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Letter from Executive Director Michael Stoller

The City budget is in and thankfully, significant restorations were made - but it's not enough. We need to maintain the heat on City Hall, as well as in Albany and at the federal level, to keep the focus on the budget losses and set the stage for next year's struggle. As we know, human services have been cut each year since 2008, compounding the pain we all feel in our already-strained budgets. And while we applaud the City Council for considering some alternative approaches, we are disappointed that more revenue alternatives were not used to avoid unnecessary cuts to critical services.

If you'd like to learn more about the budget cuts, please see our *Budgets* section in this newsletter and Deputy Executive Director Allison Sesso's assessment of the budget process and outcome for human services in the [Who Cares? I Do campaign blog](#) and the [NY Times City Room blog](#). We also created an [interactive map](#) that illustrates how the budget cuts affect human services, by specific service and location. (You can read more about the map in the *Did You Know?* section.)

On the positive side, HSC has been thrilled to have the recent support of our members and the public at large behind the Who Cares? I Do. campaign. This has helped our efforts to inform legislators about the impact of the budget cuts. In just four months, we collected over 10,000 signatures for our Who Cares? I Do. petition - many from people and organizations who are new friends and supporters of HSC. (If you haven't signed it already, please do so [here](#) and help us hold government accountable for the commitments made to our communities.)

In keeping with our expanding grassroots

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News on New York Budgets

New York State Budget

As previously reported, the State legislature voted to enact the FY12 State Budget, worth \$132.5 billion, which made some restorations to the cuts proposed in the Governor's budget. Unfortunately, the final budget still does not meet the need for human services in New York's communities. Please see [here](#) for a full analysis of the Enacted FY12 State Budget.

New York City Budget

On June 29, a \$66 billion budget was approved by the New York City Council for FY12, which began July 1. Please see HSC's summary of the human services cuts [here](#).

advocacy efforts, HSC partnered with the On May 12 coalition to encourage the adoption of alternative revenue approaches that would help restore many of the proposed budget cuts to the human services sector. In addition to participating in the On May 12 March on Wall Street, HSC worked with the coalition on press conferences and virtual rallies to encourage the Mayor and City Council to adopt the alternative budget proposal.

(Please see the *Advocacy Results* section for more details.)



(Michael Stoller at the "Safety Net" Press Conference on June 1)

I would like to thank our 2010-2011 Board of Directors for their support and guidance throughout the year. In June, we elected our new 2011-2012 Board of Directors and welcomed four new Board Members - our Board now comprises 54 leaders of New York City's human services agencies. We recognize that each member's efforts are voluntary and are grateful for everyone's support. Please see our website for the complete list of our new [Board and Executive Committee](#). We are looking forward to working with the new Board of Directors to plan our advocacy efforts for the upcoming year.

Finally, I would like to offer thanks to the New York City Council and **Speaker Christine Quinn** for the Discretionary Funding received by HSC this year. We realize that budgets are tight and appreciate the continued support in these difficult economic times.

Many thanks,
Michael Stoller

While there were many important restorations to human services, \$113 million were cut from the \$340 million of proposed cuts to human services. We were pleased to see \$227 million (or 67% of proposed cuts) restored in areas such as senior services, child care, mental health, and domestic violence. However, many cuts will significantly impact providers and clients in areas such as homeless, family and adult literacy, summer youth employment, and afterschool services. Chris Winward, Director of Budget and Policy, was quoted in a [NYP](#) article on June 30 regarding the FY12 Budget.

As budget negotiations and debt ceiling talks continue, we must continue to advocate. The current federal budget negotiations do not look favorable for many human services programs. Now is the time to rally congressional support and contact members of the New York delegation urging them to support a fair budget package that doesn't cut programs, such as the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), which provides vital services for people in New York City.

Government Relations

In the months of May and June, HSC discussed the Who Cares? I Do. campaign, the mapping project, and revenue/savings alternatives with the following City Council Borough Delegation Chairs:

Member Karen Koslowitz, Queens
Member Leroy Comrie, Jr., Queens
Member James Oddo, Staten Island
Member Dan Garodnick, Manhattan

Members such as the **Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty**, **Project Renewal**, and **Good Shepherd Services** joined us to raise concerns about cuts in their service areas.

