



ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2025

**NY SUN
WORKS**
HYDROPONIC CLASSROOMS



Manuela Zamora
Executive Director, NY Sun Works



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Chairman of the Board

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & THE BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends of NY Sun Works:

It may come as no surprise that we're opening this letter by saying that this past year has been a tumultuous one, not only for NY Sun Works but for nearly every non-profit — and especially those focusing on underserved populations, education, and climate mitigation. Our current school partnerships remain strong but we have experienced the loss of funding that would have allowed us to reach an additional 20,000 students and to strengthen the high school to college pathway by creating credit for prior learning (CPL) opportunities for students in our CEA workforce development program.

Though we are operating in a sobering environment, we do have good news to share and celebrate:

- Our 370+ school partnerships are robust and active. Even with threat of cuts to education funding, all of our school partners have chosen to continue operating our program, a testament to the academic and socio-emotional benefits they know it brings to their students;
- Support from elected representatives is strong and growing. Our funding from city and state elected officials increased this year, highlighting the growing recognition that our program is a high-value, low-cost solution to the need for engaging, inquiry-based STEM education;
- We're expanding beyond the tri-state area. This year, we opened Hydroponic Classrooms in 8 public schools in Birmingham, Alabama. In partnership with Jones Valley Teaching Farm and Birmingham City Schools, we are now reaching nearly 4,000 students per year with hands-on STEM, sustainability, and urban farming education that opens new pathways for careers and supports food security for students and their families.

These three highlights underscore a key point: Despite shifting federal priorities, the work we're doing and the education we're delivering remain vital, in demand, and paramount to preparing youth to understand and participate in a changing world. Especially in a year that has brought deep and painful challenges to the communities we serve, including immigration crackdowns and cuts to food security programs, we are steadfast in our commitment to delivering high quality education that inspires students' joy in learning and builds foundations for their futures.

Although we finished FY25 in a strong financial position, we did experience an unanticipated slowdown in lab installations due to backlogs at city construction agencies. These construction delays, combined with federal funding losses, led to a slower than projected growth rate for FY25. The delays have been addressed and installations are moving forward in FY26.

Though challenging, this construction pause did also present an opportunity for us to take the time to assess our team structure and operations processes after several years of rapid, exponential growth. We are now even better positioned to continue the high quality of service delivery to our current school partners and to accommodate our anticipated growth within and beyond the New York City metropolitan area.

We extend our deep thanks to the NY Sun Works team, our Board of Directors, and the teachers we serve who bring our mission to life every day for the 140,000+ students we serve.

Manuela Zamora
Executive Director

Ted Caplow
Chair, Board of Directors



ABOUT US

OUR MISSION

NY Sun Works provides sustainability science and climate education, engaging students as hands-on participants in solving global environmental challenges.



OUR REACH



	2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR	CUMULATIVE (2010-2025)
Students Reached	149,000	589,000



Hydroponic Classrooms Built	30	398
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Hydroponic Systems Installed	142	1,621
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Teachers Trained	242	1,678
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Potential of Food Produced (pounds)	221,000	1,057,000
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OUR IMPACT

Sources: Annual Teacher Surveys 2024-25 school year

NY Sun Works surveys a sample of our partner teachers to assess our program's impact. Here are the highlights from the past school year:



100%

of teachers report that **students acquire strong science knowledge** through NY Sun Works' program



100%

of teachers report that **students actively engage in science topics** through our program



100%

of teachers report that **students show appreciation for the environment** after a year with our program



100%

of teachers report that **students are knowledgeable about climate change issues** after a year with our program

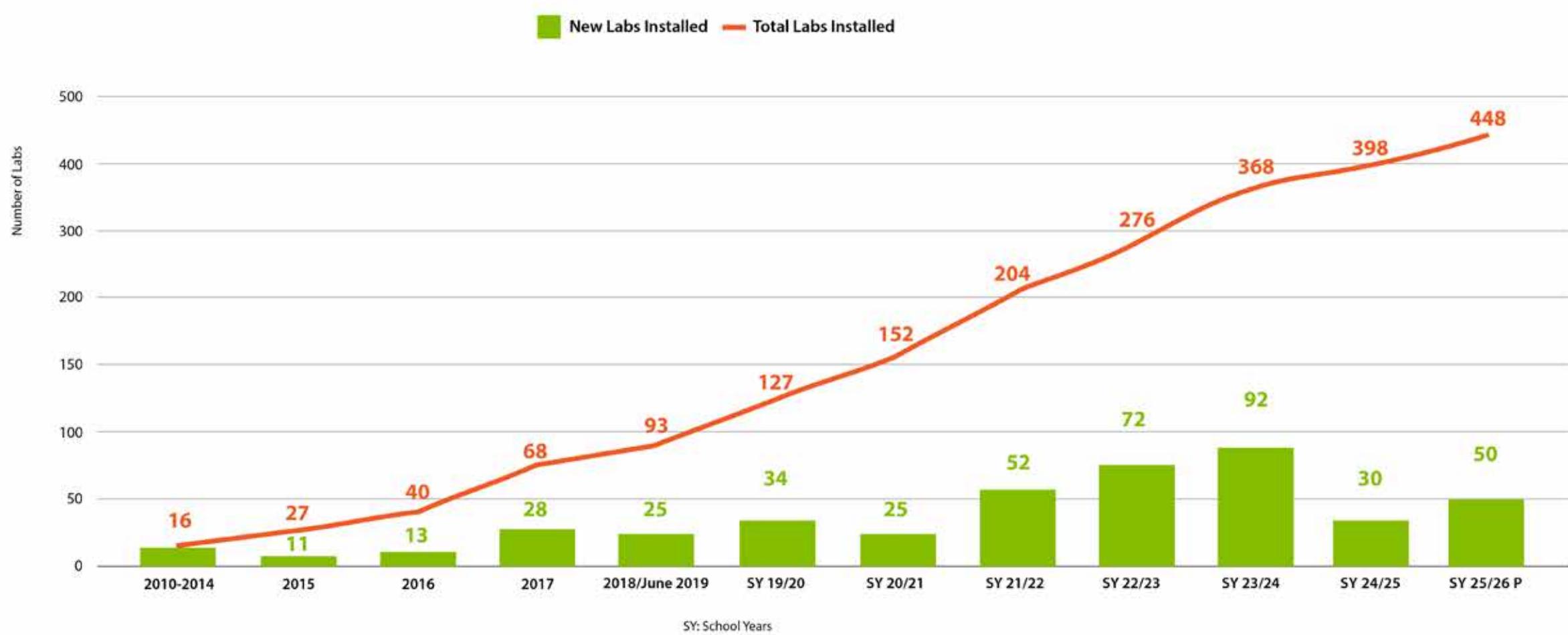


100%

of teachers report that **students participate in the farming process and harvests** in their Hydroponic Classrooms

