

JAZZ AT AMALGAMATED

We are so excited to be producing our fourth annual community jazz concert, and our second at Amalgamated. We are



Photo by Jimmy Katz

thrilled to have Bronx resident and world-renowned jazz musician Eric Alexander leading the band.

Tenor saxophonist Eric Alexander has been exploring new musical worlds from the outset. He started out on piano as a six-year-old, took up clarinet at nine, switched to alto sax when he was 12, and converted to tenor when jazz became his obsession during his studies at the University of Indiana, Bloomington (1986-87). Eric then went on to William Paterson College in New Jersey. He advanced his studies there under the tutelage of Harold Mabern, Joe Lovano, Rufus Reid, and others.

During the 1990s, after placing second

behind Joshua Redman in the 1991 Thelonious Monk International Saxophone Competition, Alexander threw himself into the whirlwind life of a professional jazz musician. He made his recording debut in 1991 with Charles Earland on Muse Records, and cut his first album as leader in 1992 ("Straight Up"). More recordings followed for numerous labels. Eric has appeared in many capacities on record, including leader, sideman, producer as well as composing a number of the tunes he records. In

2004, Eric signed an exclusive contract with the New York-based independent jazz label, HighNote Records where he has amassed a considerable discography of critically-acclaimed recordings, including "Temple of Olympic Zeus," "Prime Time," and "Revival of the Fittest" with Harold Mabern. Eric's album "Don't Follow The Crowd" topped the jazz charts in 2011. His albums in the last three years "Touching," "Chicago Fire," and "The Real Thing" have all received critical acclaim. "His blowing is extraordinarily articulate and ecstatic, his tone bright and muscular, leadership and inspiration flowing nonstop. Alexander has released more than 30 albums in two decades, and this is one of the

March 14, 2018

The Eric Alexander Quartet
Featuring Jazz Vocalist Alexis Cole

7:00 pm

Amalgamated Housing/
Park Reservoir Housing
Vladeck Hall

74 Van Cortlandt Park South
Bronx, NY 10463

For more info or reservations:

info@krvcdc.org

Or call 718-543-7100

Light refreshments will be served



Photo by Alfie Goodrich

most vital" *JazzTimes*.

Eric continues to tour the world over to capacity audiences. He can regularly be seen in NYC clubs. EricAlexanderJazz.com

Jazz vocalist Alexis Cole has performed with the Boston Pops and New York Philharmonic on stage at venues from Avery Fisher Hall to the Kennedy

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ART AT AMALGAMATED



Our first art show, held on Sunday, November 19, 2017, at Amalgamated Vladeck Hall was a wonderful success. We hosted 20 artists displaying and selling their fine art including paintings, sculpture, mixed media, print work, quilting, and photography. Hundreds of community members came out and had the opportunity to connect with the artists and discover their work.



Thank you to everyone at Amalgamated who helped make it a beautiful day. Thanks to our curator, Suzanne Hockstein, for putting the show together. Thank you to Nitzan Gavrieli for his gorgeous piano playing all afternoon. Mostly, thanks to all the artists who participated and shared their work including Suzanne Axelbank, Sandra Ayala, Brenda Bergman, Ivan Braun, Carmen Corrigan, Rio Davies, Valerie Deas, Anne Gibbons, Deborah Grinberg, Daniel Hauben, Amy Kerwin, Theresa La Marca, Keith McDermott, Ira Merritt, Jay Moss, Jordan Moss, Ayde Rayas, Aija Sears and Ardina Seward. Special thanks to Jack Spiegel and everyone at Amalgamated for making this special event possible.



HOLIDAY LIGHTS CELEBRATION 2017



Such a fun, festive night! This is just the second holiday season that the Riverdale community has been treated to holiday lights along the commercial corridors. In 2016, with funding from State Senator Jeff Klein, KRVC was able to contract to install 3 strands of lights along the South Riverdale commercial corridor. Riverdadians said this was the first time they had seen holiday lights in the community in decades. For 2017, thanks again to Senator Klein and also Councilmember Andrew Cohen and local business sponsors, KRVC was able to install 10 strands of lights throughout the commercial corridors of Riverdale.

