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THE MISSION



An overview of 54 years of dedicated treatment and services.

Our continuing goals are to provide comprehensive, compassionate, evidence-based treatment for youth, young adults and adults struggling with substance use disorders. We are dedicated to supporting their families through support and collaboration. By fostering resilience, promoting recovery, and empowering individuals, we aim to create a healthier future for our community.

-The Dynamite Philosophy-

Is that every man makes his own destiny and he can shape his destiny by having convictions, positive values and self respect. I, as an individual, must be prepared to meet my own weaknesses and overcome them. In order to overcome them I must be aware. In order to be aware I must communicate. In order to communicate I must trust. By achieving these goals, I must be honest with myself. In being honest with myself I gain maturity and responsibility. By obtaining this I find myself reborn to a constant betterment of my life.

INSIDE DYNAMIC

MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we approach the holiday season, I am filled with gratitude for the strength and courage of those on the journey of recovery. I am continually inspired by the young people and their families who embrace the challenges of overcoming substance use and finding ways to bring hope not only for them but also for those that are part of the NYC community. This holiday season is time to reflect on the progress we have made together and to acknowledge and honor the steps toward achieving a healthy life. At the same time, let's not forget that the holidays can be a challenging time for those struggling with addiction and navigating early recovery. Feelings of loneliness, family stress, or memories of past differences can weigh heavily during this season. If you are finding this time difficult, please remember that you are not alone – all of us at NYC are ready to help you through. Keep moving forward, one step at a time. Together, we can make this holiday season a time of renewal and hope.



Warm wishes to all,
Karen Carlini
Associate Executive Director



Dates To Keep In Mind

DYC Annual Holiday Show

TBD

Giving Tuesday Campaign

December 3, 2024

Julianna B. Fusco Scholarship

December 1 - December 31, 2024

*(Open to Alumni & Phase II Members
or email Dmarro@dycinc.org for more information)*

DYNAMITE YOUTH CENTER
FOUNDATION, INC.

GIVING
TUESDAY

Donate to *Make a Difference*

Your donation will provide essential resources to the young members of our community.

Join us on GivingTuesday !

*1830 Coney Island Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11230*

December 3, 2024

All Day!

*(Stay tuned for our
GivingTuesday Website)*

Questions? Contact:

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FEATURED STORIES

UTILIZATION OF SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT AMONG CRIMINAL JUSTICE-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED STATES

The U.S. criminal justice system involves over 6.7 million individuals, many of whom have a history of substance use disorder (SUD). Around 40% of adults released from prison report SUD behaviors, and up to 75% of adolescents in the system meet the criteria for SUD. Access to substance use treatment within the justice system is limited, with only 11-28% of incarcerated individuals receiving adequate treatment, despite widespread need. Post-release, the risk of overdose significantly increases due to resumed substance use.

While criminal justice involvement can provide opportunities for treatment through mechanisms like drug courts and referrals, significant gaps remain. Studies show varying access to treatment, with racial disparities impacting who receives care. White individuals, for instance, are more likely to be referred to treatment than non-White individuals. Engaging criminal justice-involved populations in substance use treatment is crucial for reducing recidivism and relapse, but barriers persist. More coordinated responses and public health resources are needed to address these gaps and support those at risk.



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From Journal of Substance Abuse
June 2021

NARCAN TRAINING & CERTIFICATION



SCAN ME

Participants learn to recognize, respond to and reverse a suspected opioid overdose using intranasal naloxone (Narcan), and how to obtain naloxone for their use as rescuers.

Following training, participants will be mailed a Narcan kit and a certificate of completion.

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**NARCAN TRAINING ALSO PROVIDED BY NYC
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DYNAMITE YOUTH CENTER

**WE'VE BEEN
NOMINATED
FOR BEST NON-PROFIT**



*“Helping dependent adolescents and young adults
create positive change in their lives”*

HOW TO FIND US

01. Click
'VOTE NOW'

02. Scroll down & select
'SERVICES'

03. Click
'NOT FOR PROFIT'

04. Vote for DYC, by
registering with
email



bestofbk.com

WHY DYC?

MEMBER INSIGHT

Thank you to my grandparents for taking me in when I had no where else to go, for giving me a great childhood, and for not putting up with my crazy life style. Thanks to the both of them for finding DYC to give me the chance to turn my life around for the better.

I love you guys ❤️

*-Maya P
(Upstate Member)*

MEMBER INSIGHT

Since coming into Dynamite I have learned more about myself. I learned to communicate with others about issues that may be affecting me. Everyday I learn more about myself as a person. The most important lesson I've learned is to not take things personally by controlling my anger and frustration I have towards myself and others.

*- Eddie B
(Upstate Member)*

WHY DYC?

PARENT INSIGHT

We would like to express our gratitude to The Fresh Start program at DYC and the dedicated, caring people who make it happen. Like many of the families who have found DYC, the road that led us here was a difficult and challenging one. It's almost impossible to describe the pain and fear a parent feels seeing their child suffer and harm themselves by their choices and actions. But one thing we learned was that you can't make the change for your child, and they can't make the change all by themselves. It takes love and support, and patience and work. It takes having a place where the change can happen, and that is what DYC has given us. The opportunity for our son to ground himself and establish a base to grow from, a chance to use the many gifts he has and to realize his amazing potential. A chance for hope.