In May, HSC offered City budget briefings to our members to enable them to ask questions regarding the City FY12 Budget:

- On May 13, HSC members met with Deputy Director **PV Anantharam**, who oversees Human Services spending at the City's Office of Management and Budget.
- On May 20, HSC members met with **Preston Niblack**, Director of the City Council Finance Division.

Please forward this e-newsletter to a friend or colleague who is interested in supporting the human services sector.

 Forward to a Friend

Act Now!

Join the Who Cares? I Do. campaign to protect human services. Let your voice be heard! Sign the [petition](#) if you haven't already and see other ways to [take action](#).

If you haven't already, **please join HSC's Advocacy Action Response Group (AARG)**. Due to the fiscal forecast, HSC is pursuing a coordinated advocacy strategy that will highlight the importance of our sector. Contact [Shana Mosher](#) for more information.

Advocacy Results

HSC is thrilled that the Who Cares? I Do. campaign achieved its goal to get over 10,000 petition signers! In June, we mailed the signed petition to Mayor Bloomberg and other government officials to show how many people care. Since its February 14 launch date, the new Who Cares? I Do. campaign website has received about 20,000 visitors, hailing from 85 different countries, and accounting for almost 50,000 page visits. Additionally, the Who Cares? I Do. Twitter account has over 675 followers and its Facebook page has 653 "likes!" Check out the Who Cares? I Do. campaign's [website](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#). HSC would like to thank its supporters and funders: like the United Way of New York City (UWNYC), New York Community Trust, and The Clark Foundation for the campaign's success. HSC would also like to thank its Lead Advocates for all their hard work:

[Barrier Free Living](#)
[Brooklyn Community Services](#)
[CAMBA](#)
[Catholic Charities Brooklyn & Queen](#)
[Children's Aid Society](#)
[F.E.G.S. Health and Human Services System](#)
[Good Shepherd Services](#)
[Goodwill Industries of Greater New York](#)

On May 24, HSC met with the City Comptroller's staff including **Geneith Turnbull**, Deputy Comptroller for Contracts and Procurement, to discuss VENDEX reform, including replacing VENDEX with the IRS form 990, which would alleviate burdens on nonprofits.

On June 1, HSC played a major role in the On May 12 Coalition "Safety Net" press conference at City Hall. The protestors stretched a safety net and cut it to show how the proposed budget cuts would harm the city. We raised a variety of revenue-raising options that could offset cuts, including continuation of the tax on high-income households, closure of tax loopholes for hedge funds, and an end to tax subsidies for major banks. Michael Stoller spoke at the conference regarding these issues and several City Council Members joined the protestors, including **Annabel Palma, Melissa Mark-Viverito, Daniel Dromm, Jumaane Williams, Margaret Chin, Jimmy Van Bramer, Robert Jackson, and Debi Rose**.

On June 21, HSC and other members of the On May 12 Coalition participated in a press conference on the steps of City Hall to highlight the need for the Mayor and City Council to consider alternative revenue and savings options over cuts. We were joined by Council Members **Robert Jackson, Margaret Chin, Letitia James, Mathieu Eugene, Jumaane Williams, Stephen Levin, Brad Lander, Ydanis Rodriguez, James Van Bramer, Melissa Mark-Viverito, and Charles Barron**. Please click [here](#) to see a YouTube video of Allison Sesso speaking at the press conference.



(June 21 Press Conference at City Hall)

HSC hosted a forum on the Health Care Reform Act (HCRA) on July 12. This session included

[Henry Street Settlement](#)
[Hetrick-Martin Institute](#)
[Institute for Community Living](#)
[Jewish Board of Family & Children's Services](#)
[Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service, Inc.](#)
[Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty](#)
[Palladia, Inc.](#)
[Project Renewal](#)
[Safe Space NYC, Inc.](#)
[Urban Pathways, Inc.](#)

HSC was an initiating group in the "On May 12 March to Wall Street," where nearly 20,000 people, 2,000 of which were human services representatives, gathered to protest the City budget cuts. The coalition proposed an alternative budget approach which could raise over \$1 billion. We would like to thank the Council Members who supported this alternative budget approach. Click [here](#) to see the list of Council Members. Additionally, HSC organized two virtual rallies in support of the alternative budget proposal:

