



Spring 2023 Newsletter



From left to right Christina Hanson (Executive Director), Barbara Raho (Board Member), Keith Pagnani (Chair of the Board), Kate Niehaus (Honoree), Mark Miller (Board Member) and Bob Niehaus (Honoree)

POTS' Spring Gala honoring Bob and Kate Niehaus took place on April 15th at the Westchester Country Club. We had nearly 300 attendees and raised about \$500,000! Overall, the event was a great success, and proceeds will help POTS provide emergency food, social services, and legal representation to low-income families and individuals.

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There is a substance abuse crisis unfolding in NYC. While addressing this issue is a daunting challenge, **POTS' substance abuse counselor, Ariel Baez, offers this advice if you encounter a neighbor in need:**

“Just to try to be a bit more empathetic... we see the person, we see the outside features, but we don't know whatever is haunting them.” Baez suggests that what we need is compassion for the people whose struggles lead them to endangering themselves and others.



Ariel Baez, POTS Case Manager and Substance Abuse Counselor



Even a small donation makes a big difference. **For every dollar POTS receives, we're able to generate \$6 of value for low-income New Yorkers.** Just last year, our total return on investment was \$36,135,000. Thank you for helping us bring so much value to the community.

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The National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference took place in Washington, DC, on May 8th. POTS was represented at the event by its Director of Communications, who participated in the panel discussion on the **True Cost of Living** report in order to elevate the voices of the community we serve. The report reflects on the ways in which the official poverty measure is inadequate to provide a comprehensive view of the obstacles faced by the most vulnerable New Yorkers. [You can read the full report here.](#)



From left to right Elizabeth Angeles (United Way of NYC), Lisa Manzer (University of Washington, Center for Women's Welfare), Diego Padilla (POTS), Karla Ignacio (National Council of Jewish Women in New York)



Finally, we're excited to announce POTS' opened a second location! Our new facility in 2450 Grand Concourse (entrance on 188th Street) will allow us to expand our offering of legal assistance to prevent evictions and more job training opportunities for our community. Please note that legal intakes will officially start in our new location on June 2. Food, mail and other services will continue to be offered on 2759 Webster Avenue.



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