

## UPCOMING

## FETE DE SWIFTY

On Wednesday, September 29, the Mayor's Fund will host its annual benefit. The 2010 Fete de Swifty event will support the Family Justice Center Initiative and New York City Housing Authority youth programs. For tickets and more information, please visit [www.nyc.gov/fund](http://www.nyc.gov/fund).

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WE HAVE MOVED

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## HIGHLIGHTS

## Over \$2 Million Raised for Haiti Relief Fund



working on the ground in Haiti, helping in the recovery and rebuilding of Haiti. You can see a complete list of the recipients at [www.nyc.gov/fund](http://www.nyc.gov/fund).

On February 20th New York Road Runners sponsored the Run for Haiti. With approximately 10,000 runners and walkers, it was one of the largest runs in Central Park history and helped raise almost \$500,000 for the Relief Fund.

City students and employees also joined the fundraising efforts. Over 200 New York City public schools held bake sales, craft sales and other creative events to bring in over \$200,000 to support the Fund. Employees of the Health and Hospitals Corporation and of the Department of Correction held notable fundraising drives, bringing in more than \$125,000 and \$50,000 respectively. Mayor Bloomberg and Council Speaker Quinn also called on City workers to donate through a payroll deduction program, raising over \$211,000.

Immediately following the January 12th earthquake, Mayor Bloomberg established New York City's Haiti Relief Fund, administered by the Mayor's Fund, to provide a secure vehicle for donations to aid the victims. As of May 1, we received over \$2 million in donations from caring individuals citywide and from around the globe.

In consultation with the Clinton Foundation, we have dispersed funds to nearly a dozen organizations

## NYC School Gardens Initiative Announced



Prior to the start of the coming school year, a new website will be in place that lists available resources, including technical assistance, and a mini-grants program for schools that want to start a garden. The website is supported by funds raised from a recent benefit dinner hosted by Mario Batali at his restaurant Del Posto.

Recently Bank of America announced a \$120,000 donation to fund mini-grants for schools who want to start a garden. For more information on how to support these exciting programs, please contact the Mayor's Fund.

On May 13th, Mayor Bloomberg launched the NYC School Gardens Initiative. Supported by Rachael Ray and her Yum-o! organization, new resources will help schools to build gardens or connect schools to local community gardens. The City is also launching new cooking and nutrition programs at New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) sites including instruction for teens on the culinary arts as a career path beginning this fall.

There are now three "learning gardens" at City Hall Park, Gracie Mansion, and Randall's Island where students can gain hands-on experience.

## NYC Service Celebrates Its One Year Anniversary



the expansion of Shape Up NYC, which is increasing free fitness classes available in parks, community centers and other locations across the city. To find out how you can get involved and to read the Year One Report go to [www.nyc.gov/service](http://www.nyc.gov/service).

NYC Service, New York City's initiative devoted to civic engagement and volunteerism, celebrated its one year anniversary on April 20th. In its first year, NYC Service launched over 30 initiatives including the Adopt-a-Food Program, Middle School Mentors, and NYC Cool Roofs. At the anniversary event, Mayor Bloomberg announced

## New Yorkers Plant Over 20,000 Trees in One Day



groups and corporate partners. This effort helped bring the total number of trees planted to date to 352,661 - more than one third of the way towards the goal of one million. This spring and summer, help us to take care of these newly planted trees by signing up for the Stewardship Corps. To find out more go to:

[www.milliontreesnyc.org](http://www.milliontreesnyc.org)

Almost 2,000 volunteers came out for the MillionTreesNYC Spring Planting Day on April 24th to help plant 20,000 trees at sixteen locations around the five boroughs. Volunteer groups included the Boy Scouts, who were completing volunteer activities in honor of their 100th year anniversary, the Grey Panthers, a seniors activism group, and numerous community

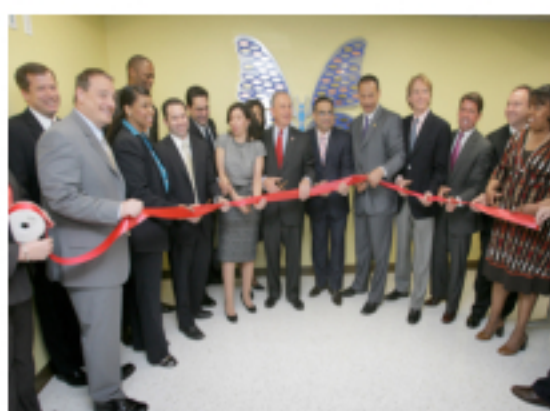
## MillionTreesNYC Training Program Graduates Its Second Class



educational programs and numerous in-the-field trainings in areas such as tree climbing, chainsaw use and community garden planning. As a result of the strength of this training, the growing need for tree care professionals and expanding partnerships with private tree care companies, the majority of graduates already have job offers. To support the third year of this pioneering program, please contact the Mayor's Fund.

Participants of the MillionTreesNYC Training Program (MTTP) graduated on April 27th. This year 28 New Yorkers, ages 18 - 24, completed the seven-month program, which provides extensive specialized training and education in arboriculture, forestry and landscape design. Trainees participated in over 1,000 hours of

## Third Family Justice Center Opens



services they need. Fete de Swifty, the annual benefit of the Mayor's Fund, raised significant support for the \$4.4 million center. This year's benefit will again support the Initiative as well as youth programs at New York City Housing Authority community centers.

The Bronx Family Justice Center, the third in the Family Justice Center Initiative, opened its doors on April 19th. The center brings together domestic violence prosecutors, civil attorneys, and social service providers to help victims of domestic violence and their families. In the five years since the first center opened, over 80,000 victims have accessed the

Together we can make a difference.

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