

COMMUNITY *Votes*

News

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Getting out the Vote for Local Elections

In June United Neighborhood Houses (UNH) and Community Votes launched a new initiative to get the vote out for the upcoming local election. The seven organizations selected will receive training, support and mini-grants. This cohort together employs 2,232 staff, works with 1,000 volunteers and reaches 68,000 community residents. At the first training, the group found creative ways to increase the engagement of diverse communities across New York City. We have high hopes for our partnership with:

[Arab American Family Support Center](#)
[Bronx Works](#)
[Chinese-American Planning Council](#)
[Grand Street Settlement](#)
[Sunnyside Community Services](#)
[Queens Community House](#)
[SCAN NY](#)

Civic Advocacy Awarded

Gwendolyn Wilson, the Jacob A. Riis Settlement staff liaison for Community Votes was presented with a Civic Advocacy Award at the annual meeting of United Neighborhood Houses' annual meeting in June. Competition was stiff, but the judges finally decided to acknowledge Gwendolyn's work registering voters, running phone banks to remind people to vote and getting people involved in deciding how their local City Council dollars will be spent in a participatory budgeting process. And, she does all this in addition to her job helping seniors in the Queensbridge and Ravenswood communities.



Promoting Nonprofits and Democracy

The [Nonprofit Coordinating Committee](#) and [Human Services Council](#) are sponsoring a forum led by Community Votes on *Democracy at Work: How your Nonprofit can Increase Voter Participation* on July 13th from 9:30 to 11:00. For more information – www.npccny.org/trainings

Community Votes was profiled in the New York Community Trust's June 2017 [Newsletter](#).