OUR GROWTH

NY Sun Works builds opportunities for today's youth to become the scientists, innovators, and decision-makers of tomorrow. From the Science Barge in 2004 to our first Hydroponic Classroom in 2010 to nearly 400 active school partners as of June 2025, NY Sun Works is delivering on our commitment to helping students build the skills they need for the future they deserve.



**Projected for
FY26:**
50 NEW
Hydroponic
Classrooms
built

“The impact has been transformative. Students are not only developing a deeper connection to their environment but also cultivating critical thinking skills, teamwork, and a sense of responsibility toward a more sustainable future.”

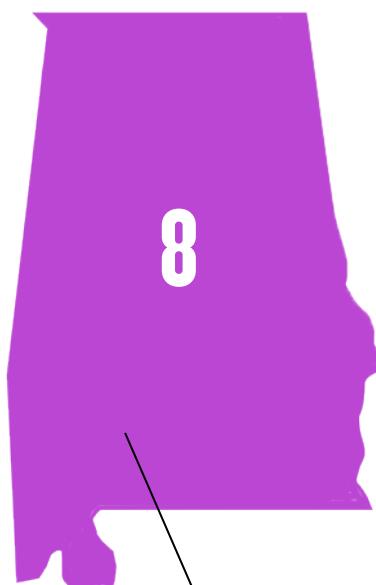
—Teacher, Brooklyn elementary school

PEOPLE WE SERVE

NY Sun Works serves a diverse population of students primarily across the five boroughs of New York City, with a small but growing number of schools in the greater metropolitan area. Our programming is accessible to all types of learners, including those who require special accommodations, and is designed to be inclusive and culturally responsive.

We focus on bringing our robust programming and curriculum to higher needs public schools, with 84% of our partners qualifying for Title I, the federal education program that provides financial assistance to schools with high percentages of children from low-income families, and 77% of students attending our partner schools experiencing poverty.