KRVC, sang a few carols in front of the KRVC office and then boarded a bus to head up to North Riverdale. The children were joined by Senator Klein, a representative from Councilmember Cohen's office and business owners to celebrate the lights in front of Brown's Jewelers. Then, the children boarded the bus again and headed back to South Riverdale where they were joined by business owners to celebrate the lights in front of Yo-Burger. After all the caroling and celebrating, the children came back to KRVC for more cookies and hot chocolate. It was a very special way to celebrate the beautiful holiday lights in Riverdale.

On Tuesday, December 5, 2017, our community came together to celebrate the holiday lights with a special event. About a dozen children from the Riverdale Music Studio enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate at



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MARBLE HILL TROLLEY of FUN



Let it snow!!! Saturday, December 9th was a special day in Marble Hill for KRVC's third annual Holiday Trolley of Fun. Families gathered in front of Planet Fitness on 225th Street to board the trolley. While they waited, they were entertained by a Clown and Stiltwalker. Once they boarded the trolley, children could visit with Santa and the Grinch for the short trolley ride to Flowers by Zenda on Broadway. Another Stiltwalker welcomed everyone as they got off the trolley. Business owner Orlando Kross welcomed everyone into his flower store for popcorn and face painting. Children could make a holiday craft in front of Flowers by Zenda. KRVC was thrilled that Senator Marisol Alcantara joined us for the event and rode the trolley with her son. She has been so supportive of our work in Marble Hill. The trolley made about six trips in the snow so hundreds were able to enjoy the fun day.



SHOP LOCAL & SAVE

The merchants of Marble Hill joined KRVC to celebrate Small Business Saturday on

November 25th

with special shopping promotions and fun activities for kids. All the excitement took place in front of Flowers By Zenda at 5217 Broadway where owner

Orlando Kross led the way in supporting the commercial corridor. Small Business Saturday is held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and is a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities.



MARBLE HILL TOWN HALL

On Wednesday, November 15th KRVC co-sponsored a Marble Hill Town Hall with Senator Marisol Alcantara and Assemblywoman Carmen De La Rosa. It was held at St. Stephen's United



Methodist Church and was well attended by community members including residents, merchants and local stakeholders. The attendees discussed issues concerning housing and the commercial corridor that were addressed by the Senator and Assemblywoman and other panel members such as Deputy Inspector Terence O'Toole from the 50th Precinct, who reported on crime and safety in the area, as well as comments by Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer. The Marble Hill area is unique because although it is physically located in the Bronx it is jurisdictionally part of Manhattan. Additional follow-up Town Halls are being planned for 2018.

Thank You State Senator Jeff Klein



All our work would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors and funders. In 2017, KRVC received grant funding from Councilmember Andrew Cohen, the New York City Department of Small Business Services and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. However, our main source of support for all our work comes from New York State Grants allocated to KRVC by State Senator Jeff Klein. KRVC was able to purchase a 10 foot Box Truck in 2017 thanks to funding from Senator Klein. The truck is used to store and transport our event equipment and also as a backdrop for a mobile office in communities throughout the Bronx. For the fourth year in a row, KRVC also received a very generous funding allocation from Senator Klein in 2017 to support all our events, programs and

initiatives. The funding has enabled KRVC to run a jobs program, contract for holiday lights and implement other beautification projects and to produce numerous community events.

Senator Klein attends many events produced by KRVC. The photos on this page include one of Senator Klein at our ribbon cutting event for our new truck, which we held in April 2017; with Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz, Councilmember Andrew Cohen and Deputy Inspector Terence O'Toole at our North Riverdale Festival held in May 2017; at RiverFest presenting a check to KRVC's Executive Director Tracy Shelton in June 2017; at KRVC's Jobs Networking Event and the Greenway Gala in October 2017; and at the Holiday Lights Celebration and KRVC's Holiday Party in December 2017.