- On May 6, HSC held a virtual rally to inform the Mayor about how the budget impacts human services. Supporters posted pictures, videos, and comments to the On May 12 Facebook page and Twitter. The response was so overwhelming that #OnMay12 was a Twitter trending topic for over two hours. Clearly, the rally was a huge success!
- On June 23, HSC encouraged its members to participate in the Beyond May 12 Coalition virtual rally to encourage NYC Council Members who hadn't pledged to support the people's budget by contacting them via Twitter and Facebook. Visit the Beyond May 12 Coalition [website](#) for more information.

expert presentations by **Dr. Garth Graham**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and **Jaime R. Torres**, Regional Director in the Office of the Secretary, Region II, with information on what HCRA means to employers and the impact that HCRA has on the people these organizations serve.

HSC testified before the City Lobbying Commission, submitting recommendations aimed at easing the burden of lobbying regulations on not-for-profit organizations. Additionally, as part of an effort to enhance the knowledge surrounding this area, HSC's General Counsel Michelle Jackson, in conjunction with the Counsel to the City Clerk **Patrick Synmoie**, led one of the MOCS CBO training sessions. The July 14 course provided information on the legal constraints and reporting requirements for political advocacy and the ramifications for 501(c)(3)s. Please see the *Upcoming Workshops and Events* section for more information about MOCS CBO courses.

Did You Know?

The New York State Legislature approved legislation extending the June 16 deadline to apply for waivers to continue to employ licensed social workers until February 1, 2012. Visit the State Education Department's (SED) [website](#) for more details.

A new interactive map, called the "NYC Budget Map," has been launched as part of the Who Cares? I Do. campaign, showing how proposed budget cuts will affect important services throughout and beyond New York City. Click [here](#) to view the map and check out the *Gotham Gazette's* reporting on the map, "[Mapping the Cuts.](#)" Since its roll out in May, the map has been viewed almost 19,000 times. You can also read more in a June 13 [NYNP](#) article.

Executive Director Michael Stoller was elected to sit on New York State's not-for-profit Contracting Advisory Committee following his nomination by New York State Senate Majority Leader **Dean Skelos** in February 2011.

Michael Stoller was named to a panel formed by Attorney General **Eric Schneiderman**. HSC is thankful that the Attorney General was receptive to discussing revisions needed in the monitoring



(Protestors marching at the On May 12 Rally)

HSC received considerable media coverage this past quarter - thanks to Pro-Media Communications and support from our members:

- In [Reuters](#) on April 26, discussing the Attorney General's support for reforms of New York's statutory requirements for charities.
- Michael Stoller and Council Member Palma co-authored an op-ed article for [NYNP](#) on April 29 titled "There's Still Time for Smart Budget Solutions."
- Michael Stoller spoke about the budget cuts to the human services sector and the On May 12 rally. Click [here](#) to watch a video of the press conference.
- In [NYNP](#) on May 4, advocating that big banks and the wealthy pay their fair share.
- In [Huffington Post](#) on May 10, discussing the effectiveness of the "train-the-trainer" model of scaling impact.
- In [New York Daily News](#) on May 22, advocating against the budget cuts that would harm youth programs.
- In [NYNP](#) on June 1, explaining that the Mayor has a choice in not cutting budgets from the human services sector.
- In a [Crain's New York Business](#) article on June 2, discussing how many jobs are cut in relation to the budget cuts.
- In [HuffPost New York](#) on June 7, Allison Sesso authored "The 'Budget Dance:' It's Time to Change the Steps" regarding the budget cuts.

of non-profits and has set up the panel. The panel will consider reforms for monitoring non-profit organizations as well as propose measures to strengthen reporting and training for non-profit employees. For more details, click [here](#) for an article from *Capital Tonight* on June 27.

On June 20, HSC's Executive Committee met with the Head of United Federation of Teachers, **Michael Mulgrew**, to talk about joint advocacy around the city budget. They plan on continuing conversations for advocacy.

HSC hosted a "Strategies for Social Media" workshop, made available by IBM, open exclusively to its members. The June 21 workshop focused on how not-for-profit organizations can use social media tools and techniques to manage accounts, gain public attention, and support advocacy efforts. HSC received positive feedback from attendees that they found it timely and beneficial. HSC would like to thank IBM for sponsoring the workshop.