NEW
NYSW Partner
Schools in Alabama



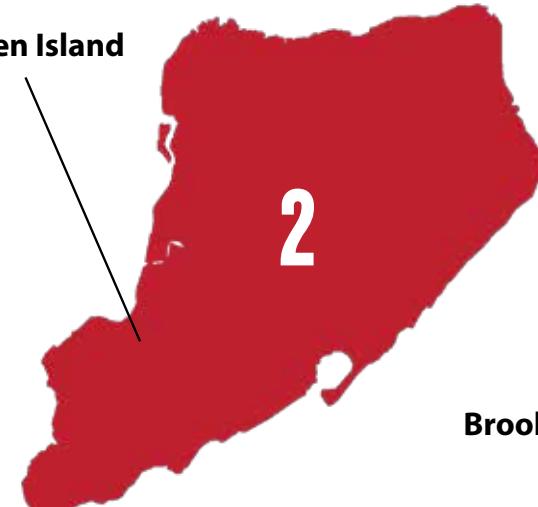
Alabama



New Jersey

**Number of NYSW
Partner Schools
in the Five Boroughs,
Westchester and NJ**

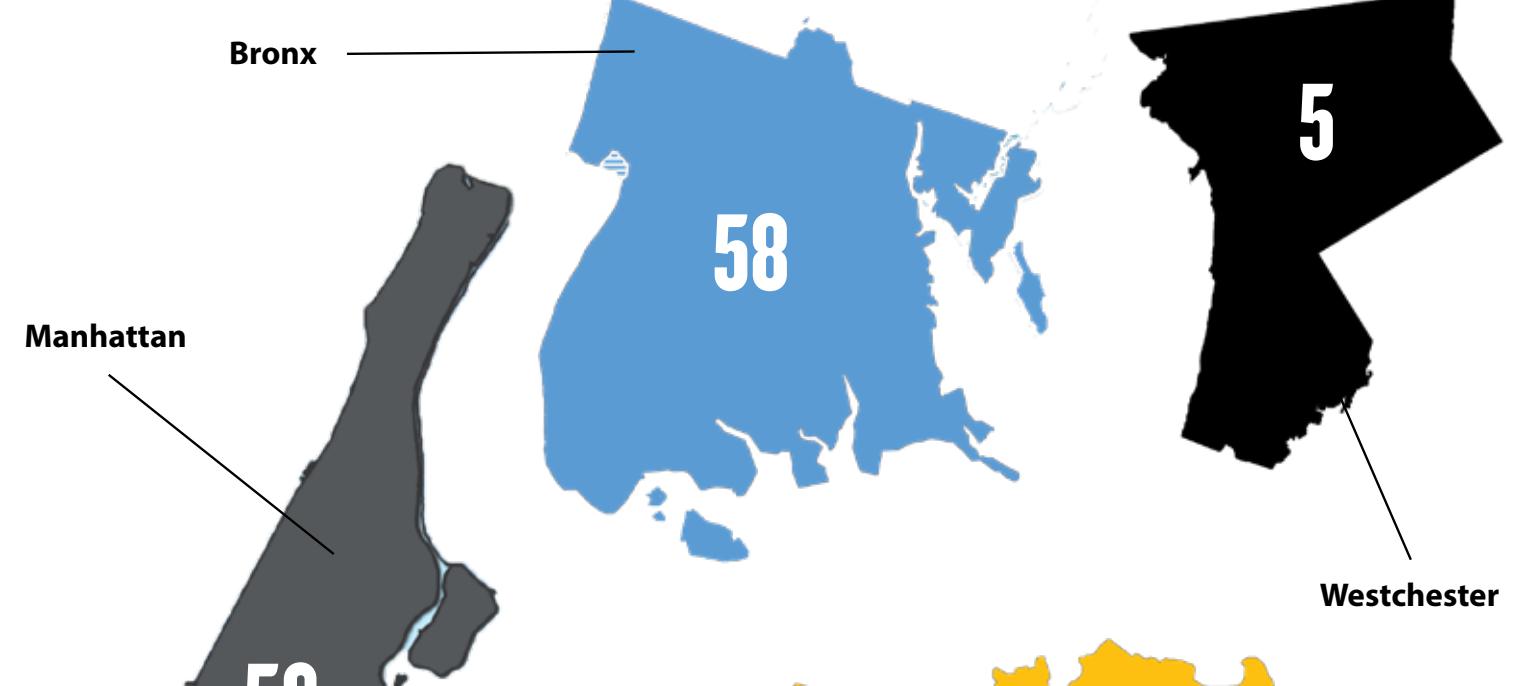
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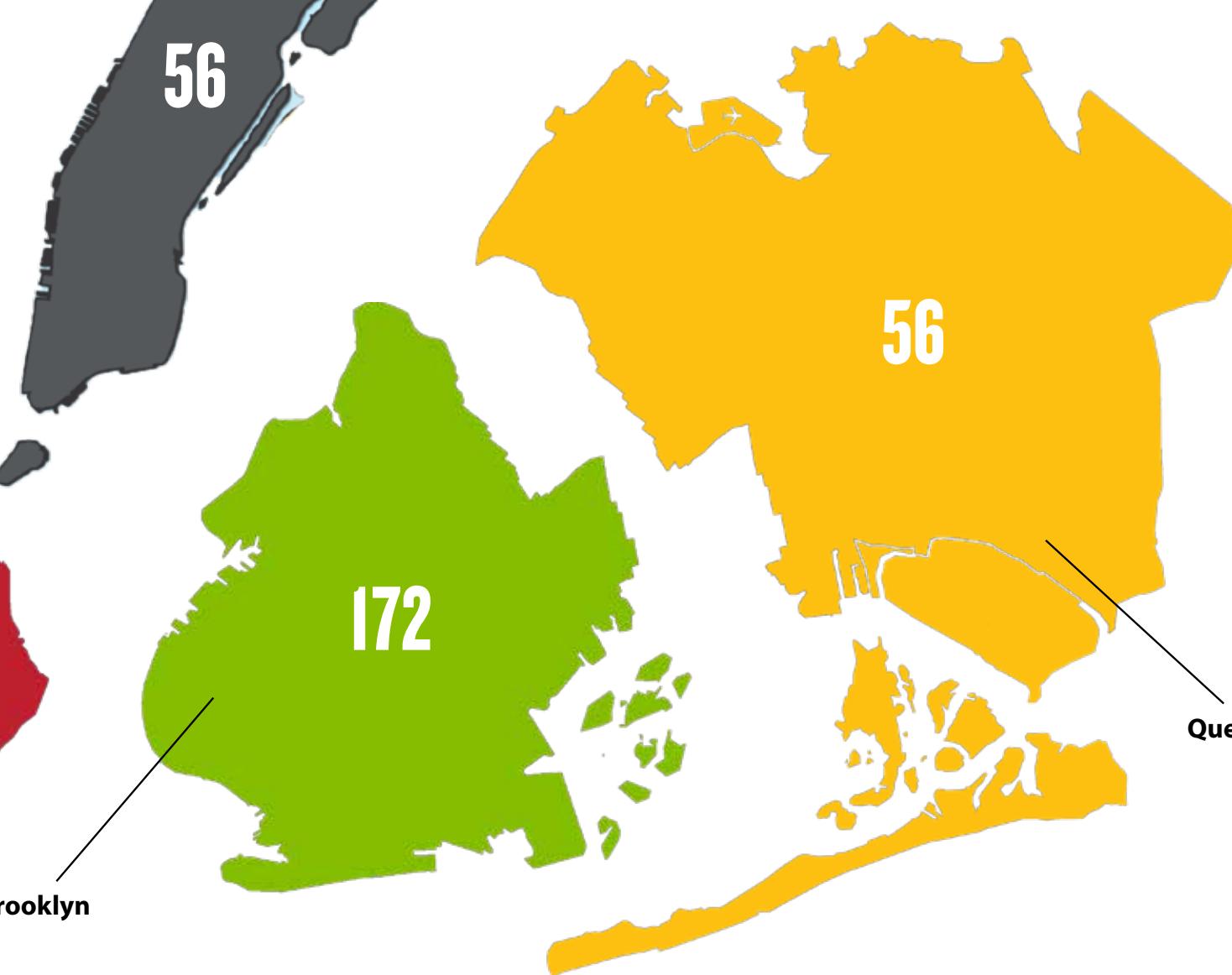
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Bronx



