



Envisioning a world where
all youth have the resources
and tools to thrive.

2024

IMPACT REPORT



SNACC



At **SNACC** (Sustainable Nutrition and Community Connection), our mission is to **empower youth and their families with the knowledge and tools to nourish their bodies, enrich their minds, and foster community connections through hands-on food education.**

In 2024, SNACC made tremendous strides in expanding our reach, deepening our impact, and creating lasting change for students and families across New York City.

By bridging the gap between **food education and food access**, we provide young people with **critical life skills, cooking knowledge, and a sense of agency over their health and well-being.** Our programs don't just teach students how to cook—**they inspire confidence, leadership, and lifelong healthy habits.**



1 in 4

children in New York City face some sort of food security every day



40%

of our city's public school children are either overweight or obese



90%

food insecurity doubles the risk of chronic absenteeism, undermining academic performance and youth development

This year has been one of growth, innovation, and impact:



Our After-School Program reached over **250 individuals weekly**, providing grocery deliveries, kitchen starter kits, and live cooking sessions that transform family mealtime into a foundation for success.



Our SNACC-in-School initiative grew from three to seven schools, engaging over **700 students** with hands-on nutrition education.



Launched new curriculum enhancements developed with chefs, dietitians, public health professionals and educators, ensuring culturally relevant, hands-on food education.



Expanded our team, bringing on additional trained chefs, food educators, and public health professionals to lead impactful sessions.



Strengthened community partnerships, including our continued collaboration with Bronx Lacrosse to support student-athletes with nutrition and cooking education.



Improved our grocery distribution model, hiring parents of program participants to assist with delivery, reinforcing economic empowerment within the community.

Dear SNACC Community,

Reflecting on this past year fills me with immense gratitude and pride. SNACC started with a simple yet powerful mission—to ensure that every young person has the knowledge, skills, and access to nutritious food and culinary education. Thanks to your unwavering support, we have continued to grow, adapt, and expand our impact, reaching more students and families than ever before.



I am especially proud of the ways we have deepened our connections—not just with the students we serve, but with their families, educators, and communities. Our work goes beyond cooking; we are building a movement where food education is a fundamental part of youth development and community wellness.

None of this would be possible without our incredible team, partners, donors, and volunteers who share in this vision. Thank you for believing in our mission and for making this work possible. Together, we are shaping a future where every young person is equipped to lead a more empowered life. Thank you for being part of this journey, for believing in our mission, and for making a lasting impact, one meal at a time.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DLC', written in a cursive, flowing style.

Danielle L. Cohen

Co-Founder & Executive Director

OUR MISSION

Empowering youth and their families with the knowledge and tools to nourish their bodies, enrich their minds, and foster community connections through hands-on food education.

OUR VISION

Envisioning a world where all youth have the resources and tools to thrive.

Our Impact

93%

of participants reported feeling proud of themselves often in the program

91%

of families said that SNACC helped reduce stress around putting food on the table

93%

of participants reported being inspired to make healthier food choices outside of the program.

90%

of parents reported that participating in SNACC cooking classes has helped their family try new foods

87%

of participants reported an improvement in their problem-solving ability since joining SNACC

80%

of parents reported an improvement in their child's social skills due to their involvement in SNACC



80%

of parents reported an increase in the number of home-cooked meals their family enjoys every week since starting SNACC

100%

of parents are likely to recommend the SNACC program to others

Our Programs

Through these programs, SNACC is building a future where young people and families are empowered with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make healthier food choices and create lasting change in their communities.



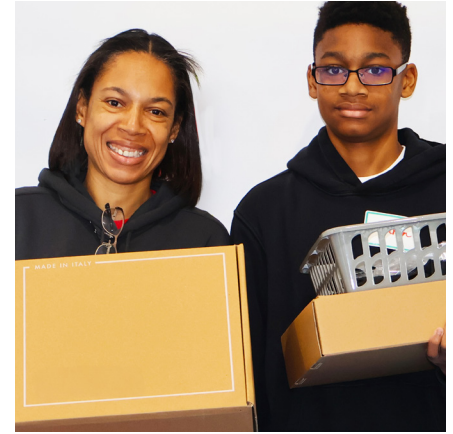
Cook + Connect (After-School Program)

- **Hands-on culinary education led by professional chefs**, teaching real-world cooking skills.
- Students learn cooking techniques, nutrition basics, and **receive fresh groceries weekly** to support healthy eating at home.
- Each student gets a kitchen starter kit with essential cookware, ensuring they can apply their skills beyond the classroom.
- **Builds confidence and reinforces academic and problem-solving skills** through hands-on learning.
- **Equips youth with lifelong skills** to combat food insecurity, improve development, and enhance academic outcomes.
- **Reduces household stress** by easing meal preparation, strengthening family bonds, and fostering a shared culture of healthy eating.