BUILD IT NOW!

Hudson River Greenway in the Bronx

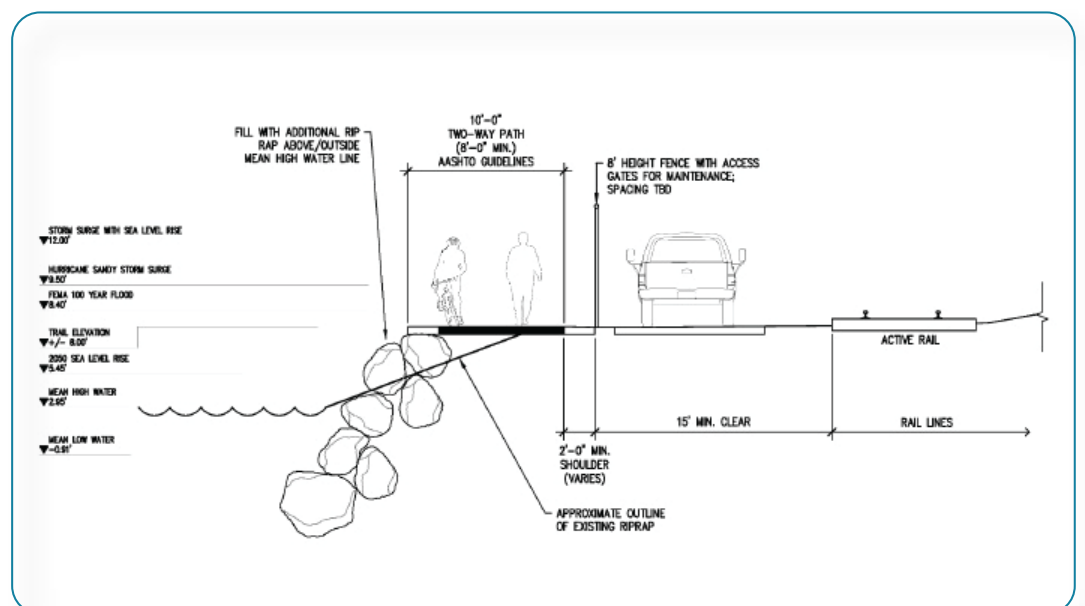
Years of activism and advocacy for the Hudson River Greenway in the Bronx finally appear to be paying off. On October 30th, the Community Board 8 Special Committee on the Greenway hosted representatives from the MTA and its design consultants who presented their findings on the study funded by Senator Jeff Klein.

The MTA Plan, which will culminate in a final report expected to be made available to the community any day now, will attempt to address several design challenges including safety concerns, accessibility, private property ownership and protection against storm surge. The outline of the final plan will involve a combination of elevated paths (above the 100 year flood plain), portions where the path can be built atop rip rap, with or without a retaining wall, and possibly



a portion which would be built at or above grade east of the tracks. The final plan will propose up to six access ramps and bridges using either existing, restored or new infrastructure. The MTA estimates the total cost, including soft costs such as a detailed engineering study, permits, limited private property acquisition, etc. would range from \$80 to \$125 million. But the report will be written in a way that enables the community to isolate specific portions that could be funded and built one at a time.

Senator Jeff Klein weighed in on the project saying, "this is extremely important to each and every one of us who understands the importance of utilizing our waterfront. We already have the Greenway open up



in Manhattan. I think it's a natural extension to now bring it to the Bronx and to Riverdale. So when I was asked to get behind this it really was a no brainer." Bob Bender, chair of Community Board 8's Special Committee on the Greenway told the Riverdale Press that "we always knew this was going to be an expensive project. But I think the most important thing that happened at (the recent) meeting was they (the MTA) came up with a plan that works. To me, that was a big step forward."