Westchester

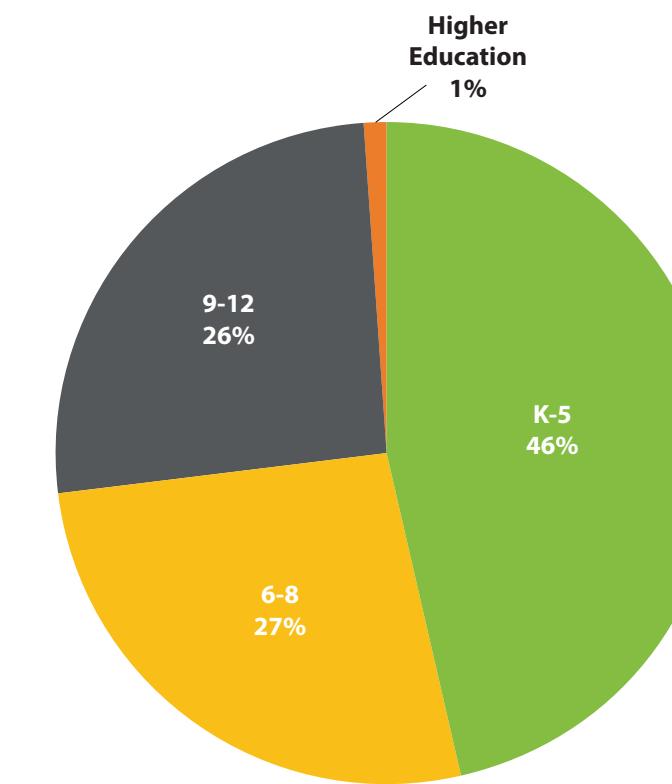


Queens

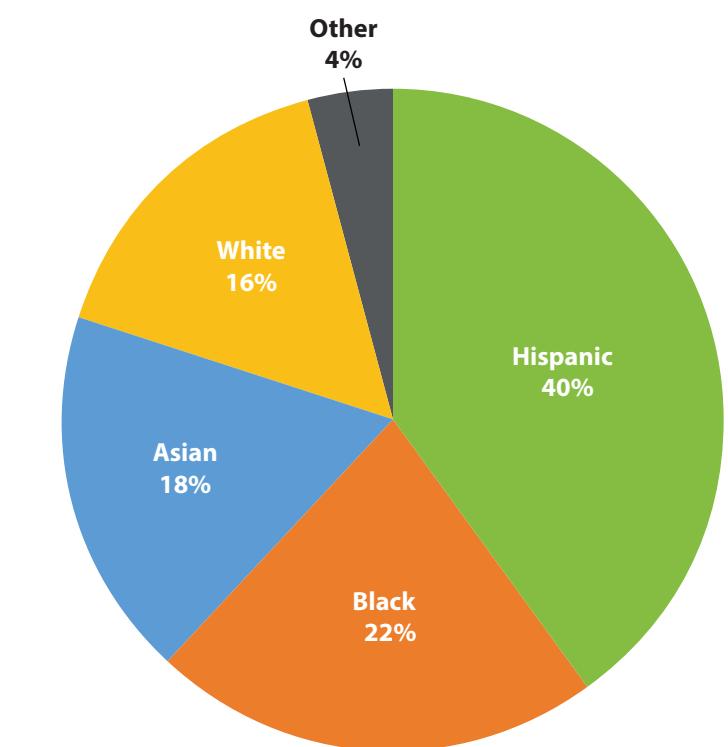
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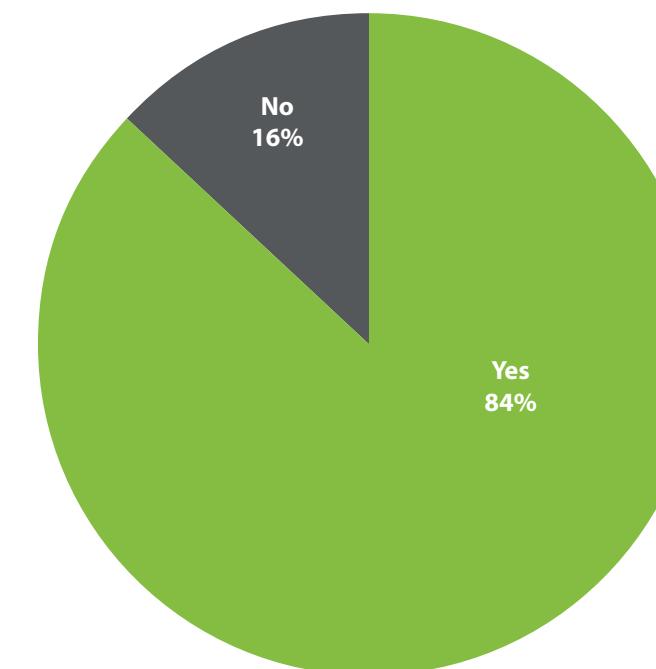
SCHOOLS BY GRADE BAND



STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



TITLE I STATUS



The Students' Ethnicity chart was created using data from the NYC Department of Education Demographic Snapshot (SY 2023-2024), and our Title I status chart was created using data from the NYC Department of Finance (SY 2024-2025).

TEACHER TRAINING



98% of teachers are satisfied with NY Sun Works



TEACHER TRAINING

NY Sun Works' Education & Grow Support Teams are honored to provide partner schools and educators with training and mentoring to support implementing our extensive K-12 curriculum and using hydroponic farming as a teaching tool. Through our combination of one-on-one training and group professional learning, teachers build the skills, confidence, and knowledge they need to deliver meaningful, hands-on, grade-specific, and student-centered lessons that engage and empower students as farmers and scientists throughout the school year.

In the 2024-25 school year, our teams:

- Supported 240+ teachers with individual mentoring and training;
- Held over 30 professional learning sessions, reaching hundreds of K-12 teachers from the five boroughs, Chappaqua, NJ and Birmingham, AL;
- Diversified our professional learning content with new training sessions, workshops, and events on: climate science, the DOE's Climate Action Days, and controlled environment agriculture for our high school workforce development program.

ASPD Course

Sustainability Professional Development for Non-Partner Teachers

Every year, NY Sun Works offers our 45-hour ASPDP (After School Professional Development Program) course, "Energy, Water and Waste: Integrating Themes of Sustainability Into Your Classroom," free of charge to NYC public school teachers, regardless of their affiliation with NY Sun Works. The course is approved for teacher continuing education credits by the NYC Department of Education (DOE) and focuses on incorporating sustainability content across the K-12th grade curriculum. The 38 teachers who participated in this year's two course sessions represented a range of grade levels and taught a variety of subjects, including general elementary education, ELA, math, chemistry, biology, physics, and art.



"The curriculum training allowed more freedom and confidence as an educator to allow my students to conduct their own experiments. Many of my students, all of the girls in fact, flourished in the hydroponics class, stating that they never liked science until now. That was huge for me as a teacher!"

