

Annual Report 2023 - 2024

A Legacy of Excellence

For over 40 years, New York Memory Center has been an experienced community leader in providing an enlightened standard of care and support for people affected by memory loss and their families throughout Brooklyn. That standard continues today as the Center works tirelessly to improve quality of life for members — by reducing social isolation, loneliness, boredom, and depression, as well as building community, connections, belonging, and purpose. The Center has always come through for families at their time of greatest need, helping them stay together in their homes and avoid premature disability and dependence.

This past year has been an emotionally challenging one for us as we mourn the sudden passing of our former Executive Director, Josephine Brown. A Memory Arts Café was held in Josephine's honor in March 2024 and attended by more than 60 community members. Her daughters are establishing a scholarship fund to support members who need financial assistance to attend. Special thanks to the strong and steady leadership of Interim Executive Director Susan Ramos these past two years. She remains on staff at Chief Operations Officer. Our new Executive Director, Audrey Swanson, started with the Center in January 2024. She and the entire team are committed to continuing Josephine's tradition of excellence, and ensuring that the Center remains a trusted pillar of the Brooklyn community during the years ahead.



Over the past year, New York Memory Center has:

- > Served more than 50 members and families, up 10% from last year
- Delivered more than 14,500 client hours of dementia-focused programming and personal care
- Provided more than 4,800 escorted rides to members throughout Brooklyn
- > Offered more than 3,000 nutritious meals
- Achieved high levels of satisfaction among caregivers in a recent survey

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

Our innovative range of programs and services this year include:

- Renewing arts programming partnerships with local cultural institutions including the Intrepid Museum, The Jewish Museum, Brooklyn Music School, and the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra
- ➤ Hosting special events such as the Peace of Heart Choir, the Brooklyn Caregiver Expo with PSS Circle of Care, and a week-long intergenerational program with the eighth-grade class from Berkeley Carroll School
- Fostering relationships with local Occupational Therapy schools at Columbia University, Touro College, New York University, and the Katz School at Yeshiva University
- Continuing popular programs with our artists-in-residence like vocalist and guitarist Debby Karpel, accordionist Ismail Butera, and percussionist David Azarch

LOOKING AHEAD

New York Memory Center is uniquely positioned to rise to the challenge of supporting the growing population of people coming to terms with memory loss. During the coming year, the Center seeks to expand the range and impact our services, develop creative new programming, update our vehicle fleet, and recruit a Community Activities Coordinator to the team.

We thrive because of the generous contributions of donors like you! We are forever grateful for your support, no matter the size. Every dollar given makes a direct impact on the life of someone affected by memory loss. Please consider supporting the Center's mission in the months ahead. Visit *nymemorycenter.org/give* or call us at the office to make a difference today!





Jewish Museum art session





Executive Director Audrey Swanson

From all of us at New York Memory Center . . . THANK YOU!

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Park Slope Collegiate In memory of Patricia Bradley

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Peace of Heart Choir PSS Circle of Care

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AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

Year Ended June 30, 2023 compared June 30, 2022

 Program Service Fees
 \$353,626
 \$314,636

 Contract Revenues
 \$80,698
 \$218,424

 Grants and Contributions
 \$135,178
 \$75,609

 Special Events
 \$1,075
 \$747

 Interest Income
 \$142
 \$764

 TOTAL REVENUE
 \$570,719
 \$610,180

 Program Services
 \$317,716
 \$407,403

 General and Administrative
 \$140,667
 \$136,538

 Fundraising
 \$1,037
 \$10,388

 TOTAL EXPENSES
 \$459,420
 \$554,329

2023



Members of the Peace of Heart Choir brought the joyful power of music to the center.

Gregory Cohen Thanks for engaging Fran

Christensen Constance

Lena Damon In memory of Josephine Brown

Darlene Dickson In memory of Kathleen Nurse

Mary DiLillo In memory of Patricia Bradley

Faye Dilgen In memory of Patricia Bradley

Torrene & Ithran Einhorn In memory of Benjamin Einhorn

Kathleen Everett *In memory of Josephine Brown*Deborah Falcone *In honor of Nick*

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Gillian Fallon In Honor of the

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Sharon Goldzweig In memory of Shirley Shulman & Patricia Bradley

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Stella Kim Hansen In memory of Penelope Georgakopoulos

Peggy Hernandez In memory of Carlos Hernandez & Jos. Brown

Meredith Hightower In honor of Ola Hightower

Zarema Ibadullayeva In memory of Patricia Bradley Nelly & Richard Isaacson Yvonne & Michael Jackson Ariela Jones *In memory of Kathleen Nurse*

Mary Joseph In memory of Kathleen Nurse

Heather Kane In memory of Josephine Brown

Amy Karpel Deborah Karpel

Frank Keating & Alice Muchewicz-Keating

Gwendolyn Lancaster In memory of Kathleen Nurse

Brenda Lehrman In memory of Shirley Shulman

Robert Lenartz Lynne Lerner *In memory of Quentin Hatwood*

Susan Lin

Kathy Livingston In memory of

Josephine Brown
Laura Locke In memory of
Josephine Brown

Carolyn Lombardi In memory of Josephine Brown

Theresa Lundy In memory of Kathleen Nurse

Make Space, Giulia Carotenuto & Chris Bravo

Linda Manzella *In memory of Marie Manzella*Marty & Jamie Markowitz

Marguerite Marra In memory of Laura & Joseph Marra Margaret Mazzeo In memory of

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Art project with students from Berkeley-Carroll School









