# P-COC POINTS

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"The most valuable possession you can own is an open heart. The most powerful weapon you can be is an instrument of peace." —Carlos Santana



# PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT

### DR. AUGUSTINE AFRIYIE

Dr Augustine Afriyie, is a medical doctor with cross continental training and experience in Ghana, the UK and now the US. Beyond his clinical background, He is deeply engaged in studies that involve public health, biotechnology and spatial epidemiology. He is passionate about health equity, mentorship and creating opportunities that empower young people to succeed academically and professionally.



Dr Afriyie was drawn to P-CoC because of its mission to uplift students of color and provide them with guidance , mentorship and a supportive community. Having personally benefited from mentorship and leadership opportunities in his own journey, He wanted to give back in a meaningful way, by helping high school and college students navigate their educational and career pathways. The vision of Dr. Damaris Lois Lang inspired him to come on board to share his skills and experiences with P-CoC's work. "She called on me and I happily accepted to join in this beautiful vision"-Dr Afriyie

Working with P-CoC has been an enriching experience. One of the moments that stands out to him is engaging with students who are filled with ambition but sometimes need reassurance and direction. Being able to listen , share his story , and encourage them to pursue their dreams despite challenges has been deeply fulfilling. It reminds him that mentorship is not just about giving advice, but about walking alongside others and inspiring them to see the possibilities within themselves.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Recruitment

#### **Governing Board**

In accordance with our Founding Vision, P-CoC Inc. is actively recruiting distinguished individuals to join our Advisory Board team as dedicated professionals looking to effect meaningful change within their local communities through strategic support, resource allocation, and educational initiatives, all within a mission-driven alliance

### **Esther Care Project**

#### P-CoC Inc Social Circles

P-CoC is proud to introduce the Esther Care Project, a heartfelt initiative by P-CoC Inc., launched through the Ghana Social Circles of P-CoC Inc, led by our Advisory Board participant, Esther Frimpong. This project is designed to provide essential clothing and food items to the most vulnerable individuals and communities facing severe poverty across Ghana.

What sets the Esther Care Project apart is its direct support model. Unlike many aid efforts that rely on intermediaries, the Esther Care Project ensures that donations reach those in need personally and directly. Volunteers will physically travel to communities to distribute food and clothing directly into the hands of the individuals and families who need them most.

This approach promotes transparency, accountability, and impact. It also eliminates common barriers and risks associated with third-party distribution channels, where support may be misallocated or never reach the intended recipients.

Stay tuned for the solicitation announcement for food provisions and the clothing drive coming sometime in December during the holiday season. This is more than just charity; it's intentional and personal care.

# RECENT EVENTS

# Office of Program Partnerships

Dr. Shaw, Program Partnership Director at P-CoC, continues to lead impactful community outreach through annual healthcare awareness events in collaboration with DRC. These events are designed to deliver free health education, on-site screenings, and essential wellness resources to Bronx residents.

Each year, the event draws hundreds of attendees. This August was no exception, with over 300 individuals benefiting from health services, fresh meals, and free supply distribution. The atmosphere was one of connection, care, and empowerment, emphasizing the importance of accessible healthcare and community solidarity.

We're proud of the growing impact of this initiative, a key element of the Bronx Social Circle of P-CoC, spearheaded by Dr. Shaw in close partnership with DRC leadership.

# AROUND THE WORLD

# Program Partnership with Youthrupters

# Program Partnerships Office

Shaping Tomorrow Together!

Youthrupters is a student facing 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization established to serve 12 to 17 year old students by fostering civic engagement, forging, and building relationships with other students across different zip codes (in the five NYC boroughs, across NYS, and the country).

Links:https://www.canva.com/design/DAGnV8brmj8/2K2aXb7l8tV3kCUV9W8Dvg/view?utm\_content=DAGnV8brmj88utm\_campaign=designshare8utm\_medium=link28utm\_source=uniquelinks8utlld=hd9c9d5b629

# Support those who support us!

Patronize the businesses of our sponsors and partners—find details on our website.

# Meet us at our Tabling!

Meet some of our participants at our Tabling Events around town, and reach out to see if we can bring a table to your event—email us at <a href="mailto:info@p-coc.org">info@p-coc.org</a>.

# Join the P-CoC Team!

Looking to get involved? Join or volunteer with P-CoC and make a difference! Visit <a href="https://www.p-coc.org/join">https://www.p-coc.org/join</a> to learn more.

Stay engaged!

Follow us on our social platforms for updates, events, and more ways to get involved.





# WHO We Are! We are a collective that cultivates a

culture of support, embracing the ideology of one human race while celebrating ethnic uniqueness and the diverse skin tones that enrich our shared humanity.

<u>Facebook</u>



# WHAT We Do!

Through our race, color, and ethnicitycentered initiatives to address marginalization, we create dynamic spaces for service, networking, collaboration, and leadership development, empowering everyone to embrace fair and equitable coexistence.



# **HOW We Do It!**Our outreach includes cultural exchange

events that celebrate ethnic heritage, positive public messaging to combat stereotypes, and our local social circle hubs for collaborative solution-oriented approaches to societal challenges, all aimed at fostering equitable coexistence.