Citizens' Committee for Children has joined in aiding the Summer Meals program, administered by the Department of Education's Office of SchoolFood. The program provides free meals to children, age 18 or younger, at several public schools, parks, and pools throughout New York City. Although no identification is required to receive free meals, only a portion of eligible children participate due to a lack of awareness about the program. Please share and distribute the [flyer](#) to help spread the word about the Summer Meals program.

On April 29, HSC convened a meeting of its Contract Reform Committee. The meeting included a presentation by **Vanessa Champion**, Special Counsel to the City Comptroller, on the ClearView system. ClearView is the City Comptroller's online system that allows the public to track contract details for both registered contracts and those pending registration.

HSC's Contract Reform Committee met with the City's HHS Accelerator Team, developing criteria for a prequalification process in the following five areas: Regulatory Compliance, Governance and Oversight, Internal Controls, Operational Capacity, and Service Area Experience. HSC is continuing efforts to ensure the system's efficiency and effectiveness.

- Michael Stoller was interviewed by several radio stations in May about the budget crisis; on May 8, both WWRL and 1010WINS ran interviews and WBLS ran an interview on May 17.

Please see the [HSC website](#) for links to all available media HSC coverage.

HSC played a key role in passing the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) legislation. We encouraged members to express support for the legislation, which affords due process protection to providers undergoing audits and alleviates unreasonable monetary penalties. The OMIG legislation will significantly reduce burdens on many non-profit providers. HSC would like to thank Cynthia Dames Consulting and Bogdan, Lasky & Kopley, LLC for their tremendous efforts and hard work for this noteworthy accomplishment as well as our members who helped pass this legislation.

In May, HSC met with **Counsel to the City Council Government Affairs** regarding regulations that are problematic for the human services provider sector. Four areas of concerns were identified: regulations that are unduly burdensome, duplicative, outdated, and in need of improvement.

HSC worked with the City on the audit provisions of the **Standard Contract Template**, which was amended to reflect HSC's suggestions. We would like to thank **Sandi Singer** for all her hard work on contracting reform for HSC and its members. We have enjoyed working with her for over six years and wish her the best! Michelle Jackson, newly promoted to HSC General Counsel, will now be responsible for contracting work.

Technology Update

Social media is an easy, inexpensive tool that allows nonprofit organizations to reach out to potential supporters, donors, and volunteers to supplement an organization's advocacy, fundraising, and marketing needs. Though use of social media may come more naturally to people under 30, the skills necessary to manage these platforms can be acquired by people of any age. Websites such as NPower, Blackbaud, NTen: The Nonprofit Technology Enterprise Network,

Throughout July, HSC held meetings to gather critical feedback for the City of New York on HHS Accelerator. These meetings are providing guidance on areas of organization capability, competing for a City contract, and best practices in organizational management. With the upcoming launch of the HHS Accelerator portal, next year's organizations will be able to spend less time exchanging documents with City agencies and allows for non-profits to spend more time providing their crucial services.

In May 2011, HSC was fortunate to attend the America Healing conference, an invitation-only event for the almost 300 W. K. Kellogg Foundation grantees working on racial equity nationwide. The two and a half day conference helped to connect peers in the field, expand perceptions about the possibilities for this work, and deepen understandings about the strategies for achieving more equitable outcomes for vulnerable children and their families. You can learn more about the conference by contacting [Cynthia Tao](#) (or visiting the [American Healing website](#), which includes videos of participants and sessions and [stories](#) of healing and impact from America Healing grantees). HSC thanks the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for this wonderful opportunity to learn and share ways to improve racial equity.

HSC is excited to roll out a new, comprehensive database to track its membership information. For example, HSC members are now e-mailed a notification of dues owed, which is a more efficient and paperless way of collecting, tracking, and reporting dues. This system is also useful for advocacy because we are able to access information about the number of clients served and the breakdown of organizations' services by district. If any members have not done so, please fill out the [registration form](#) so we can accurately update the information in the new database. HSC would like to thank **Paola LaZazzera** for her hard work and dedication to this project.

Upcoming Workshops & Events

SAVE THE DATE:
HSC's 16th Annual Leadership Awards Reception
Date: Wednesday, December 14
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 pm
Location: Mutual America, 320 Park Avenue (between 50th and 51st Streets)

NetSquared, TechSoup, M+R, SocialSignal, and CommonKnowledge focus on translating the language of Web 2.0 into terms more nonprofit professionals can readily understand. Idealware, GiftWorks, Network For Good, DonorPerfect, and Crowdrise all provide nonprofits with fundraising and social media management software for varying prices.

