

Office Officially WARMED!

Many thanks to all who came out to our office warming BBQ on Friday, June 29th. The celebration was a great success with almost 200 people joining the festivities! The afternoon was filled with yummy food, great music, and the amazing company of our Bed-Stuy and Crown Heights neighbors. To see more photos from the event, [check out our facebook page](#).

Introducing our Community Organizing Apprentices!

This month, BMC welcomes two high school apprentices, Vantesha Brewer and Christine Johnson-Alexander, to the BMC crew of organizers! Christine and Vantesha will take the lead on coordinating our street team this summer. Their positions are being funded by the [New York Foundation](#).

Vantesha Brewer is a 17 year old activist aspiring to change the world one block at a time. She attends Gotham Academy High school and is in the 12th grade poised to graduate in 2012 with honors. She hopes to attend Columbia University the following year.

Christine Johnson-Alexander is a student at Boys & Girls High School. She is a young woman with dreams of working in Congress and making Brooklyn and the world a safer place. With two more years at "The High," she's an emerging activist in the Bed-Stuy community.

Coming to a Block Party near YOU!

Christine and Vantesha are leading the Street Team that will spend the summer attending block parties and festivals across Bed-Stuy and Crown Heights - video camera in hand! We will be conducting video

surveys in an effort to identify issues important to residents of Central Brooklyn. If you see us, come over and say hello!

Crown Heights Photo-A-Day Challenge

The Brooklyn Movement Center believes everyday people are the true reporters of our community. BMC wants to see Crown Heights through YOUR eyes! Throughout July, snap a picture that represents the chosen theme of the day. Post the picture to your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and/or Tumblr accounts and include, [#crownheightsphotoaday](#) and [@bkmovement](#) in the caption. For a listing of the themes and all the details, [click here!](#) See all photos from the challenge on our [Tumblr](#).

Meet Our Roosevelt Institute Fellow

This summer, Jordan Martin, a [Roosevelt Institute's Summer Academy Fellow](#), has joined the BMC staff. A Washington, D.C. native, Jordan is a rising senior at the University of the District of Columbia where she majors in Political Science and has developed a deep interest in social justice. Her policy interests include social equality, economic justice and environmental policy. Jordan is working with the Brooklyn Movement Center throughout the summer on food justice and education policy issues.

Meet Our Community Outreach Intern

Daniel Brenner is a native of Brooklyn, NY, currently residing in Crown Heights. He is entering his senior year of undergraduate studies at the State University of New York – New Paltz where he majors in International Relations and Spanish. Dan is interning with BMC for the summer to gain in-depth experience in community organizing. He hopes to build on his past experiences of community organizing in New Orleans and to develop marketing skills which he first

Fun Fact: During her sophomore year, Jordan traveled to Cyprus to study multicultural communication and peacekeeping efforts.

honed at a small startup company based in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Fun Fact: Daniel's all time favorite album is Prince's 1999!

#NoMoreJunk!

There are many complex factors that contribute to the obesity epidemic that is afflicting American families and communities, but Central Brooklyn parents now have a rare opportunity to address one of those factors - junk food consumption.

The USDA will soon release regulatory guidelines for how “snacks” are sold in public school vending machines and a la carte lines. In response, the Brooklyn Movement Center is teaming up with BMC board member [Monifa Bandele](#) and [MomsRising.org](#) to limit access to junk food in schools. During the summer and fall the BMC will be organizing food justice events and mobilizing the voices of Central Brooklyn parents during the USDA’s public comment period in an effort to shape the USDA’s new rules.

If you would like to join this effort, send an email to Jordan Martin at jcmartin2388@gmail.com. In the meantime, click here to [TAKE ACTION!](#)

#NoMoreJunk #SchoolFood

Volunteer with BMC!

Interested in community organizing? BMC needs YOU! Join our Street Team this Summer. Call us at [718-771-7000](tel:718-771-7000) or email bmc@brooklynmovementcenter.org today!