— KRYSTLE, high school teacher

HARVEST PROGRAM



NY Sun Works' Harvest Program is a joyful way to connect families with classroom learning and expand access to healthy, fresh produce. Through the program, students bring home the fresh produce they've cultivated in their classrooms and, using Harvest Program discussion cards, gather stories from their families about their traditions as they intersect with food. This knowledge is then brought back to the class to share with their teachers and classmates, creating new opportunities for conversations and projects about the connections between food and culture. The program engages students fully in hands-on Farmer-Scientist work throughout the school year, brings families' culture into the classroom, and extends the message about the role of urban farming in building sustainable, climate-resilient communities to students' families.

In 2024-2025, students across our 370+ partner schools cultivated and harvested hundreds of pounds of lettuce, kale, chard, herbs, tomatoes, beans, eggplants, zucchini, and a universal favorite – cucumbers!



98% of teachers have used harvest lesson materials

95% of students eat the fresh produce they have grown

100% of students took home harvested food to share with families

Source: Based on internal performance survey of partner schools

HIGH SCHOOL URBAN AGRICULTURE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Congratulations to the 82 high school students who successfully completed our workforce development program in urban agriculture this year! These new program graduates join 233 of their peers who have been certified in Controlled Environment Agriculture since our program launched in summer 2022.

The program, piloted with funding from the USDA, provides high school students with technical skills, environmental science foundations, and general workforce readiness training to build pathways for entry into green careers such as Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) and other environmental careers. The program bridges

the degree divide by enabling students from low-income backgrounds to enter the workforce directly with an in-demand skill set and participate more equitably and inclusively in New York City's green economy.

The program continues to expand and is now being offered as both a full school year and a semester-long option.

315

Students successfully certified in Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) since program launch

The class opened up a world of possibilities . . . It ignited my passion for sustainable agriculture, and I realized I could make a difference by developing innovative solutions. . . It has been an incredible journey, and I am determined to continue pushing the boundaries of sustainable CEA practices for a greener future.

—JOEL, High School CEA Student



STEM HYDROPONIC KITS

5,366

STEM kits ordered this past school year

43

Schools in all five boroughs of New York City and South Dakota ordered kits

31,971

STEM Kits ordered since 2020 program launch



NY Sun Works introduced our STEM Hydroponic Kit program in September 2020 to support hands-on science and sustainability teaching during pandemic school closures. The kits and their accompanying curriculum were a welcome resource for remote learning for teachers, parents, and students.

Since then, the kits have evolved into a versatile, affordable learning tool, providing sustainability science and farming education in a compact, portable format and have engaged students throughout NYC and as far away as Texas and South Dakota.



“Every time we did a lesson, they wanted MORE.”

—Teacher on their students using NY Sun Works STEM Kits and curriculum

BRINGING HANDS-ON SCIENCE AND HYDROPONIC HARVESTS TO THE NY HALL OF SCIENCE

NY Sun Works was thrilled to partner with the **NY Hall of Science** this year to introduce thousands of museum visitors to the wonders of hydroponically grown produce and the science of indoor agriculture. Our hydroponic exhibit, which ran from September 2024 through July 2025, enabled visitors of all ages to taste the fresh-grown produce and to see first-hand how hydroponics fits into wider sustainability science education in schools.

The exhibit kicked off at the Queens Climate Expo on September 27th. **Queens Borough President Donovan Richards** opened the exhibit with a welcome speech that honored our work and highlighted the interconnections of hydroponics, STEM education, and the all too real impacts of climate change on the borough of Queens.

Over the 10-month run, over 400,000 visitors viewed the exhibit, and we distributed over 250 pounds of fresh kale, parsley, basil, mustard greens, tatsoi, and lettuce to school groups and museum visitors. At the close of the exhibit in July, over 50 pounds of produce from the 300+ plants were distributed free of charge to families, residents, and NYSci patrons.

Our deep thanks to Queens Borough President Donovan Richards for supporting the exhibit, to our corporate sponsors **Crop King, Lettuce Grow, Fork Farms, and Gotham Greens**, and to the staff at the NY Hall of Science for the opportunity to bring sustainability science and hydroponics to museum goers from around the world.





NY SUN WORKS 20th ANNIVERSARY

NY Sun Works turned 20 this year! From creating the Science Barge on the Hudson River to building partnerships with 370+ schools, it's been an honor to serve youth in NYC and beyond for the past two decades. We've brought science, sustainability, and climate education through hydroponic farming to nearly 600,000 students since our inception, trained over 1,600 teachers, and helped students cultivate — and enjoy — thousands of pounds of fresh produce along the way!

We marked this exciting milestone with a 20th Anniversary celebration in October 2024 and with 20 ribbon cuttings at new partner schools throughout the school year.

Bottom Left: Dr. Ted Caplow, Founder and Board Chair, NY Sun Works; U.S. Representative Jerry Nadler; Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson; and Manuela Zamora, NY Sun Works' Executive Director; **Bottom Right:** Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at PS.122 P-Tech, Brooklyn. In attendance were: Assemblyperson Stefani Zinerman; SUNY Trustee Stan Litow; Charles Imohiosen, SVP of Communications & External Affairs at NYPA; and Principal Rashid Davis



NY SUN WORKS HYDROPONIC CLASSROOMS NOW IN BIRMINGHAM, AL!

This spring, NY Sun Works, along with Birmingham-based non-profit Jones Valley Teaching Farm (JVTF) and Birmingham City Schools, announced a groundbreaking partnership to bring our hydroponic farming program to eight Birmingham public schools. The initiative will reach **3,700 K-12 students** each year, delivering hands-on learning in sustainable agriculture that fosters a deep understanding of STEM principles and environmental stewardship alongside the joy of growing fresh vegetables from seed to harvest.

The eight schools - four elementary schools, two middle schools, and one K-8 school, all of which feed into a participating high school - have been equipped with hydroponic towers, vine crop systems, seedling stations, and worm composting stations. Over the spring and summer, NY Sun Works installed the six Hydroponic Classrooms and two hydroponic greenhouses and trained teachers and JVTF staff in curriculum implementation and hydroponic farming and systems operation. When Birmingham's 2025/26 school year kicked off in August 2025, all 8 labs and teachers were ready to welcome students for a year of learning and growing.