In addition, websites such as [Hootsuite](#), [TweetDeck](#), [TwitterFeed](#), [Picfog](#), [Yfrog](#), [Ping.fm](#), and [Twuffer](#) all provide time-saving techniques for social networkers, allowing them to schedule postings in advance and incorporate different types of media. Two websites, [WhosTalkin](#) and [SocialMention](#), perform content searches across multiple channels (the use for which is slowly diminishing since Google [incorporated](#) real-time Twitter feeds in their search results). [Del.icio.us](#), [StumbleUpon](#), [Tumblr](#), and [bit.ly](#) even allow the user to save aggregated lists of valuable websites or useful content for future reference. Information on how to use social media is widely available, making it easy for a person of any age to take advantage of the learning opportunities out there.

Welcome to HSC

Please welcome HSC's newest members and check out their websites to learn more about the valuable services they provide to the community.

- [Faith Mission Alcohol Crisis Center](#)
- [Voices of Community Activist Leaders \(VOCAL-NY\)](#)

HSC also welcomes a talented group of new interns this summer! Please join us in welcoming them to the human services sector. You can also read their bios and see photos on our [Staff Page](#) of our website.

- **Sarah Briglia**, Communications, Membership, and Development Intern, graduated with a double-major in Political Science and Sociology from SUNY - New Paltz. Following graduation, she worked at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office as a Senior Cybercrime Analyst. Sarah will

The Museum of the City of New York is offering a workshop entitled, **War on Poverty 2.0: The Urban Challenge**. Professor **Katherine O'Regan**, Public Policy, New York University, will host a discussion with **Veronica White**, Executive Director of New York City Center for Economic Opportunity, and others on past lessons and new thinking about how to confront a longstanding urban problem. HSC members can register online by clicking [here](#); members can use code **HSC726** at checkout online to receive a discounted special rate. This event is scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm on July 26 and will take place at the Museum of the City of New York.

The HSC Board has scheduled a meeting with **Louisa Chafee** from the **Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services**, to discuss the HHS Accelerator and HS Data. This meeting will take place on July 27 from 9-11am at HSC. HSC Board members please RSVP (Principals only) to [Ariana Brill](#) / (212) 836-1575.

The **Support Center for Nonprofit Management** is offering a session entitled "Managing Technology on a Small Budget" on July 27, from 9:30am -12:30pm in Manhattan. Session topics include database options & management, funding for technology, tech support for computer systems, and more. **HSC members receive a 20% discount off the regular price, reducing the cost to \$20.** [Click here](#) to register.

The **Mayor's Office of Contract Services** Capacity Building and Oversight Unit has released its summer training schedule. We encourage you to take advantage of these courses on human resources and capacity building. These trainings are designed for board members and key management staff, but any staff member can attend. Please [click here](#) for more information and registration instructions.

HSC and **NonProfit HelpDesk** (NPHD) are co-sponsoring exciting workshops and webinars throughout the month of July, which are open to management, staff, and board members of nonprofit organizations. Workshop topics include Financial Management, Organization/Fiscal Alignment, and Fundraising techniques. Webinar topics include Technology Development /IT Security and Building Organizational Capacity through Coaching. We encourage all of our members to attend! Additional workshops are

attend Brooklyn Law school in the fall.

- **Ariana Brill**, Policy Intern, is currently a sophomore at New York University, pursuing a double major in political science and anthropology.
- **Joanna Carman**, Policy Intern, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Economics in Global Studies from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Following graduation, she worked at a not-for-profit health plan in San Francisco, CA until she joined the Peace Corps in 2007. Joanna is currently completing a Master's in Public Affairs at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, concentrating on Urban and Social Policy.
- **Yasmin Lopez**, Communications, Membership, and Development Intern, holds a BA in Political Science from Siena College. She is currently enrolled at Long Island University pursuing a master's degree in Public Administration, specialization in Social Policy. She is currently working as a legal assistant.
- **Asmi Patel**, Communications, Membership, and Development Intern, graduated from Rutgers University with a double-major in History and Political Science and completed a fellowship with Polaris Project, combating human trafficking. She will be joining the Public Allies, D.C. cohort in the fall as a Program Coordinator at a not-for-profit.
- **Swapna Vayuvegula**, Website/IT intern, holds an MBA from Osmania University and worked for HSBC bank for four years specializing in reconciliations and anti money laundering detection processes. She also works for CVS as a beauty advisor. She aspires to share her time and skills for non-profit organizations.

available throughout the fall. Please [click here](#) for more information.