We are incredibly proud of our son and all the progress he has made in this last year, and we are so grateful for DYC to have provided the environment and support he needed to grow.
Thank you, Fresh Start and DYC!

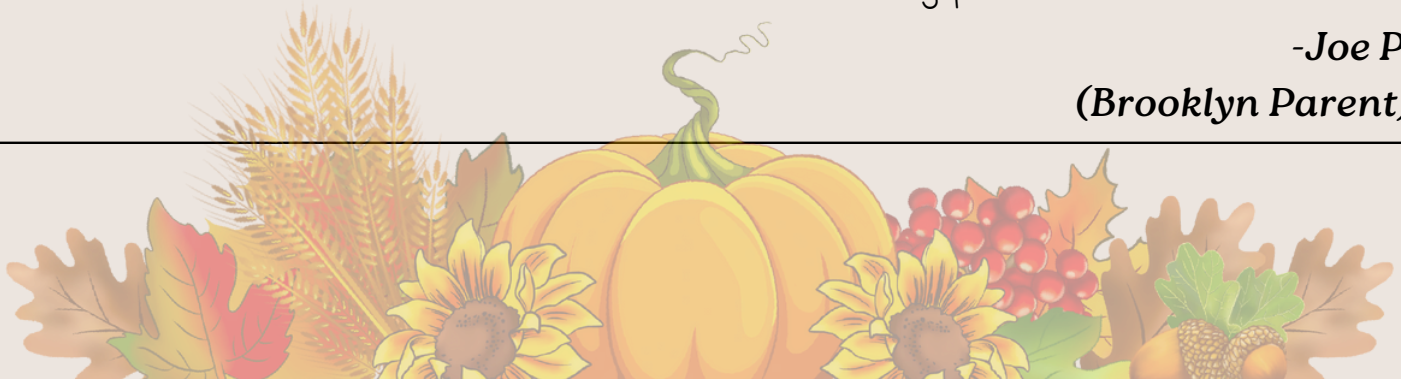
**-Russell & Laura
(FreshStart Parents)**

PARENT INSIGHT

Dynamite is a "golden ticket" for teens and young adults struggling with emotional issues and addiction. It's hard for me to call DYC just an addiction recovery program because it is so much more than that. DYC has encouraged my daughter to become emotionally strong, self-reliant, and accountable, while also helping her stay committed to personal growth and take pride in everything she does.

To my daughter, your future is bright.
She knows her worth now, and DYC is a big part of that!

**-Joe P
(Brooklyn Parent)**



OUR COMMUNITY IS GRATEFUL FOR...

As the holiday season approaches, it's the perfect time to reflect on what we cherish most, beyond the abundance of food and desserts. The holidays offer a chance to reflect, relax, and embrace the joy of togetherness.

Surrounded by those who mean the most to us, we wanted to take a moment to share with our NYC family what we are most thankful for. We hope you find comfort and connection in the many voices that represent NYC.

Warmest regards,
The Dynamite Team

My mom, grandma and Josh
Ryan

Dogs

Dynamite's Support

Family & Friends

My sweet girl, Riley

My family who loves me and to be part
of the NYC family as well

Dynamite & Family

My health & family

For the 3rd floor staff

My health, my dog and
my family

To be alive, my strength & for
those that impact my life

My dog: Bruno

Getting the opportunity to work
at Dynamite

To be a part of DYNAMITE.

My future & Dynamite's support

My wife & kids

My family, friends and the strength
that I'm given to achieve new things

Rediscovering myself

Working at Dynamite

My husband and for time spent with
my friends and family

My family, friends and the opportunities I'm given

My peers, NYC and Family

My personality

My health & strength

My friends

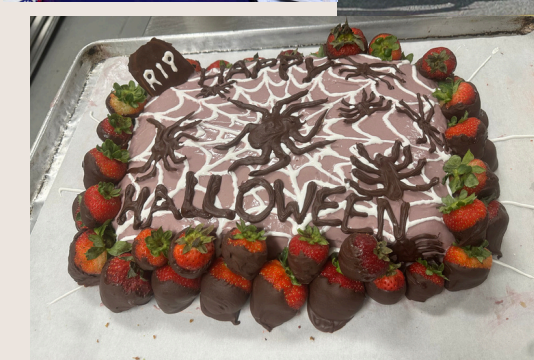
My wonderful friends and family, and I am
immensely grateful for Dynamite
for everything they've done and continue to do for
me

Having the opportunity
to make a difference

All the amazing people in my life

My supportive family, friends, and colleagues!
Especially thankful for my husband, daughter, and
our newest addition—a baby boy!

OUR COMMUNITY



54TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our 54th Anniversary Honorees...

