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LATEST NEWS

- CRCEC's College Advising initiative is providing ongoing seminars and 1-1 advice to high school students and their parents with extra tips to get ready for college and stay in charge of the application process. **The program meets each 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 6:30pm** at Miller Evangelical Church (located on **President Street between Rogers and Bedford**). See you there!
- CRCEC is trying to raise funds to assist people with the fees for career training and college applications. Won't you help us? Please consider sharing one of the suggested amounts on our pledge form or you can make an online donation by visiting www.crcec.org and clicking on "donate".

CRCEC is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Your monetary contributions are tax deductible.

Tune In to....



BROOKLYN45
YOUNG ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

BROADCAST THE LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
ON THE FOLLOWING CHANNELS

CABLEVISION CH. 67
TIMEWARNER CH. 34
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HIGHLIGHTING THE EXCEPTIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR BROOKLYN STUDENTS

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SALT IS GOOD

A note from Sharon Coombs-Rose, Executive Director of CRCEC

Recently I received fresh reminder of why I like doing what I do. Every so often it is encouraging to be reminded of who we are, why we're here, and the connection to "purpose".

It was World Aids Day at Brownsville Multi Service Health Center and I met with and interviewed Dr. Harry Crevecoeur who has developed an HIV vaccine. He impressed me as the most humble and genuine person I had met in a long time. His work in HIV research was being done from the heart and his passion for science and medicine stemmed from a love of God creating in him a drive to fulfill his purpose by serving mankind. Meeting him and some of the other staff members at BMS was like discovering pearls among pebbles. Something genuine and beautiful was discerned among them, unlike most of the tinsel images so often seen in the public spotlight these days. These were real people making a real difference in the lives of everyday people and doing it with such love and compassion as to demonstrate the love of God. Talk about SALT! It's in moments like these I'm reminded of why we are here and am encouraged that we are not alone. God's people are just sprinkled throughout the earth for "seasoning" to help preserve it and make it more palatable place to live.

Therefore to all you grains of salt out there shining as pearls in the sand, don't give up. Just keep on being as salty as you can be. The hand that sprinkled you is able to spot you in the sand. What a mighty God we serve!

CRCEC is a local sponsor for 2010 Payless Gives Shoes 4 Kids

We are distributing coupons for children.

Each coupon is redeemable for, or toward, a pair of children's shoes.

Contact us immediately at 718-272-2363 or info@crcec.org

Coupons are only valid through February, 2011.



for Families in need

On the Community Tip

Compassionate Classrooms

Thank you to teacher Gen Beretta at P.S. 119, The Amersfort School for her **Compassionate Classroom** letter writing campaign. Ms. Beretta is helping her students to sharpen their writing skills as they reach out to members of the community in various ways. Currently the children, as participants in the Penny Harvest charitable giving organization, are writing to thank donors and to share news of the program's progress.

Yes We Can!

Sub-Heading

(more information at www.crcec.org)

For all of our readers in college or applying to college: **FAFSA Financial Aid forms** are due as soon as possible. Early birds get better access to available funds - **so don't delay!**



High School Juniors

Did you know that this spring is the best time for you to take the SAT? IT IS! And you should be sure to start practicing now! Most people who take the SAT, practice first so be sure to check out our website for links to [free online practice tests](#)



For more college guidance information, including the best HS classes to take, register for our college advising program at info@crcec.org.

Neighbors Online

In a small section of the Flatbush community neighbors have come together to create a community online where they can share ideas and observations.

Another section of the Flatbush community has done the same thing. This is also true of other neighborhoods in Brooklyn and indeed across the country. Park Slope, Bedford Stuyvesant, Crown Heights and Kensington are just a few other communities here in Brooklyn who have chosen to strengthen their community bonds online.



How does it work?

Many of these areas have used Yahoo Groups. A person or an organization will create the Yahoo Group and invite others to join. Anyone can subscribe by adding their email address to the list. Once you have subscribed, you

and any other member of our Yahoo community can email everyone in the group by sending one email to one email address.

These groups are open forums for discussion. If you see a vagrant hanging out in the neighborhood and you want to ask if anyone knows where he came from, you can email your question to the group. If your regular plumber or locksmith is not available, you can ask if any of your neighbors have recommendations, and so on... These groups are yours to use.

CRCEC has built online communities for East Flatbush and East New York!

The groups are called East Flatbush Community Camera and ENY Community Camera. They are Yahoo Groups. Look for us at groups.yahoo.com or go to these web addresses and subscribe (using the link at the bottom of the page) to join:

E. Flatbush: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/eastflatbushcommunitycamera/>

East New York <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ENYcommunitycamera/>

To join the online community, just *subscribe* using your email address.

About CRCEC

CRCEC is a not-for-profit organization founded in July 2005 after the tragic death of Christopher Rose. Since then, CRCEC has strived to engage youth in activities that promote educational, social, economic and cultural enrichment.

Through CAMERA (Community Action and Mobilization Effort to Raise Awareness) we also seek to engage a broader range of community members to increase awareness and involvement in violence prevention to ensure that violence is reported and more importantly, deterred so that our communities will be safe for everyone.

See our website www.crcec.org for more



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If you see a crime and don't report it (by calling your precinct, 311 or 911), similar recurrences can't be prevented.



CRCEC is always eager to work with volunteers. To volunteer, please call 718-272-2363 or email info@crcec.org

They Work for Us

Contact our elected officials for concerns or questions about issues in our community. (if you live in another area or you want to check your address, go to www.lwvny.org) or call 866.598.6971)

East Flatbush

- Congresswoman Yvette Clarke 718-287-1142
- State Senator Kevin Parker 718-629-6401
- State Assemblyman Nick Perry 718-385-3336
- Councilman Jumaane Williams 718-629-2900
- Community Board 17 718-467-3536

Senator Charles Schumer - (202) 224-6542
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand - (202) 224-4451

The East Flatbush area has its own cable TV program - **'Brooklyn45'** on BCAT (Time Warner Ch. 34 and Cablevision Ch. 67) Thursdays at 9am and 8pm. The show discusses issues and events important to us. <http://www.brooklyn45.com/>

Young Academic Achievers

Monthly on the last Thursday at 9am and 8pm on **Brooklyn45**
 Co-Sponsored by CRCEC

East New York

- Congressman Ed Towns 718-272-1175
- State Senator John Sampson 718-649-7653
- State Assemblywoman Inez Barron 718-257-5824
- Councilman Charles Barron 718-649-9495
- Community Board 5 718-498-5711

New Natural Food stores now in Flatbush.

Nelson's Organic on Avenue D and E. 43rd Street and
Natural Market on Church Avenue and E. 17th Street.

This is in addition to the Flatbush Food Co-op on Cortelyou Road at East 16th Street.

TEENS TAKE THE CITY is a dynamic leadership development program at the YMCA that offers teens opportunities to roll up their sleeves and get involved in issues affecting them and their community. If you're interested, contact Lauren Tucker at 212-630-9720 or ltucker@ymcanyc.org



Boys and girls under 18 and interested in joining CRCEC's Youth Council, email info@crcec.org or call 718-272-2363

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We're growing and we need your support. Please consider helping us with a donation!

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