

## **The MC Helps Lead School Tour**

On October 4th, the Brooklyn Movement Center, in partnership with the [Brooklyn Community Foundation](#) and the [Black Male Donor Collaborative](#), hosted a contingent of more than 30 representatives from foundations and corporate philanthropies on a tour of [Community School District 16](#).

District 16 includes 26 traditional public schools from the eastern half of Bedford-Stuyvesant and a small part of Crown Heights. The purpose of the tour was to introduce the philanthropic community to District 16 educators, and to discuss the challenges faced by the district in educating black boys and girls. The tour featured conversations with principals, parents and teachers from Boys and Girls High School, Stephen Decatur M.S. 35, The Brooklyn Brownstone School, Brighter Choice Community School, Gotham Professional Arts Academy, Madiba Preparatory Academy and C.S. 21, as well as presentations from [NYU's Metropolitan Center for Urban Education](#), [Ifetayo Cultural Arts Academy](#), [Center for Social Inclusion](#), and [Sankofa Community Empowerment](#).

[Check out this great article about "The District 16 Project" in the Bed-Stuy Patch!](#)

[Click here to see all the photos from the event!](#)

## **After the Storm**

The Brooklyn Movement Center would like to extend love and a pledge of support to all our neighbors whose lives were upended by Hurricane Sandy.

A special shout-out goes to MC board member Maurice "Moe" Mitchell, whose Long Beach, Long Island home was devastated by the storm. Our hearts also go out to the family of [New York Communities for Change](#) ally Jon Kest who tragically lost [his daughter Jessie](#) to Hurricane Sandy.

The Brooklyn MC family responded to community calls for hurricane assistance. MC organizers Marly Pierre-Louis and Anthonine Pierre joined relief efforts in [Red Hook](#) and [Far Rockaway](#), and board member Michael Paone helped clear fallen trees in Brower Park in Crown Heights. [Freebrook Academy](#), which houses Brooklyn MC, served as a collection and distribution point for relief supplies designated for Far Rockaway and Red Hook. Visit the [Brooklyn MC website](#) for more information on how you can support relief efforts.

## ROCK THE VOTE!

It's Election Day! Don't forget to get out and VOTE today! Polls will open at 6 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. Due to Hurricane Sandy, your poll location may have changed. Here are some tools to help you find where to cast your ballot:

[Google Polling Place Lookup](#)

[NYC Board of Elections](#)

[Board of Elections Poll Changes \(PDF\)](#)

You can also use [Vote Scope NYC](#) on any mobile phone to find your polling location, learn about the candidates, and get in touch with your new representatives after the election.

### **Event Blast: Sandy/Election Night**

The National Action Network, the Central Brooklyn Club of the Working Families Party and the Brooklyn NYPD Clergy Taskforce invite you to fellowship around Sandy relief and election night watch. They are collecting clothing lightly used and new clothes for Pamoja House (a shelter and evacuation site also located on Marcus Garvey Blvd) and baby supplies for Coney Island as they watch the election returns.

Bethany Baptist Church  
460 Marcus Garvey Blvd  
(At Decatur)

8 p.m. Tuesday, November 6th

Contact Kirsten Foy  
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more information.

### **Food Justice Internship Opportunity**

The BMC is looking to work with a highly motivated and talented undergraduate or graduate student who seeks to gain experience in community organizing, institution building, and food policy advocacy by serving as a BMC Food Justice Intern. The Internship begins in January and ends in June 2013. The BMC Food Justice Internship is an opportunity for a socially conscious young person with proven leadership skills to make an impact in Central Brooklyn. For more information, [click here](#).

**BMC in the News**

**Recent Blog Posts**

Check out the post-election panel discussion hosted by WNYC's Brian Lehrer, featuring BMC Executive Director Mark Winston Griffith and others [LIVE on CUNY TV](#) at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 7th. [The Bed-Stuy Patch](#) has a new story on BMC's District 16 work! Editor C. Zawadi Morris recaps the history of the project and the goals of the report. [Click here to read!](#)

BMC was previously featured in the Patch [here](#).

Last month, Mark participated in a panel hosted by City Limits as part of their Conversation and Networking Series, entitled "[Poverty and Community Education](#)".

### [The People United to Keep the NYPD Accountable](#)

**By Nahal Zamani**

This Wednesday, the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), fellow advocates, and affected community members are testifying at a New York City Council Legislative Hearing regarding the Community Safety Act, a landmark legislative package introduced earlier this year and now with majority co-sponsorship of the Council.

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### [Mom's With Babies Roll on City Hall](#)

**By Monifa Bandele**

Last week, [MomsRising.org](#) along with over a hundred New Yorkers rolled on City Hall for a stroller brigade in support of working parents and their children. [Read Full Article.](#)