

## **In 2017, Community Votes...**

**Trained 162 staff from 33 organizations.** The training pointed out that New York's 2017 local elections would decide who would be making budget, policy, and legal decisions that impact neighborhoods' schools, transportation, policing, parks, libraries and day care services. We also pointed out the importance of primaries, where in districts dominated by one party the ultimate winner is chosen. 98% reported after training that they identified opportunities for their organizations to do voter registration.

**Partnered with United Neighborhood Houses (UNH)** to build its capacity to support seven of its member organizations' voter engagement work and awarded \$14,000 in mini-grants to those organizations.

- The Chinese American Planning Council included in its training the history of laws excluding Chinese Americans from citizenship.
- The Arab American Family Support Center added voter registration and pledges-to-vote to English classes it conducts.
- Queens Community House engaged students in a civics trivia game and organized small group discussions leading to voter registration.
- Sunnyside Community Center integrated voter registration into cultural events, camps, afterschool activities, and home health aide training.
- Grand Street Settlement organized nonpartisan phone banks to encourage voting in both the primary and general elections.
- SCAN inspired young people to make calls to other residents about the importance of voting.
- Bronx Works registered voters on summer weekends during "Boogie on the Boulevard," events in which the Grand Concourse is closed to car traffic and community members take part in fun-filled and educational activities.

**Helped community-based direct service organizations track 1,405 voter contacts** (pledges and registrations), a 50% increase in the number of contacts from the 2016 election. 80% of the voters reached would not be likely to vote without this contact, based on their voting history.

**Implemented phone banking in partnership with the New York Civic Engagement Table**, resulting in six partners making 6,403 phone calls, more than triple the number of calls made for the previous election.

**Achieved results** as the voters contacted by partners working with **Community Votes** and **UNH** turned out at higher rates compared to the rest of the city: 5% more for the 2017 primary and 6% more for the 2017 general election.