



BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



The Team8 Tour Cements Its Legacy in New York and New Jersey

Once deemed “New York City’s worst,” schools in the South Bronx fight hard for everything they receive. Teachers here not only educate, but also serve as social workers, translators and gardeners. Educating these young minds is a team effort—so it only makes sense that the Team8 Tour would bring its team spirit to the Bronx Academy of Letters for Stop #5.

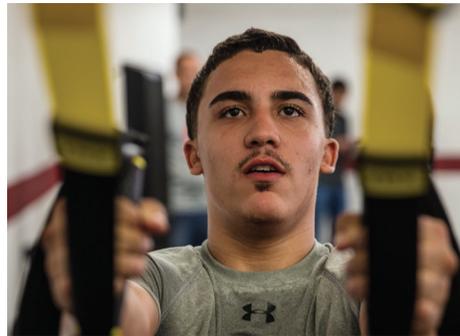
This September, Team8 Tour volunteers worked on a variety of projects throughout the Bronx Academy of Letters: creating a new fitness space, updating the community garden and painting the school’s atrium. The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation also led a fitness clinic with coaches and student athletes. Volunteers from UnitedHealthcare’s “Do Good. Live Well.” team also packed take-home meals and prepared a healthy community dinner with help from Revolution Foods.

Students at the Bronx Academy of Letters say the Team8 Tour will leave a lasting impact. In fact, it inspired three seniors to create a new philanthropic student association deemed the Team8 Tour Volunteer Club. Their aim is to uphold the Tour’s legacy through service projects.

“The way the Team8 Tour goes around helping those who don’t have much is so inspirational,” said Jiray Larke, a student at the Bronx Academy of Letters. “We hope to show others that no matter where you come from, you can create opportunities for yourself and your community to excel.”

Team8 Tour volunteers also made a stop in Jersey City, NJ to host the ever-popular Quickball tournament at Jackie Robinson RBI as part of the Jersey City Police Department’s Badges for Baseball celebration. The event also offered an opportunity for people to donate sports equipment to the organization.

By renovating several spaces, helping kids to become physically active and providing healthy eating tips, the Team8 Tour is cementing its legacy as the inspiration to help children make healthy choices. The Bronx Academy of Letters’ Team8 Tour Volunteer Club offers great hope that these students will continue to fight for the bright future they deserve.



A True Team8 Tour Effort

Generous donations from Home Depot, Plae, Revolution Foods and BSN were crucial to the Team8 Tour effort in New York and New Jersey, providing nutritious meals, building materials and fitness equipment for state-of-the-art renovations.

Volunteers were also healthy role models, getting active and helping to better their community:

Total Steps Taken:

267,023

Total Volunteer Hours:

268

Total People Impacted:

692