Alumni:

Piotr B. ~ 45th Wave

Paige N. ~ 76th Wave

Andrew. ~ 78th Wave

Humanitarian Award

Bill Dockery - Heisman Trophy Trustee,
Dynamite Youth Center Advisory Board Member

Michael Comerford, President, Heisman Trophy Trust

“Drug Fighter of the Year”

Todd Crandell - “The Original Sober Triathlete”



Left to Right: Honoring Piotr, Honoring Paige(not in attendance), Honoring Andrew, Honoring Todd Crandell
2nd Row Left to Right: Food by Bon Soir Caterers, Celebrating DYC's Softball Team Post-Season, Honoring Bill Dockery,

Special Thank You To Our Sponsors

The Heisman Trophy Trust
Jim and Christine Fusco
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A “Dynamite” Family
OneGroup
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TOYS - FOR - TOTS TOY DRIVE

Please contribute **NEW & UNWRAPPED** toys.
*Suggestions: Toys, games, books, dolls, sports equipment,
art supplies, stuffed animals, etc.*

Any toy(s), for tots-to-pre-teens, will be appreciated and will
allow a child in need to have an amazing holiday season!

Drop-Off Location:

1830 Coney Island Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11230

Toys can be dropped off:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (9AM-5PM)
Wednesday (9AM-8PM)



OCTOBER 23- DECEMBER 4, 2024

*Toys can also be shipped - please include a gift receipt with your
name so we know who sent it and address it ATTN: Debbie*

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT, DEBBIE:
DRUBOWITZ@DYCINC.ORG
718-376-7923

DROP OFF LOCATION:

1830 CONEY ISLAND AVE BROOKLYN, NY 11230

BOROUGH BUZZ

New York Cares Coat Drive - Citywide

New York Cares annual coat drive provides homeless and low-income families with something warm to wear. Donate gently used coats of all sizes or even start your own drive in your building or school. Collection sites are located around the city in transportation hubs, police stations, and participating stores. Check the New York Cares website for a complete **list of drop-off locations**.



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The Brooklyn Nutcracker

Culturally immersive, The Brooklyn Nutcracker transforms familiar Nutcracker characters and scenes to represent the heart of Brooklyn's cultural mosaic. From a mysterious pop and locking Herr Drosselmeyer and a daring hip hop battle scene, to a bohemian Mother Ginger, the characters embark on an enchanting journey from Victorian Flatbush to modern day - with exciting detours through notable Brooklyn landmarks, including a visit to the Brooklyn Botanical Garden and a Flatbush Avenue subway platform.



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Bryant Park's Winter Village - Manhattan

New York City's winter wonderland is now open! Open daily through Sunday, March 2, 2025, don't miss a festive season of ice skating, holiday shopping, and rinkside dining.

The centerpiece of Bank of America Winter Village at Bryant Park, this 17,000 square foot ice rink features free-admission ice skating, high quality rental skates, free skating shows, and events. The rink is open daily through the Winter Village season.



SCAN HERE

Dynamic Youth Community, Inc.

Adolescent & Young Adult Substance Use Disorder Treatment



At DYC, we work to help dependent adolescents and young adults create positive change in their lives through a comprehensive system of care. We present an evidence-based program model that brings about transformational successes through commitment, motivation and compassion in a participatory, safe, family environment.

Outpatient & Inpatient Program

- Adolescent/Young Adult
- MAT/Medication Assisted Treatment On-Site
- Group, Individual & Family Counseling
- Vocational Services
- Legal Advocacy
- ReStart Academy On-Site
- Free Assessments & Referrals

FreshStart Program

- Adolescent Day Treatment Program
 - High School Students
- Group, Individual & Family Counseling
- Telehealth Services
- Vocational Services
- Legal Advocacy
- ReStart Academy On-Site
 - Available for High School Students
- Free Assessments & Referrals

Adult Outpatient Program

- Ages 27+
- MAT/Medication Assisted Treatment
- On-Site/Telehealth Individual Counseling Services
- Vocational Services
- Legal Advocacy
- Group Counseling
- Free Assessments & Referrals



For Questions or Admissions

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All Insurances Accepted | No One Turned Away Due to Inability to Pay


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AUTUMN AT DYC



1. AUTUMN
2. COSTUME
3. FOOTBALL
4. HALLOWEEN
5. LEAVES
6. NOVEMBER
7. WITCHES
8. GRATEFUL
9. FAMILY
10. HARVEST
11. ANNIVERSARY
12. OCTOBER
13. DYNAMITE
14. GOBLINS
15. THANKSGIVING
16. PUMPKINS
17. TURKEY
18. SEPTEMBER
19. APPLE PIE
20. JACK-O-LANTERN



With holiday season approaching, we hold space in our hearts for loved ones who aren't with us—especially those facing the challenges of addiction. This season can be a difficult time, both for those battling addiction and for the families who miss them. Let's remember to extend compassion, understanding, and hope, knowing recovery is always possible. Whether near or far, our love and support can make a difference. Together, we can honor their journey while cherishing the moments we share with others.



Thank you for reading!

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