KRVC plans to continue to: a) do outreach to key stakeholders; b) educate community members through its new Greenway Talks series, the first of which is scheduled at its office for March 20, 2018 at 7pm; and c) produce RiverFest '18 to celebrate the Hudson River in the Bronx on June 9-10, 2018 at the College of Mount Saint Vincent. The next step will likely be at least one Community Board 8 meeting to review the final report and determine a plan of action.



Santa AT KRVC 2017



Dozens of children visited Santa and Mrs. Claus at KRVC on Sunday, December 17, 2017 for our second annual community holiday party. Dawn Jones was busy giving children and their parents holiday tattoos and the families were also treated to cookies, hot chocolate and holiday music while they waited to visit Santa. We were thrilled to have State Senator Jeff Klein stop by to take photos with Santa on his way to his Menorah Lighting Event at the monument.

This is the second year KRVC was able to offer this event to our community where children could visit Santa locally for free in a special setting. The children received holiday gift bags from Senator Klein, little toys and candy canes. A very special day and a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season as a community.



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Center. She records for Motéma Music, NY, Chesky Records, NY and Venus Records, Japan. Her nine recordings, which feature musical luminaries such as Fred Hersch, Eric Alexander, Matt Wilson, Harry Pickens, Don Braden and Pat LaBarbara, have received high praise in the jazz press and are spun on radio world-wide.

In addition to her many performances on great stages, Alexis can be seen at top jazz venues like Dizzy's Club at Jazz at Lincoln Center, Birdland, The Jazz Standard, Blues Alley, and Billboard Live, Tokyo. Cole is the recipient of a Swing Journal Gold Disk award, and was a winner of the NY Jazzmobile and Montreux Jazz Festival vocal competitions, and a finalist

of the Sarah Vaughan Competition. Alexis studied voice and piano at the University of Miami and William Paterson University, and holds a Masters of Music from Queens College. She has also trained in Indian Classical singing at the Jazz India Vocal Institute in Mumbai. She heads the Jazz Voice Program at SUNY Purchase. Alexis performs and conducts master classes around the world. AlexisCole.com

We hope you will join us for this special evening at the lovely Vladeck Hall at Amalgamated Housing / Park Reservoir Housing, 74 Van Cortlandt Park South.

For reservations please contact us at info@krvcdc.org.

Club **KRVC** with Tamuz Nissim & George Nazos

Jazz singer Tamuz Nissim and jazz guitarist George Nazos performed a beautiful set of jazz standards and covers on November 16, 2017 at Club KRVC. One of our favorites was Leonard Cohen's "Dance Me to the

End of Love."

Our audience thoroughly enjoyed the music and the wonderful atmosphere

with wine and

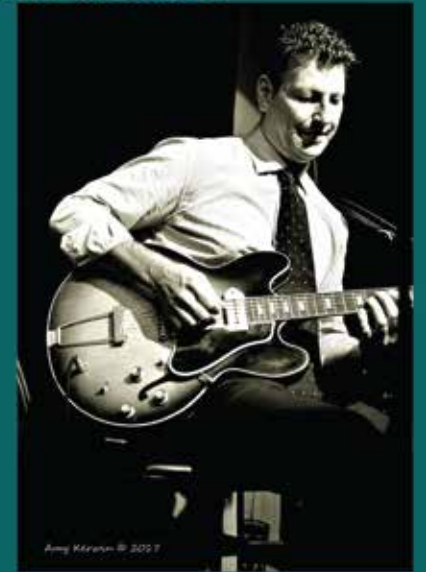
cheese on a cold fall evening. Thanks so much Tamuz and George and all who attended.



COMING UP

Thursday, January 18, 2018

An Evening of Live Music with
Jazz Vocalist Ilya Lushtak and
Guitarist John Webber



Club Opens at 7:00 p.m.
Light Refreshments
505 W. 236th Street, Bronx, NY

KRVCDC.ORG/CLUB

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!



The KRVC Reds clinched the South Riverdale Little League Fall Softball title with a nail-biting 11-10 victory over the Blackstone Spitting Devils.

