

**The Caribbean-American Association**

Connects employees interested in learning about the Caribbean's heritage and rich cultural diversity, which consists of various ethnic groups, religions, languages, cuisines, music genres, and customs.

**Sharon Dhanraj: 212-306-7941**

**The NYCHA Socialites Club**

Aims to boost employee morale by bringing together former and current NYCHA employees to socialize and collaborate via community service and off-site activities.

**Paula Flynn: 212-306-3123**

**The Health Matters Association (HMA)**

Convenes individuals who are interested in healthy living to foster a spirit of health and wellness within the NYCHA community. Participants share ideas, information, and practices that promote and improve general health and well-being.

**Michael Jacocks: 718-218-1539**

**Monica Morris: 718-218-1726**



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The New York City Housing Authority recognizes that voluntary, cooperative activities by employees to meet their mutual needs or interests, serve their common welfare, or make their relationships and employment more pleasant can contribute substantially to a favorable work environment. Organizing such activities under employee associations helps promote these goals.

Employee associations foster a more inclusive environment for employees, helping them feel empowered and motivated to contribute to NYCHA's success via an enhanced sense of their own well-being. Additionally, these associations seek to increase cultural awareness, educational advancement, and professional development opportunities for their members and colleagues.

NYCHA encourages employees to join employee associations as a way to learn, create, and cultivate an environment of camaraderie in the workplace.

# NYCHA EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS & AFFINITY GROUPS



**Organization of Hispanic and Latin American Employee Association**

Provides opportunities for NYCHA employees to learn and experience Hispanic and Latin American cultures.

**Franklin Velez: 212-306-3324**

**Joe Pesante: 718-707-5343**

**Committee on Women's Concerns**

Serves as an advocate for women; encourages the development of programs for the advancement of women through training, education, and career planning activities.

**Renee Taylor: 929-448-8307**

**Indria Williams: 212-306-3367**

**Culture and Arts Exchange**

Works to strengthen cultural values and preserve the heritage and history of NYCHA and its employees. Enhances engagement and participation among NYCHA employees through programs that create pride and a platform to advocate for and promote cultural diversity within the agency.

**Andre Cirilo: 212-306-8533**

**David Soto: 212-306-8564**

**NYCHA Emerging Leaders Association**

Creates an Authority-wide platform for employees to network, collaborate, and develop into future NYCHA leaders.

**Elena Tenchikova: 718-707-5981**

**Greek Society**

Focuses on Greek culture and heritage and provides a social network.

**George Soukas: 917-859-8536**

**Haitian-American Association @ NYCHA**

Creates a social environment in which Haitian Americans come together to share their heritage, values, and traditions and promote a positive image.

**Sybille Louis: 917-859-6059**

**Runners Club**

Promotes agency pride, team spirit, and camaraderie through running events as a team.

**Ramon Lugo: 212-306-8033**

**Rico (Edward) Velez: 212-306-8782**

**NYCHA Chinese-American Association**

Promotes a spirit of solidarity and cooperation among all members; fosters a greater understanding of Chinese-American culture, history, and contributions; and organizes social and cultural activities.

**Qi (Linda) Zhang: 212-306-6677**

**Yuen Fong Lee: 718-218-1146**

**NYCHA Knits and Crochets**

NYCHA Knits and Crochets is a club for fiber artists of all levels – join us to connect with colleagues through knitting and crocheting.

**Mindy Blackstock: 212-776-5019**

**Marlene Tapley: 212-306-4676**

**Roseanne Pisem: 212-776-5212**

**NYCHA Toastmasters**

The goal of the NYCHA Toastmasters is to generate self-confidence and to maximize staff's inner potential through effective communications techniques.

**Fatima Lundy: 212-306-2858**

**Otica Rutledge: 718-562-8200**

**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People**

Strives to improve the political, educational, social, and economic status of minority groups; eliminate racial prejudice and discrimination; and keep the public aware of the adverse effects of racial discrimination.

**Lynn Spivey: 718-707-5828**

**Alina Williams: 347-669-2421**

**Nigerian Organization of NYCHA Employees**

Promotes the learning of Nigerian heritage and contributions to society and celebrates and hosts social events and holidays.

**Ayoola Soetan: 646-401-2195**

**Angelinah Adegboyega: 347-593-4504**

**Najeem Lawal: 347-853-0476**

**Ndubuisi Elem: 516-856-1587**

**Matthew Aigbe: 917-239-4864**

**NYCHA Agape Fellowship**

Agape (which means "God of kind love") promotes the study of the Word and hosts programs and activities that foster excellent work habits through spiritual enrichment.

**Sharon Williams: 718-329-7455**

**Eileen Jones: 212-306-4150**

**Italian-American Association**

Provides an opportunity for all employees to learn about the culture of Italy and the experiences of Italian Americans.

**Valerie Pepe: 929-259-1828**

**Association for Christian Fellowship**

Promotes study of the Holy Bible, provides spiritual fellowship, and conducts programs and activities for the exchange of information and ideas to enhance the quality of life in the workplace.

**Felicia Tucker-Burrison: 212-776-5217**

**Mike Flores: 718-707-5869**

**Association of LGBTQ Employees**

Supports the full inclusion and affirms the diverse identities of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people (LGBTQ) to cultivate a safe work space and leadership opportunities.

**D'Andra Van Heusen: 212-306-3518**

**Association of Russian-Speaking Employees**

Engages employees to learn about Russian heritage and cultural affairs and their contribution to society. Provides support for members in personal and career advancement.

**Lidiya Kantor: 212-306-4122**

**Elena Tenchikova: 718-707-5981**

**Batei Tsibur: The Organization of Jewish Employees at NYCHA**

An organization of Jewish employees providing support, information, and cultural programming.

**Daniel Mahpour: 212-306-8167**

**Daniel Kiss: 718-218-1370**