

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2019



Message from the Chief Executive Officer

As we embark on an exciting 2019, Human First would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the many supporters who help us to fulfill our mission. From attendees and sponsors of our successful 2018 fundraising events, to generous contributors to our #GivingTuesday campaign, your support is vital to help our programs and individuals thrive.

And thriving they are! The past holiday season was filled with lively celebrations, great food and gift exchanges, as individuals and staff decked the halls and created magical memories throughout December (and into January!). We dedicate this newsletter to all the special moments individuals enjoyed and look forward to for many more to come in 2019!

Sincerely,
Cheryelle Cruickshank | Chief Executive Officer

Spreading Christmas Cheer in Queens and Brooklyn

At our Little Neck, Astoria and Brooklyn Day Hab Programs, individuals donned festive attire and embraced the spirit of the season, enjoying terrific food, great music and warm camaraderie. Day Hab participants also assisted with beautiful decorations and helped serve tasty dishes, such as baked ziti and chicken parmigiana. And, of course, there were lots of presents to go around!



A Time to Celebrate

At Human First, programs across the agency held festive gatherings and recreational outings to commemorate the holidays. Here's a snapshot of some of the wonderful events that took place.



All Aboard for a Fun Tradition!

On Thursday, January 17th, participants from Human First's Long Island Day Hab Program visited the New York Botanical Garden's Holiday Train Show in the Bronx. The annual outing has become a cherished tradition for staff and individuals. Each year, everyone grows more impressed with the incredible creativity that goes into the exhibit: a re-creation of more than 175 New York City landmarks. Individuals were in awe of this year's newest additions: replicas of Downtown Manhattan, the Statue of Liberty and One World Trade Center.



Giving Back and Making a Difference

A big thank you to the following donors who contributed to Human First's 2018 #GivingTuesday campaign. Your support is crucial to the continuation of essential services that enhance the lives of our individuals and provide increased opportunities for enrichment, skill building and community inclusion.

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SAVE THE DATES!

On **May 5, 2019**, Human First will present our **2nd Annual Bowl-a-Thon** at *Jib Lanes* in Flushing, Queens. In 2018, we surpassed our fundraising goal at the event, and this year, we're hoping to do the same! For information about exciting ticket and sponsorship packages, please contact Laurel Dawkins at LDawkins@humanfirst.org. See you on the lanes!

A fun time will also be in the cards at our **2019 Casino Night** at *Terrace On The Park* in Queens in **October**. Watch this space for more details and get ready to place your bets!



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