



CELEBRATING
JASA 5 YEARS
VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Summer 2018

Dear Volunteers,

2018 marks JASA's 50th Anniversary. Thanks to people like you we are able to continue our legacy as one of New York's largest and most trusted agencies serving older adults. With your help we impact the lives of over 43,000 older adults each year.

Volunteer highlights from the 2018 Fiscal Year (July 2017 - June 2018) include:

- 82 new volunteers in ongoing assignments
- 186 volunteers participated in group service activities
- Over 1,000 volunteers agency-wide
- Volunteers logged over 5,500 hours of service

Congratulations to our 11 volunteers who served more than 100 hours in 2017, and received recognition certificates from NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Whether you assisted at a one-time event, volunteered weekly, or were on call in case we needed you for an emergency, we are grateful that you have chosen to spend time giving back with JASA. We look forward to your continued service.

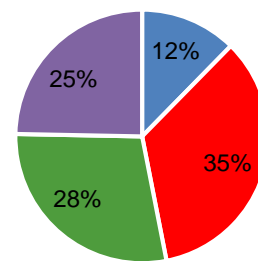
Sincerely,

Martha Pollack, LCSW
Manhattan District Director

Ilana Mittleman
Project Coordinator, NORC Advocacy & Leadership Institute

Where do new JASA volunteers serve?

New volunteers
July 2017 - June 2018



■ Bronx ■ Brooklyn ■ Manhattan ■ Queens

50 Years of JASA

JASA celebrated 50 years of serving New York's older adults at a sold-out Gala at Hudson Yards on May 16. A record \$2.7 Million was raised at the event, including a surprise announcement of a \$1 Million gift from the first-ever *Visionary Award* honoree Stephen M. Ross, Chairman and Founder of Related Companies and former JASA Trustee. Mr. Ross's generous donation is in memory of his mentor Henry Pearce, a founder of JASA.

Watch our [50th Anniversary video](#)



GROUP VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

Corporate Groups

The following corporate groups volunteered their time and generously supported volunteer projects:

- **Bank Leumi at Club 76** assisted with lunch service
- **Barclays at Penn South NORC** served a BBQ dinner
- **Deloitte at Penn South NORC** assembled and delivered care packages to homebound seniors
- **Deloitte at Van Cortlandt Senior Center** beautified a garden



- **Eos** created care packages for Adult Protective Services and Community Guardian Program clients
- **Goldman Sachs at Senior Alliance Senior Center** taught technology skills to senior center members
- **MAP Architects at Williamsburg Senior Center** assisted with lunch service

Community Partners

We greatly appreciate our community partners for their ongoing volunteer support:

- **JCH of Bensonhurst**
 - 1 Summer Youth Employment Program participant at JASA's Central Office
- **St. John's University Academic Service Learning** students volunteered at Holliswood Senior Center
- **UJA-Federation of NY Engage Program**
 - JCC of Manhattan volunteers taught technology skills at "Tech Soup" at Club 76 and Penn South NORC

School Groups

Students joined classes, assisted with lunch service, celebrated holidays, and spent time getting to know JASA seniors:

- **Brooklyn College** at Luna Park Senior Center
- **Browning School** at Club 76
- **Columbia Urban Experience** at Penn South NORC, Club 76, and Van Cortlandt Senior Center
- **Democracy Prep** at Van Cortlandt Senior Center
- **EC New York** at Club 76
- **George Jackson** at Club 76
- **The Equity Project Charter School** at Club 76
- **Trevor Day School** at Club 76

JASA Young Leaders Council

JASA's Young Leaders Council is a group of young adults in their 20s through late 30s who advance JASA's work of enabling older adults to live better, healthier, more vibrant lives by leveraging their personal commitment and collective power to make New York a better place for seniors to live.

This fiscal year, the Young Leaders Council raised over \$4,000 to directly benefit JASA clients. Fundraisers included a happy hour and Cyc fitness event.

In November, volunteers and Penn South NORC members joined together for Cookbook and Kibitzing. We shared favorite holiday memories and recipes.

We are planning more events for the upcoming year, including a Happy Hour on Thursday, October 11.

For more information contact Gerald Prosser at 212.273.5211 or gprosser@jasa.org

Volunteer Spotlight: Maddie Gair Volunteer at JASA's Central Office



When there is work to be done, JASA knows who to turn to.


Retirement for this 25-year veteran of the financial industry did not translate into “not working,” and so a friend suggested that she check out opportunities with JASA. Maddie Gair has now been volunteering at JASA's headquarters for seven years, three days a week, helping out with office work wherever she's needed.

It wasn't long before she became JASA's go-to volunteer. In addition to office work, Maddie assists with events, including preparing materials for and assisting at JASA's Elder Abuse Training Institute and annual Elder Abuse Conference.

Since finding a welcoming home and engaging in meaningful activities, Maddie says, “JASA is the best place with the best people. It's one family. They appreciate what you do for them. It's wonderful to be here.” Volunteers like Maddie help keep JASA running.

Check out more JASA Heroes on our [website](#)

Get more involved with JASA!

- ◆ Join JASA's [Young Leaders Council](#)
- ◆ Follow us on social media:

- ◆ Know someone who could benefit from JASA services? Contact **JASA's Help Center** at **212-273-5272**
- ◆ Make a [donation](#) in honor of JASA's 50th Anniversary
- ◆ Learn more at www.jasa.org
- ◆ Spread the word about JASA to your friends and family

Upcoming NextAct Events

Educational, cultural, advocacy, and volunteer programs for adults 55+

- [Sundays at JASA](#)
(Sundays, 9/30- 12/8)
 - JASA's college-level continuing education program
 - Open House (Sunday, 9/23)
- [Advocacy Workshops](#)
 - **Hearing Matters in Healthy Aging** (9/20)
 - **Advanced Life Planning** (9/14)
 - **Institute for Senior Action:** Leadership and advocacy training (10/10-12/19)
 - **FREE Medicare Workshop** (10/22)

Contact Volunteer Services: 212.273.5353 | volunteer@jasa.org | www.jasa.org

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES



Goldman Sachs volunteers teach technology skills at Senior Alliance Senior Center.



MAP Architects serve lunch at Williamsburg Senior Center.



Volunteers from Eos create care packages for clients in JASA's Community Guardian Program and Adult Protective Services.



JASA volunteers at April Volunteer Recognition Lunch with certificates.



Columbia University students and Penn South NORC members.



Columbia University students dance with Luna Park Senior Center members.