review. Sandman pursued a clerkship with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit Justice Max Rosenn, who Sandman describes as “the single most important influence on my life as a lawyer.” Rosenn helped Sandman to gain insight into his chosen profession, as well as the function of law and its role in society. Rosenn also led Sandman to the conclusion that, although his experience as a clerk was positive he would better serve as a lawyer so as “to try to be a contributor to the institutions and communities of which I was a part.”

Mr. Sandman received the University of Pennsylvania Law School Alumni Award of Merit in 2007 and was named one of the “90 Greatest Washington Lawyers of the Last 30 Years” by the Legal Times in 2008. He was recognized as a “Star of the Bar” by the Women’s Bar Association of the District of Columbia in 2006. In 2011, he received the first annual Celebration of Service Award from D.C. Law Students in Court, the Tahirih Justice Center’s Wings of Justice Award, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School’s Howard Lesnick Pro Bono Award.

Sandman’s commitment to providing equal access to the law for all in an increasingly difficult economic environment is commendable. In the spirit of Sargent Shriver he continues the legacy of five decades of legal services.
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Brooklyn A building communities, ensuring opportunities, and achieving justice

For over four decades, Brooklyn A has made community and economic development a major program priority. Brooklyn A is one of the only non-profit, neighborhood-based, public interest legal services programs in the country to develop and sustain a substantial transactional practice representing community-based organizations and community development corporations in low-income communities.

This work results in the creation of new and rehabilitated housing, the empowerment of tenants, the delivery of quality medical care and child care services, the development of community centers, and the creation of minority- and community-owned businesses and jobs.

Our years of experience has taught us that solely providing people with legal services for the hurdles they face is akin to treating only the symptoms of a greater illness. Thus, we strive everyday to meet as many of the needs of our clients as we can through an integrated web of organizations in our area of Brooklyn. Organizations like Brownsville Multi Service Family

WHAT WE OFFER

We offer representation and advocacy:

- to tenants and tenant associations to prevent their displacement and to ensure decent living conditions;
- to keep families united and to stop and/or prevent domestic violence;
- for persons living with HIV/AIDS, the elderly, and persons with disabilities;
- to obtain or restore critical benefits such as “welfare,” SSI and Unemployment Insurance to those improperly denied them;
- to counter predatory lending practices; and
- to support community and economic development efforts undertaken by nonprofit, neighborhood-based organizations.

Our work prevents homelessness; helps people in need receive entitlements; assures that families remain together; and assists the neighborhoods that we serve to marshal

ABOUT BROOKLYN A

Founded in 1968, Brooklyn Legal Service Corporation A (Brooklyn A) has provided high-quality, neighborhood-based civil legal services to low-income individuals, families, community groups, and nonprofit organizations throughout North and East Brooklyn for over forty years.

The nearly 6,000 people who walk through our doors annually are faced with losing their homes, a poor quality of life, negligent landlords, and discrimination. They may be survivors of domestic abuse or persons living with HIV/AIDS, often they are people living in extreme poverty, and sometimes they are members of the community who have fallen victim to predatory lending and/or are deeply in debt and face foreclosure like so many people living in the U.S. today. We seek to protect the basic rights of our clients, while providing them with the opportunities and resources to empower themselves and their greater community at large.

Our years of experience has taught us that solely providing people with legal services for the hurdles they face is akin to treating only the symptoms of a greater illness. Thus, we strive everyday to meet as many of the needs of our clients as we can through an integrated web of organizations in our area of Brooklyn. Organizations like Brownsville Multi Service Family
Health Center work with us to provide health care for our clients with their unique approach to integrated patient care, treating patients through a committee system of specialists and general practitioners, as well as social workers and support groups. We work with Los Sures, who, amongst a roster of other amazing services, helps to manage tenant owned and run co-ops throughout Brooklyn, empowering individuals and communities to manage their own resources. We also collaborate with The North Brooklyn Coalition Against Family Violence, a grass-roots domestic violence organization, which provides services and a locally based support network for survivors of domestic abuse. In every area of law we practice our partnerships with community based organizations and service providers are a critical aspect to our success.

It is thanks to the tireless efforts of our staff, attorneys, paralegals, interns, volunteers and outstanding members of the community that we are able to provide the services that we do. However, none of it would be possible without the generous support we receive from institutions and individuals who recognize the power and importance of community legal services. Our organization has been a beacon of hope for so many people over the past 43 years, not the least of which are those of us who work in these amazing and resilient communities: Williamsburg, Greenpoint, Bushwick, Oceanhill-Brownsville, East New York, Bedford - Stuyvesant, Cypress Hills, Starrrett City, City Line, East Flatbush, Flatlands, and Canarsie.
Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to congratulate Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn A) on their Annual Partnership Awards Benefit. This important event celebrates the exceptional neighborhood-based civil legal services provided to our community for 43 years.

This organization has dedicated many years to helping Brooklyn residents. They have been instrumental in the fight for tenants’ rights, insuring secure affordable housing options to all of our citizens. Thanks to the work of Brooklyn A’s Community and Economic Development team as well as the Green Building Law & Justice Project, high-quality legal services are also made available to community based organizations and low-income neighborhoods. Brooklyn A is an essential advisor that tirelessly demonstrates their commitment to social and economic justice.

Let me also salute tonight’s honorees for their admirable dedication to social services: Dan Nissenbaum, Urban Investment Group, Goldman Sachs Bank USA; Harvey Lawrence, President of the Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Service; and the family of the late Surgeon Shriver, founder of the National Legal Services program.

I applaud Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A as they passionately fight for the rights of our community. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Nynthia M. Velázquez
Member of Congress
November 17, 2011

Greetings,

On behalf of New York’s 11th Congressional District, it is my honor to extend warm greetings to the members of the Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A, on the occasion of their Annual Partnership Awards Benefit.

