

BRONX LIVING LEGENDS CONCERT SERIES AT HOSTOS



Photo by Edwin Soto

The beat of Latin jazz coursed through Hostos Center for the Arts and Culture in a free music concert honoring musical legends from the Boogie Down. Led by Latin jazz legend Andy Gonzalez, the 20-member group performed live music as part of the Bronx Music Heritage Center's popular Bronx Living Legends series Dec. 5. The venue celebrates artists who've made contributions to the musical world.



Photo courtesy of Bharati Dance Academy

THE BHARATI DANCE ACADEMY SPREADS ANTI-BULLYING AWARENESS

I.S. 318 in Tremont held an anti-bullying event that had positive messages ringing throughout the hallways of the school on Saturday, Nov. 17. A series of diverse performances with positive messages sought counter the negative affects of bullying. The performances were organized by Edwin Feliciano Jr. (who also goes by the name WRATH - which stands for Writing Real And True Hip Hop). It included performances by Bless the Mastermind, the Bharati Dance Academy and several other groups.

(Above) Feliciano (back) is pictured with (front row, l-r) Ilyssa Lutchman, Donna Kemraj, Sarah Dilchand, and Bharati Kemraj of the dance academy.

CARTER'S AT BAY PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER HOSTS "PAJAMA DRIVE" TO BENEFIT SANDY VICTIMS



It was a pajama party of sorts at Carter's clothing shop at Bay Plaza, host to the Pajama Drive for victims of Superstorm Sandy. Celebrity guests were on hand to donate their time packing pajamas on behalf of nonprofit Pajama Program, which doles new, warm pajamas and books to needy kids. The group aimed at gathering 1,000 pairs of pajamas. The Saturday, December 8 drive lasted through the morning with Carter's employees dressed in their pajamas, a good way to mark the occasion.

(Above) Carter's employees (l-r) Crystal Barilli, Jessica Padilla, Jaanais Rosario and daughter Sianna hang with Vanessa Manzano, who donates a set of PJs to the cause.

(Right) Prepping a gift box full of donated pajamas is Real Housewives of New York star Alex McCord with Pajama Program staffer Anita Finkelstein and shopper Natasha Bascoe.



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