The initiative provides a range of benefits to Birmingham students and the community, including:

- **Delivering hands-on, standards-based learning** that drives student attendance and engagement with school and supports student social-emotional well-being;
- **Providing new pathways to higher education and careers.** The project will double the number of high school interns participating in paid work-based learning opportunities and, in a city with one of the

lowest economic mobility rates in the U.S., introduce all participating students to training and opportunities in controlled environment agriculture and green tech.

- **Tackling food insecurity and improving access to fresh, healthy food.** 70% of Birmingham residents lack access to nutritious, affordable fresh food. The hydroponic systems are expected to produce up to **4,000 pounds** of fresh produce each year for distribution within the community and schools' cafeterias.

The initiative builds on JVTF's nationally-recognized Good School Food education framework that uses food as a foundation for education and environmental stewardship. Since 2002, JVTF has brought food-centered education and enrichment opportunities to Birmingham students and the broader community. We're honored to join them and Birmingham City Schools in helping today's students become the farmers, scientists, and environmental stewards of the future.



NY SUN WORKS HYDROPONIC CLASSROOMS NOW IN BIRMINGHAM, AL!



LOCAL NEWS

New initiative brings hydroponic farming to 8 Birmingham schools

by: [Charlize Ramos](#)
Posted: Sep 9, 2025 / 06:14 PM CDT
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Top Left: Students join Dr. Bobby Phillips, Principal of Bush Hills Steam Academy; Amanda Storey, Executive Director of Jones Valley Teaching Farm; and Manuela Zamora, NY Sun Works' Executive Director for the ribbon cutting at Bush Hills Steam Academy; **Bottom Left:** A student in the Bush Hills Hydroponic Classroom; **Bottom Right:** Birmingham Mayor Randall Woodfin joins Manuela Zamora, Amanda Storey and students of Bush Hills Steam Academy for the opening ceremony.



YOUTH CONFERENCE 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

The Discovering Sustainability Science Youth Conference is an annual celebration of science that places students at the center of the climate education conversation. **In May 2025, we hosted our 14th Conference, attended by over 900 students and teachers from 48 schools in the NYC metro area.** Held at the iconic Javits Center, the Conference featured presentations from students showcasing their research and experiments in their Hydroponic Classrooms, guest speakers from the science and sustainability community, and a Career and College Networking event for high school students participating in our workforce development program.

The 68 student presenters ranged from 2nd to 12th grade and covered topics such as the science of aquaponics; the role of insects in managing pests; and how climate change is impacting canopy transpiration in different tree species. We're incredibly proud of all those who took the stage to share as well as those who made the journey to Javits to listen and learn!

Joyce Leveston, Chief Executive Officer of the Javits Center, kicked off the day's presentations with words of encouragement for students and highlighted the Center's many sustainability features. Students also heard from **Dr. Elison Blancaflor**, Program Scientist for Space Crops at the NASA Kennedy Space Center; **Alexis Harley**, Senior Vice President and Chief Risk and Resiliency Officer at New York Power Authority; and **Te'Lario Watkins II**, founder of Tiger Mushroom Farms.



900+

Student participants and teachers attended the 2025 Youth Conference from 48 schools in the NYC metro area

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Following the presentations, high school students in our workforce development program had the opportunity to meet with representatives from sustainability organizations, businesses, and higher education institutions to learn about post-high school career and education opportunities. Thank you to **NY Power Authority, EY, the Campaign Against Hunger, Our Temenos, LaGuardia Community College, Kingsborough Community College, Northern Michigan University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the Anne Saxelby Legacy Fund, and Green City Force** for joining us to speak with students about their work and postsecondary pathways. Volunteers from **EY** and the **NY Sun Works Associate Board** also generously gave their time to mentor students on workforce readiness skills, including networking and writing resumes and cover letters. The 2025 Youth Conference was sponsored by **NY Power Authority, Con Edison, EY, CVC Capital Partners, and Delta** with additional support from the **Javits Center**. Our tremendous thanks to these sponsors for helping to make the day possible, to our partner teachers for their dedication, and to the amazing student Farmer-Scientists for their research and enthusiasm.



GROWING WITH SUPPORT FROM OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

We are proud to have received funding from a majority of the elected members of the New York City Council in the 2024-25 school year, showing their support of climate education in our public schools.

They provided an investment both in our existing partner schools, and new schools eager to bring hydroponic science to their students. We received \$358,500 in support from our council members to continue our ongoing maintenance of dozens of Hydroponic Classrooms, providing schools with regular lab visits, needed hydroponic supplies, and continued teacher training opportunities. And with the combined support of many council members and the Queens, Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn borough presidents, we will be able to welcome 26 new partner schools who collectively received \$4,776,000 to build Hydroponic Classrooms in the coming year.

This year we were honored to also receive support for our program from New York State representatives. Thank you to NYS Sen. Joe Addabbo, NYS Sen. Toby Ann Stavisky and NYS Assemblymember Catalina Cruz to build our program in Queens schools.

Many thanks to...

Council Speaker Adrienne Adams,
Council Members Joanne Ariola,
Alexa Aviles, Diana Ayala, Gale Brewer,
Chris Banks, Erik Bottcher, Tiffany
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Lincoln Restler, Yusef Salaam, Pierina
Sanchez, Lynn Schulman, Sandra
Ung, and Julie Won, as well as the
Queens Delegation, and Queens
Borough President Donovan Richards,
Manhattan Borough President Mark
Levine, Brooklyn Borough President
Antonio Reynoso and Bronx Borough
President Vanessa L. Gibson!

Top Right: NY Assemblymember Micah Lasher takes a tour of PS 333 in Manhattan with Manuela Zamora; **Bottom Right:** NY State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky joins Principal Moses Ojeda for a check presentation at Thomas Edison CTE High School, Queens



GROWING WITH OUR CORPORATE PARTNERS

Our corporate partners play a vital role in bringing our vision for climate education to life, providing us with the resources, connections, and the volunteer people-power necessary to bring nature back into the classroom. From Youth Conference sponsorship to funding in-school programming to the hard work of assembling new hydroponic systems, our corporate supporters are truly partners in engaging and empowering students we serve.

