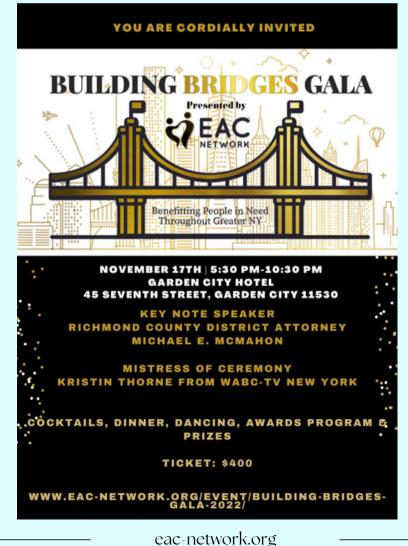


## EAC Network Newsletter

EAC's BUILDING BRIDGES GALA is this November 17th, 2022. Did you get your ticket? If not, please go to: https://eac-network.org/building-bridges-gala-2022/

"The November 17th soiree, is meticulous planned in honor of the 55,000 people that we assist daily. Together, let us continue to build a strong community. Join us." Neela Mukherjee Lockel, EAC's President and Chief Executive Officer





The keynote speaker at EAC's 2nd annual Building Bridges Gala will be the Richmond County District Attorney, Michael McMahon.

Last month we informed you of EAC's collaboration with the Richmond County District attorney's office through our Alternative to Incarceration Programs (ATI).

ATI programs are diversion programs that are mandated by judges and provide participants with supportive services in their communities instead of a jail or prison sentence.

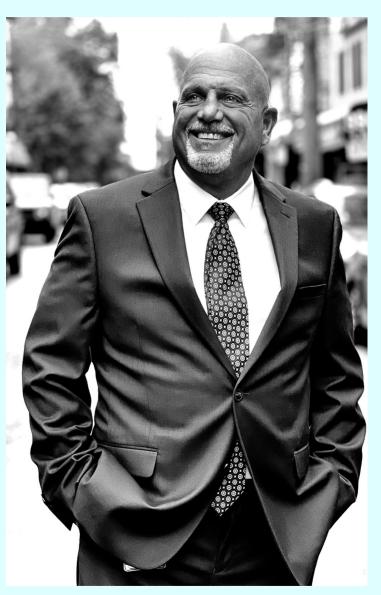
Meet Floyd Miller, Floyd Miller is one of the many who benefited from our ATI programs in Staten Island.

Floyd is a true success story. He was arrested in 2004. Prior to his arrest Floyd was addicted to drug and alcohol for 22 years.

Upon his arrest, the judge gave him the choice to join the ATI program instead of going to jail.

Today, Floyd is a substance abuse counselor at the DA's Office and has been sober for 18 years.

Floyd's story is a true example of the success of EAC's programs.



Floyd Miller



### Winter Coat Delivery

At EAC we serve the community in numerous ways, from children to seniors.

As the winter season is approaching, EAC Network is pleased to announce that winter coats will be delivered to children in need in Long Island on November 10, 2022, starting 12:00 p.m.

The Coats are provided by Kids Helping Kids Way Inc.

Every single program within the agency will be receiving boxes of coats. Therefore, all children and families that EAC proudly serves in Nassau and Suffolk County will receive a brand new coat.



Rachel Lugo Division Director of Family Support and Vocational Service





Rachel Lugo stated: "EAC Network and Kids Helping Kids are able to connect undeserved children and families to community resources all year round. Keeping our children safe and warm is essential. We are thrilled to partner again this winter season with Kids Helping Kids."



#### EAC Network's Annual Youth Holiday Shopping Spree

Colllaboration with Target and Bethpage Federal Credit Union The Holiday season is here!

The Youths at EAC Network are on for a joyous Holiday season.

On December 10th 2022, EAC's Youths at the Chance to Advance program with be part of the Holliday Shopping Spree at Target in Commack, NY.

EAC is providing an opportunity for foster youth and underprivileged children to enjoy the Holiday season.



Thank you Bethpage Credit Union for your collaboration .



EAC's Chance To Advance program provides enrichment programs that help develop the educational, artistic, athletic, and cultural talents of children in foster care ages 8 to 21, as well as underprivileged and foster care children in other programs on Long Island.



### The Empowered

A face from EAC's Chance to Advance program.

Meet Cordero Burrowes

Cordero joined the EAC Chance to Advance Program approximately 7 years ago as a foster care youth.

Cordero attended our summer camp and then began to receive mentoring services.

Cordero's peer mentor, Edward, an attorney, assisted him with his decision-making skills, inspired him to finish high school and apply for college although he had a significant learning disability.

Cordero ogtained an application from EAC to attend Suffolk Community College.

Help us in our mission to help our client get control over their life. To donate, go to: https://givebutter.com/MoreToDo



Cordero has now moved out of the group home, and resides with his grandmother. He has have taken a hobby of playing guitar and volunteers and read to kids. He is now working at the Brentwood School District and loves it.

# **VETERANS DAY**



EAC proudly assists the veterans knowing that our veterans have complex needs that must be addressed with appropriate services.

EAC"S Brooklyn Misdemeanor Veteran Treatment Court, has been helping incarcerated Veterans since 2000.

An estimated 60% of incarcerated veterans struggle with a substance use disorder.

At the BMVTC, the goal is to get Veteran's cases transferred to BMVTC, and assist them in discharge upgrades, employment, housing, VA benefits, much much more. AT EAC we are grateful to the many women and men who served and continue to serve this country. Thank you for your service and your sacrifice.

#### Happy Veteran's DAY



Timothy Martin Veteran Peer Coordinator/Veteran Case Manager Brooklyn Misdemeanor Veteran Treatment Court

Regarding his work as a Veteran Peer Coordinator, Timothy Martin stated : "This is not work when your helping your fellow brothers and sisters in arms