The Racial Justice Initiative invites our members to attend ***Dismantling Structural Racism in Foster Care & Juvenile Delinquency Systems: Homes, Not Institutions - Justice for the Next Generation*** in Providence, RI. The colloquium aims to redress racial disparity in the juvenile delinquency and child welfare systems. HSC members are encouraged to register by July 28 in order to receive a 50% discount. It will take place on August 4 at Brown University. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Member News

Job Opportunities & Resources

Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, Inc. (CCC) is a 67 year-old not-for-profit, public interest child advocacy organization whose mission is to ensure that every New York child is healthy, housed, educated and safe. CCC has open Policy Associate positions for: [Early Childhood Education, Research and Data Analysis](#), and [Youth and Family Homelessness and Housing](#).

Comunilife is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life and create a healthier tomorrow for children and adults living with mental illness and/or HIV/AIDS in New York City's underserved communities. They currently have several open positions. Click [here](#) to see the list of job opportunities.

The Bureau of Mental Health (BMH) seeks an Administrative Staff Analyst, responsible for housing-related service delivery in NYC. BMH is responsible for mental health service delivery and planning for New York City residents with mental health needs. Click [here](#) to see the full job description.

Project Hospitality, a Staten Island-based nonprofit that feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, and provides services for people with AIDS, seeks a Grant Writer. Click [here](#) to see the full job description.



(From Left to Right: Asmi Patel, Joanna Carman, Sarah Briglia, Yasmin Lopez, and Arianna Brill)

As we welcome our new interns, we sadly say goodbye to those who recently completed their internships at HSC: **Madeleine Adams, Stephanie Hakes, Michaela Hyams, Lauren Jackson, Liz Knopf, Gee-Eun Myung, and Erin Word.** We thank them for their incredible contribution and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

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HSC is grateful to our members and funders who support our work on behalf of the human services sector.

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Thank you again for your generous support!

If you'd like to contribute to HSC or the Who Cares? I Do campaign, you can make a tax-deductible donation by sending a check to:

Human Services Council
130 East 59th Street

New York, NY 10022

Or you can donate online using the following links:

[Who Cares? I Do donation](#)

[HSC donation](#)

Thank you!

* A special thanks to the Booth Ferris Foundation, whose generous support enables us to publish this Newsletter.

We would also like to thank our members for their continued membership and support. We realize that the not-for-profit sector is facing the toughest budgetary constraints in years and that our [200 members](#) make difficult trade-off decisions daily regarding where and how to spend limited funds. We are pleased and grateful to have you with us!

Finally, you can help the sector by asking other not-for-profit human services agencies to join HSC. Our collective voice gets louder as we add more members. Please see our [website](#) for our application form, HSC video, and information about the benefits of joining HSC. Or contact [Cynthia Tao](#) at 212-836-1623 for more information.

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We hope you enjoyed reading this quarter's edition of the Human Services Council Newsletter. Please feel free to share your thoughts about this newsletter with us. We'd love to hear from you.

Our collective voice gets louder as we add more members. Please see our website, www.humanservicescouncil.org, to learn more about HSC's mission and work. You can also visit our website for an HSC application form, HSC video, and information about the benefits of joining HSC. If you have any questions, please contact [Cynthia Tao](#), Director of Communications, Membership, and Development, at 212.836-1623.

HSC's mission is to strengthen the not-for-profit human services sector's ability to improve the lives of New Yorkers in need by:

- *Enhancing the capacity of human services organizations to carry out their missions;*
- *Acting collectively to establish greater balance in the partnership between the human services sector and government;*
 - *Influencing public policy and advocating for adequate funding for human services;*
- *Addressing the implications of social, racial, and economic justice issues in human services policy and delivery;*
- *Giving voice to those we serve, highlighting their struggles and how human services programs help them; and*
- *Holding government accountable for the needs of all New Yorkers by honoring the commitments made to our communities.*

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