KRVC hosted the champs for a pizza, sliders and cake celebration at Yo-Burger on December 5, 2017. Coach Jason Ehrenberg expressed his pride at what the team accomplished and presented KRVC executive director Tracy Shelton with an honorary jersey. He thanked KRVC for its continued support of SRL and its sponsorship of the Reds.



Reflecting on a successful season, Reds shortstop Layla Stanton said, "we had so much fun playing together. The championship and the trophy were the icing on the cake."

Way to go KRVC Reds!

KRVC CALENDAR 2018

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018

Club KRVC Cultural Event @ 7pm.
KRVC, 505 West 236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463
Jazz Vocalist Ilya Lushtak and Guitarist John Webber

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018

KRVC Workshop @ 7pm-8:30pm.
KRVC, 505 West 236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463
Visualize to Materialize an Amazing 2018 -
Goal Setting Workshop & Vision Board Party, with Stacey Natal.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

KRVC Workshop @ 7pm-8:30pm.
KRVC, 505 West 236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463
Linking to Opportunity to Grow Your Visibility and Business
via LinkedIn (for businesses), with Lavie Margolin.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Club KRVC Cultural Event @ 7pm.
KRVC, 505 West 236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018

Jazz at Amalgamated @ 7pm.
Vladeck Hall, 74 Van Cortlandt Park South, Bronx, NY 10463
The Eric Alexander Quartet Featuring Jazz Vocalist Alexis Cole

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018

Greenway Talks @ 7pm.
KRVC, 505 West 236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018

Club KRVC Cultural Event @ 7pm.
KRVC, 505 West 236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018

Club KRVC Cultural Event @ 7pm.
KRVC, 505 West 236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

Rooftop Concert @ 5:30pm-8pm.
NewYork-Presbyterian/The Allen Hospital
5141 Broadway, New York, NY 10034
The Emily Braden Quartet

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018

KRVC Workshop @ 7pm-8:30pm.
KRVC, 505 West 236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463
From Linked Out to LinkedIn: Maximizing your Use of
LinkedIn for Networking (for job seekers), with Lavie Margolin.

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018

Club KRVC Cultural Event @ 7pm.
KRVC, 505 West 236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 9-10, 2018

RiverFest, College of Mount Saint Vincent
6301 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471
Celebrate the Hudson River in the Bronx

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2018

Kingsbridge Movie in the Park @ 8pm.
Bailey Park, 234th Street & Bailey Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018

Truckin' with KRVC Event, 2pm-4pm.
Flowers by Zenda, 5217 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10463
Celebrate the Last Day of School at our Shop Local & Save Event in Marble Hill.

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018

South Riverdale Movie in the Park @ 8pm.
Seton Park 232nd Street & Independence Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018

Kingsbridge Art & Music Festival
234th Street & Bailey Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463
This festival is held with the 50th Police Precinct to celebrate the
National Night Out Against Crime.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

Club KRVC Cultural Event @ 7pm.
KRVC, 505 West 236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Johnson Avenue Block Festival @ 1pm-5pm.
Johnson Avenue, 235th-236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018

Club KRVC Cultural Event @ 7pm.
KRVC, 505 West 236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018

KRVC Jobs Networking Event @ 7pm-9pm.
Location TBD

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018

Halloween Party @ 4pm-7pm.
KRVC, 505 West 236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018

Club KRVC Cultural Event @ 7pm.
KRVC, 505 West 236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

Art at Amalgamated @ 1pm-6pm.
Vladeck Hall, 74 Van Cortlandt Park South, Bronx, NY, 10463

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2018

Truckin' with KRVC Event @ 2pm-4pm.
Flowers by Zenda, 5217 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10463
Celebrate Small Business Saturday at our
Shop Local & Save Event in Marble Hill.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018

Marble Hill Holiday Trolley of Fun @ 1pm-4pm.
Flowers by Zenda, 5217 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10463

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

Community Holiday Party @ 2pm-5pm.
KRVC, 505 West 236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463
Visit Santa for FREE and locally at KRVC

Check krvcdc.org/events for more details on these events.

