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YASP — The newest PSS initiative aims to have a lasting impact on young adults being raised by grandparents. Just a small amount of time every week or two can change someone’s life!

YASP recruits working professionals to serve as “Success Coaches” for neighborhood high school students and young adults living in the PSS/WSF Grandparent Family Apartments who need guidance on careers and colleges. Coaching is done primarily through telephone, email, and texts. PSS recruits, trains and supports the volunteer coaches. To learn more about this exciting new initiative, please contact Rosaly Ocasio at 718-620-1262 ext 1211 or email rocasio@pssusa.org.

PSS has always relied on wonderful volunteers. However, thanks to a generous grant from the Florence V. Burden Foundation, PSS had the opportunity to create a brand new position and hired Kimberly Reid as its first Volunteer Services Manager. In addition to developing a comprehensive volunteer program for all of PSS’s centers and departments, the volunteer program fielded nearly 200 inquiries and placed over 50 new volunteers this past year. PSS now has over 100 active volunteers and continues to grow rapidly. Volunteer opportunities range from helping at senior centers to mentoring young adults, and they can be one-time activities like assisting with holiday parties to long-term assignments such as helping with administrative tasks.

For more information please contact Kimberly at 718-585-1640 or email kreid@pssusa.org.

PSS Family and Kinship Caregiver Services support families throughout the Bronx struggling with their caregiver needs, whether for the elderly or for youth they are raising.

- A working caregiver, overwhelmed from caring for her elderly mom suffering with dementia, receives assistance in applying for Medicaid and homecare services and is provided with needed respite, homecare services, counseling, and caregiver support groups.
- A grandmother raising her two school aged grandchildren in a Bronx homeless shelter reaches out to the PSS Kinship Caregivers Support Program for help. A PSS Caseworker, successfully secures for the family both housing and support at the PSS/WSF Grandparent Family Apartments.
- An elderly caregiver for his wife with Parkinson’s disease discovers they are not eligible for Medicaid nor can they afford private home care. He reaches out to the PSS Caregivers Support Program and receives the help needed - including counseling and respite.

Coming of Age NYC’s programs help New Yorkers 50+ explore opportunities, engage with their community, connect with others, and lead a more fulfilling life. Coming of Age NYC collaborates with nonprofits, health care agencies, government organizations, faith-based organizations, and businesses to help them further their mission by recruiting and maintaining volunteer New Yorkers age 50+. Coming of Age NYC programs include the Explore Your Future Workshop Series, Capturing the Energy training for nonprofit staff, and Networking Socials and Special Events for active adults age 50 and older.

For more information, please visit www.comingofagenyc.org or call 212-874-6633 x 21.