SNACC In-School (During & After-School Programs)

- **Interactive, hands-on cooking and food education sessions** that enhances school curriculum.
- **Connects culinary skills with broader learning**—including nutrition, teamwork, math, science, and critical thinking.
- **Transforms students' relationship with food**, fostering informed, healthier choices.
- **Brings food education into both schools and communities**, making learning accessible and impactful.



Parent & Family Engagement

- **Engaging workshops and events** that bring families together through the power of food.
- **Teaches budget-friendly, nutritious meal preparation**, ensuring families have the tools for lifelong healthy eating.
- **Strengthens family bonds and cultural connections** through shared cooking experiences.
- **Empowers parents as role models**, creating lasting generational change in food habits.
- **Hiring within the community** Creating job opportunities by employing parents, siblings, and family members to serve on the SNACC team, fostering deeper community engagement and support.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who does SNACC serve?

We serve youth in grades K-12 through our school, community and family partnerships, prioritizing underserved communities where food insecurity and lack of food education are most prevalent.

How does SNACC select schools for its programming?

We partner with Title I schools and community organizations that share our mission and have a need for food access services and education programming. As part of our growth strategy, we are always looking to expand our reach and impact.

How does the in-school program work?

Our in-school program is an interactive, hands-on cooking experience that aligns with school schedules. Sessions are typically held during the school day or right after school.

Do schools need a kitchen to host SNACC programming?

No! SNACC is designed to be adaptable. We bring portable cooking equipment and supplies, allowing us to run sessions in classrooms, cafeterias, or multipurpose spaces.

What kinds of dishes do students learn to make?

Students prepare a variety of dishes, ranging from simple, nutritious meals to culturally diverse recipes that reflect their backgrounds and communities.

How does the after-school program work?

The after-school program runs weekly with two main components:

- **Grocery drop-offs:** Students receive ingredients to cook at home.
- **Live, chef-led cooking classes:** Students follow along in real time, learning hands-on culinary skills.

What skills do students gain beyond cooking?

Students develop essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership, time management, problem-solving, and communication—helping them succeed beyond the kitchen.

How is SNACC funded?

SNACC is funded through a combination of grants, partnerships and individual donations. Our programs are made possible by generous donors who believe in our mission.

How can I support SNACC's work?

There are many ways to get involved and support SNACC!

- Donations help expand programming and provide essential resources.
- Corporate partnerships create opportunities for deeper community engagement.
- Volunteering allows individuals to directly impact students' learning experiences.

Interested in getting involved?

Reach out—we'd love to connect.



Where We Work



2024 Service Areas

Bronx Lacrosse – Bronx, NY, 10452

CS 134 – Bronx, NY 10456

MS390 – Bronx, NY 10468

PS6X – Bronx, NY 10451

PS32X – Bronx, NY 10468

Central Park East High School – New York, NY 10029

I.S.229 Roland Patterson School – Bronx, NY 10452

Additional Service areas – 10457, 10458, 10467

As we look to the future, we are setting our sights on bold goals—growing our reach by **over 50% next year** and expanding into even more schools and neighborhoods most affected by food insecurity.



New partnerships on the horizon for 2025

K664 Brooklyn Environmental Exploration School (BEES) – Brooklyn, NY 11212

P.S. 160Q Magnet School of the Arts – Queens, NY 11417

South Bronx Preparatory (07X221) - High School – Bronx, NY 10454

STAR Academy: D75 High School – Brooklyn, NY 11207

CyberArts Studio Academy – Bronx, NY 10451



“ The best part of SNACC for me is learning new cooking skills and gaining the confidence to make healthier meals on my own. ”

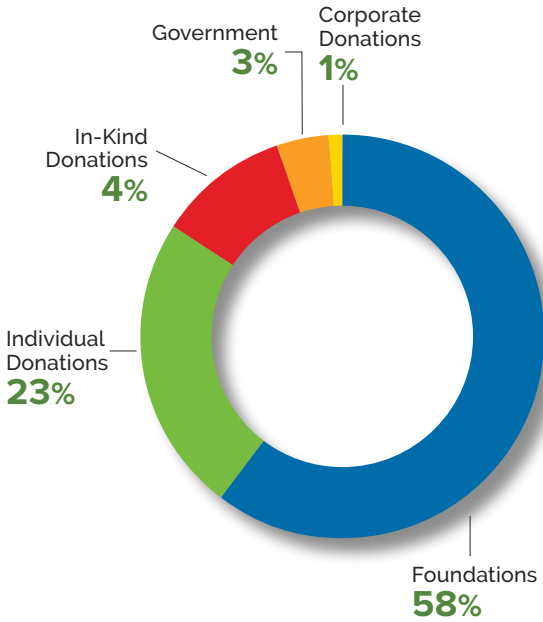
Itzamar Rivera, 2024 SNACC student

“ SNACC has provided us with new experiences at home. SNACC had influenced not only Arianna but her younger sibling. This program has guided our family in getting closer to one another. ”