KRVC also maintains an online community calendar and news page. Link out to both at krvcdc.org/community.

Contact Ana Gonzalez Ribeiro at anagrkrvc@gmail.com to post a community event or news item.



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Founded in 1981, the Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation (KRVC), a not-for-profit organization, aims to encourage and support local initiatives that will build and enrich our community through social, cultural, environmental, health, housing, educational and business enterprises. Our target area is the business and residential community comprised of Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Marble Hill, Riverdale, Spuyten Duyvil, Fieldston, Woodlawn and Van Cortlandt Village. KRVC expands our work to other programs and communities when appropriate.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Happy 2018! I hope you enjoy this newsletter with a fresh look thanks to our new Graphic Designer Maria Capotorto. This edition is our Winter 2018 edition, which covers our fall 2017 events and promotes our winter 2018 events. Look for our spring edition to come out in April.

This is the time of year when we are most actively trying to raise funds to support all our great work. We have an ambitious calendar of events, programs and initiatives planned for 2018 and we hope to have widespread community support again this year. Our cultural program will include several Club KRVC events at our office, a Jazz Concert and Art Exhibit at Amalgamated Houses, a Rooftop Jazz Concert at the Allen Hospital and an outdoor movie and festival series in Riverdale and Kingsbridge. Our KRVC Works program will include workshops in our office and a Jobs Networking event. Our KRVC Cares program will include community clean-ups, beautification projects, holiday lights and merchant organizing with our signature event Marble Hill Holiday Trolley of Fun. Through our Broadway in the Bronx and Hudson River Greenway Initiatives, we will continue to push our development proposals for our community through educational programs and events, including RiverFest. None of this is possible without funding and support from our community. See the back page of this newsletter for information on how you can help.

This is also the time of year when we look back at all we have accomplished to date and express gratitude to those who have helped us so much over the past year. The centerfold of this issue is devoted to recognizing State Senator Jeff Klein for all he has done to support our work. The back page features the logos of our top supporters for 2017.

Everyone at KRVC is looking forward to another great year of community service and support.

Thank you for helping us,

Tracy McCabe Shelton



KRVC's Executive Director, Tracy Shelton, with Linda Manning and Shari Hall at the Art at Amalgamated event; with Shari Hall at the Shop Local Event; with Senator Jeff Klein at the Holiday Lights Celebration event and with KRVC Intern Alexa Edwards, Santa and Mrs. Claus and Senator Klein at the Community Holiday Party at KRVC.

THANK YOU TO OUR TOP 2017 SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS!



KRVC's 2018 ANNUAL FUNDRAISING APPEAL THIS IS THE TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT

KRVC has a team of staff and board members dedicated to community service. We work together to produce large and small cultural events and programs; promote and plan for Hudson River access and a more beautiful Broadway corridor for the Bronx; implement a local jobs program; organize merchants; decorate our community with festive holiday lights and more! All the events, programs and services we provide are free and open to the public.

Please give as generously as you can to support our work for 2018. Sponsors receive logo exposure through our printed and online materials that reach tens of thousands of people and may participate in our community events. Our team will work with our supporters to develop a specific sponsorship package based on the amount of the donation and the needs of the donor. However, the main reason for businesses, foundations, individuals, organizations and elected officials to continue to support and donate to KRVC is because they believe in KRVC, our team, our great work and wish to join us in serving tens of thousands of Bronxites at the highest level.

KRVC's 2018 Annual Fundraising Appeal is targeted to large donations from \$1,000-\$10,000. However, all donations of any amount are needed to support our great work. Make your donation online at krvcdc.org/donate or make checks payable to KRVC Development Corporation and mail them to: KRVC, 505 West 236th Street, Bronx, NY 10463. KRVC is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, EIN 133097905.
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