For over 40 years, the Brooklyn Legal Service Corporation A has "built our communities by ensuring opportunities and achieving justice." Several nonprofit organizations, community groups, and over 6,000 low-income residents benefit annually from the free civil legal services this organization provides throughout North and East Brooklyn.

It is always a pleasure for me to acknowledge and commend citizens such as Martin S. Needelman, Project Director and Chief Counsel along with the Board of Directors for their leadership and dedication to serving our city. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize this year’s honorees: posthumously Sargent Shriver, Dan Nissensaum and Harvey Lawrence for their unwavering support and commitment that has enabled this organization to expand its reach and increase its positive impact throughout New York City.

As you celebrate another year of many accomplishments, I applaud your determination to change our community, one person at a time. Thank you for your many years of philanthropy.

I wish the Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A continued success in their future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Yvette D. Clarke
Member of Congress

November 17, 2011

Congratulations to Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A and their honorees:

Dan Nissensaum

Harvey Lawrence

and Sargent Shriver, remembered

I would like to say thank you to our distinguished honorees for all of their hard work. I would also like to thank all of tonight’s attendees and the many other Brooklyn A supporters that could not make it here tonight. Without your generosity and support thousands of Brooklynites would be forced out of their homes every year because they would not be able to afford legal representation.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Lentol

Member of Congress
November 9, 2011

Dearest Friends:

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I welcome everyone to tonight’s Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A (Brooklyn-A)’s Annual Awards Dinner as well as thank you for supporting their mission and staff. We are here because we understand that local organizations in communities, workplaces, and schools are the building blocks to transform neighborhoods. In their history, under the stewardship of Marty Needleman, Brooklyn-A has become an essential part of the fabric of Northern and East Brooklyn – a stabilizing force to thousands of residents who have come to depend on their services.

Due to your unwavering support of Brooklyn-A, they have continued advocating on behalf of despondent families and neglected residents, who are struggling against discrimination, displacement, and lack of resources in the communities of Northern and East Brooklyn – offering free and accessible civil legal services. Tonight is a tremendous example of their breadth as we acknowledge the courageous steps taken by those who have confronted adversity rather than shying away – this year’s honorees are Dan Nissenbaum, Harvey Lawrence, and the family of the late Sargent Shriver.

Brooklyn-A is an indispensable organization that has a clear mission supporting people, neighborhoods and communities; averaging 6,000 low income members per year that are able to defend their rights to remain in their homes striving for a higher quality of life.

As a Council Member representing over 170,000 constituents, I have the unique privilege of collaborating with Brooklyn-A, and want to congratulate them as well as the honorees on tonight’s successful Annual Awards Dinner.

Your support is as invaluable to the individuals who receive these services as it is to all of us who work tirelessly to provide them.

Wishing you all the best for a wonderful evening; and many thanks for your continuing support.

Kind regards,

Diana Reyna
Council Member, 34th District
Brooklyn/Queens

November 9, 2011

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Congratulations to this year’s honorees: Sargent Shriver, Dan Nissenbaum, and Harvey Lawrence. And thank you “Brooklyn A” for several decades of relentless advocacy in the communities of Williamsburg, Greenpoint, Bushwick and East New York.

I am proud to be associated with your great work and grateful for the role you played in my personal development. I look forward to our continued journey for social justice led by the community for the community.

En La Lucha,

Rosie Mendez
New York City Council District 2
November 17, 2011

Marty Needleman, Project Director
Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A
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Dear Friends,

Brooklyn has a time-honored tradition of paying tribute to those extraordinary individuals and organizations that are dedicated to upholding the law and protecting the rights of our citizens, and who work tirelessly to maintain and strengthen its vitality and effectiveness. Therefore, I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to Project Director Marty Needleman, the Board of Directors, staff and supporters of Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A as you gather for your Annual Partnership Awards Benefit celebration.

Since it was founded 43 years ago, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A has offered high quality neighborhood-centric civil legal services to low income and underprivileged individuals, families, community groups, and nonprofit organizations throughout North and East Brooklyn, preventing homelessness helping families remain together, and creating infrastructure that communities need to thrive. I join with them in spirit as they pay tribute to honorees Dan Nissenbaum, Harvey Lawrence, and Sargent Shriver of blessed memory.

On behalf of all 2.6 million Brooklynites, I salute and commend the Board of Directors and the staff and supporters of Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A as you gather to celebrate your Annual Partnership Awards Benefit. I congratulate this year’s honorees as they are duly and most justifiably paid tribute for their professional and personal contributions to the noble mission and work of the legal profession. Finally, I thank everyone present for making Brooklyn a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,

Marty Markowitz

MM/gdm

November 9, 2011

Dear Friends:

It brings me great pleasure to join Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A in celebrating its Annual Partnership Awards Benefit.

As Public Advocate for the City of New York, I would especially like to extend my congratulations to:

- Late Sargent Shriver, the founder of the national legal services program, recipient of the first Sargent Shriver Memorial Award, presented by William H. Josephson, Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP, to the Shriver family on their late father’s behalf.
- Corporate Honoree: Dan Nissenbaum, Urban Investment Group, Goldman Sachs Bank USA; and
- Community Honoree: Harvey Lawrence, President and CEO of the Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Service.

Since its inception 43 years ago, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A provided high-quality, neighborhood based civil legal services to low-income individuals, families, community groups, and nonprofit organizations throughout North and East Brooklyn.

I am inspired by the work of Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A and by the knowledge that, through the accomplishments of tonight’s honorees and so many others, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A will continue to serve our community for a long time to come.

Please accept my best wishes and wholehearted congratulations on this very special occasion.

Warm regards,

Bill de Blasio
Public Advocate for the City of New York
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