Our thanks to the **New York Power Authority, Bregal Investments, CVC Capital Partners, Con Edison, EY,**

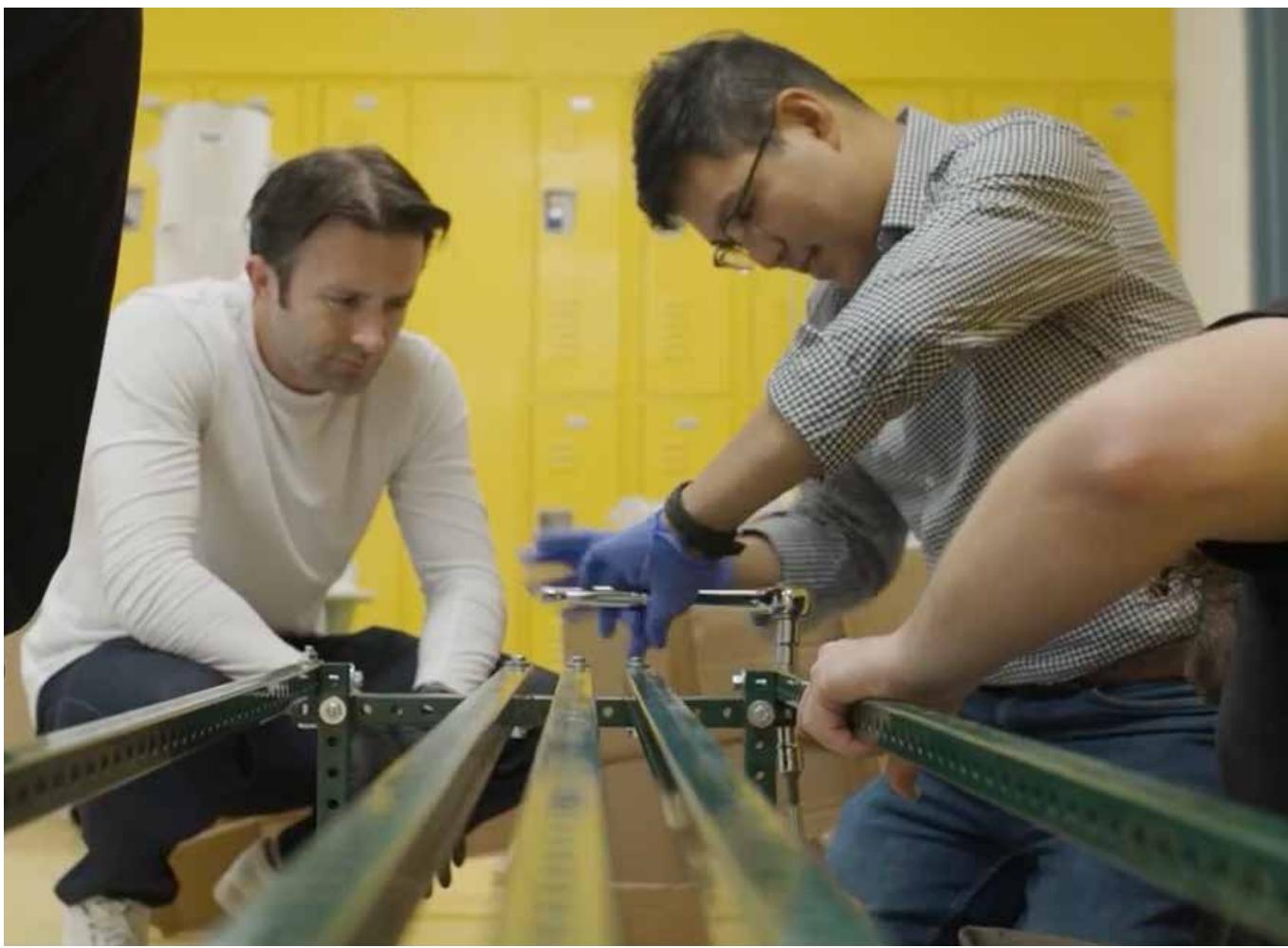
Delta, Gotham Greens, Lettuce Grow, Fork Farms, and Crop King for supporting our work and joining us in our commitment to education this past year. Long-time partner NY Power Authority (NYPA) supported our ongoing programming at 22 of our NYC partner schools and helped sponsor our annual Youth Conference. We were thrilled to celebrate the opening of a NYPA-funded Hydroponic Classroom at Brooklyn P-TECH High School in Crown Heights, followed by a series of harvests in the Hydroponic Classrooms they support.

Thank you to Con Edison, CVC Capital Partners, EY, and Delta for generously supporting this year's Youth Conference. We also want to give a special thanks to EY volunteers for supporting our workforce development students with networking practice and resume and cover letter reviews at the Career & College Fair.

Every year, **Bregal Investments** and **COFRA Foundation** fund a new NY Sun Works Hydroponic Classroom and lend their people-power to assemble hydroponic systems and get the new classrooms up and running. This year, Bregal and COFRA have generously supported PS 131 in Brooklyn and Middle College High School at LaGuardia Community College in Queens.

Thank you to **Crop King, Lettuce Grow, Fork Farms** and **Gotham Greens** for sponsoring our exhibit at the NY Hall of Science and to **Lettuce Grow** for generously donating a hydroponic system for our year-end raffle.

Bottom Left: Joyce Leveston, Chief Executive Officer at the Javits Center; **Top Right:** Alexis Harley, Senior Vice President and Chief Risk and Resiliency Officer at the New York Power Authority (second from left) and Kaela Mainsah, Vice President for Environmental Justice at NYPA (center), with NYPA colleagues **Bottom Right:** Staff from Bregal Investments assemble hydroponic systems for the Hydroponic Classroom at Middle College High School in Queens



JOINING THE NATIONAL & GLOBAL CONVERSATION

In terms of Press and PR achievements, the last year saw major breakthroughs with unprecedented exposure in 30 national press outlets across print, radio, television and digital platforms. Over the past year we reached an audience of **>663 million** through digital publication.