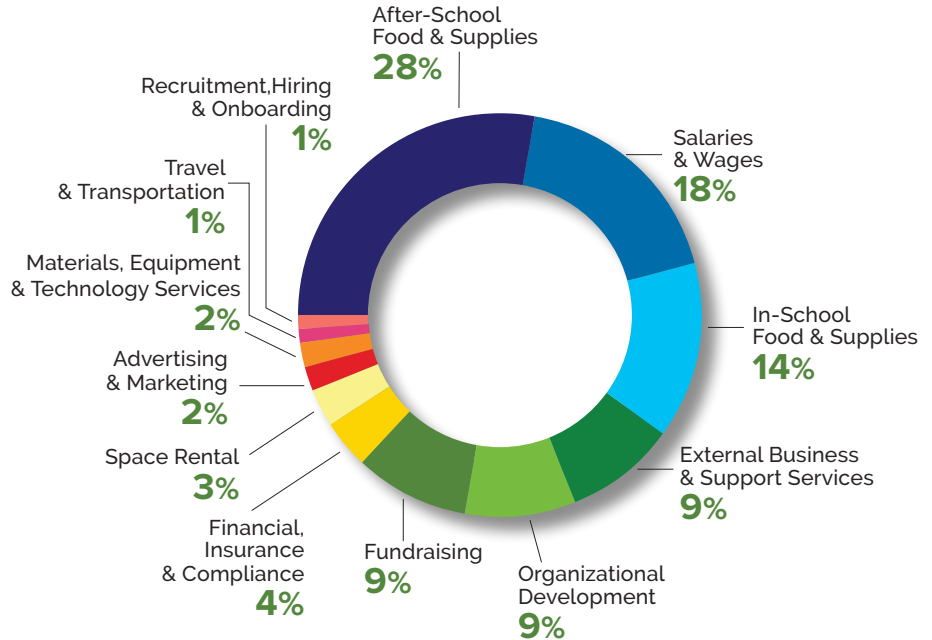
SNACC parent

2024 Financials

FUNDING



EXPENDITURES



How to Get Involved

Join Us in Making an Impact

SNACC’s work is only possible through the collective support of our community—donors, partners, volunteers, and advocates who believe in the power of food education to transform lives. As we look ahead to 2025, we invite you to be a part of this movement and help us expand our reach to even more students and families across New York City.

Ways to Get Involved

- **Donate** – Your contributions directly fund programming, groceries for students, and curriculum development and implementation. Every dollar brings us closer to a future where all youth have access to hands-on food education.
- **Partner with Us** – Schools, community organizations, and corporate sponsors play a key role in bringing SNACC to new communities. If your organization is interested in collaboration, we’d love to connect!
- **Volunteer** – Whether assisting in a classroom, supporting a community event, or offering professional expertise, there are many ways to get involved.
- **Spread the Word** – Follow SNACC on social media [@SNACC_Program](#) and share our mission with your network to help raise awareness.



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Looking Ahead to 2025

We're excited for what's to come! In the year ahead, we aim to:

- Expand our after-school and in-school programming to reach more students.
- Strengthen our family engagement initiatives to deepen impact at home.
- Build new partnerships to sustain and grow our work.

Every contribution helps us move closer to these goals. Let's make 2025 our most impactful year yet!

Get in Touch

Interested in learning more?

Email us at Info@SNACCprogram.org

or visit www.SNACCprogram.org to explore ways you can support our mission.

Donate today!



“With health challenges in our home, I truly believe this program is helping us move toward a healthier life.”

SNACC parent

“I am grateful for SNACC because it has filled a void in my family that was much needed. It has brought my family together and allowed us to talk and share things about our day and other things as well.”

Dylan Paulino, 2024 SNACC student

“SNACC has created a stronger bond between me and my family. As a whole, we've come together just to cook for SNACC. I also love that SNACC is a great learning experience for my daughter.”

SNACC parent