The media highlight of the year came in January when NY Sun Works Executive Director appeared as a guest on the **Kelly Clarkson Show** for an audience averaging **1.2-1.4 million people**.

Other media highlights for the year included:

- **Feature Story in Voice of America (VoM):** Our feature story on VoM reached an international audience of >300M.
- **NYSCI:** Our exhibit at the NY Hall of Science attracted local media attention in the Queens Gazette during 'STEMOLOGY' week and for the final community harvest in July, 2025 where we gave away over 50 pounds of leafy greens.
- **20th Anniversary:** Along with our very successful fundraiser to mark the occasion of our 20th Anniversary, we featured in local outlet City and State NYC with a story covering our origins on the Science Barge to the first Hydroponic Classroom at PS333.



On January 28th, NY Sun Works Executive Director Manuela Zamora appeared as a guest on the **Kelly Clarkson Show** which ranks among the top-three most watched syndicated daytime talk shows nationwide.

Kelly revealed herself as a sincere fan of Hydroponic Classrooms and emphasized how important it is to give young people the knowledge they need to make better nutritional choices. Kelly spoke to Manuela about her personal story and her motivation for working with our founder Ted Caplow to bring Hydroponic Classrooms to NYC public schools. The show also featured two of our students, fifth graders Zoe and Giovanni, who demonstrated for the audience how a hydroponic garden works.

In terms of impact, this appearance led both to donations from **Scholastic** and Kelly Clarkson and a targeted social media campaign which brought this appearance to over 25,000 individuals working in education across the nation.

You can watch the full appearance here on [YouTube](#).

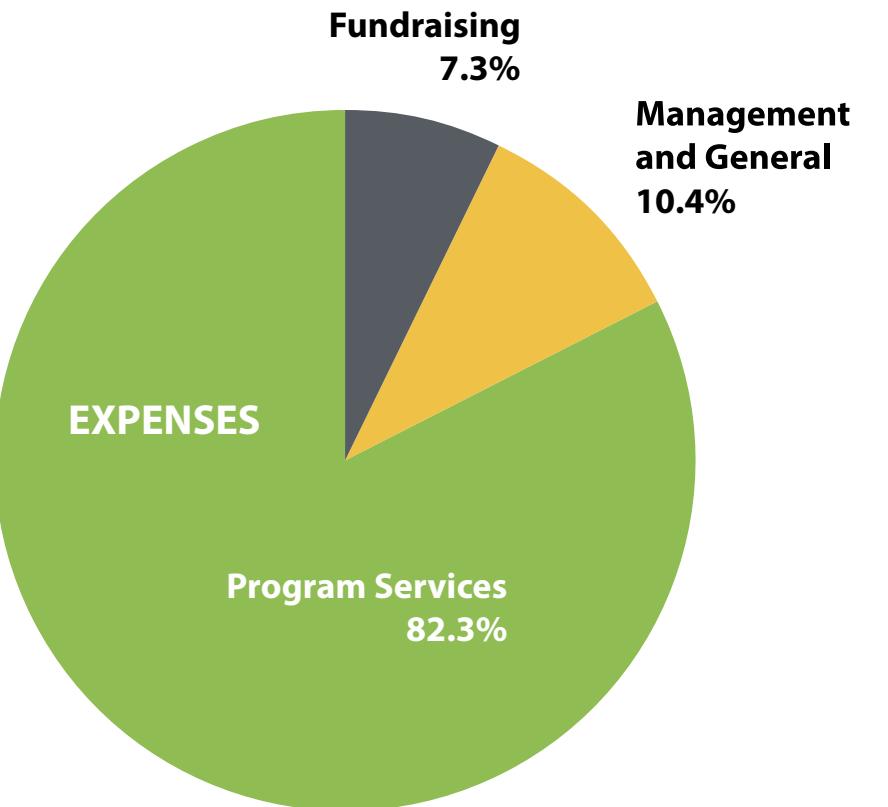
Bottom Left: Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson presents NY Sun Works with a proclamation during our 20th Anniversary Celebration;
Bottom Right: Kelly Clarkson and Manuela Zamora with fifth graders Giovanni and Zoe At The Kelly Clarkson Show



FINANCIALS

EXPENSES FY 2025

Program Services	4,723,310
Management and General	599,651
Fundraising	417,383
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Total expenses	5,740,344



	2023	2023	2025*
REVENUE			
Contract Revenue	3,751,217	3,591,117	4,134,931
Grants and Contributions	1,284,202	3,057,223	1,290,013
Special Events	0	0	0
Investment	24	0	0
Other Income	8,277	15,109	442,109
Total Revenue	5,043,720	6,663,449	5,867,113
EXPENSES			
Program Services	3,510,409	4,522,971	4,723,310
Management and General	683,174	582,254	599,651
Fundraising	276,911	403,325	417,383
Total Expenses	4,470,494	5,508,550	5,740,340
NET	573,226	1,154,899	126,789

*Based on FY2025 audited financial statements



MEET OUR TEAM

Manuela Zamora: Executive Director
David Hazan: Operations Director
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AL South Hampton K-8 School
AL Wylam Elementary School
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Andries Hudde
Art and Design High School
Astoria Houses
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Bayside High School
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Benjamin Banneker Academy
Boys and Girls High School
Bridges: A School for Exploration and Equity
Brighter Choice Community School
Bronx Charter School for Excellence 3
Bronx High School for Law and Community Service
Bronx Latin
Brooklyn Brownstone School
Brooklyn College Academy
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Brooklyn Democracy Academy
Brooklyn Gardens Elementary School
Brooklyn Institute for Liberal Arts
Brooklyn Occupational Training Center
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Brooklyn Technical High School

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Bushwick Community High School
Careers in Sports High School
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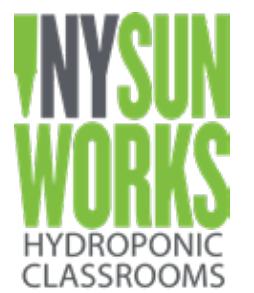
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PS 9 Ryer Avenue Elementary
PS 90 Edna Cohen School
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