

# What People Say About the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic



*The customized NonProfit HelpDesk Fund Raising Workshop funded by Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) and JP Morgan Chase Foundation and facilitated by Ms. Valerie Oliver Durrah was invaluable.*

*In a clear and engaging manner Ms. Valerie Oliver-Durrah guided each participant on the Webinar through the fundamental steps in developing a professional fund raising plan.*

*She was not only knowledgeable about successful fundraising models; she also had a thorough grasp of the relevant issues faced today by nonprofits.*

**Chaya Abelsky, Director**



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*The Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC) has provided the Central Family Life Center with the highest quality training and opportunity for networking towards effect capacity building, operational development, and organizational growth.*

*We are profoundly proud to be a part of the NTAC family. The success of NTAC equals the success of many communities around New York City.*

*Rev. Dr. Demetrius Carolina Sr., Pastor  
First Central Baptist Church  
Staten Island, NY*



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*I have been to the extraordinary awards presentations for the last four years and in the future, plan to attend all the others. All of the previously honored organizations through their success have inspired me, even more, to keep Youth and Tennis pushing forward.*

*I have also been to the workshops, and it has made me aware of extraordinary people like Valerie who work tirelessly to help non-profit organizations accomplish our goals.*

Bill Briggs, Executive Director,  
Youth and Tennis, Inc.,  
*STRIVING FOR GREATNESS*

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*Valerie Oliver-Durrah, has played a major role in the development of the SEEK Strategies for Success Tutor/Mentor Project.*

*Through her organization Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC), we have had the opportunity to present our project to different foundations for funding. Thanks to her support, we have been able to secure funding from JPMorgan-Chase for the development and implementation of a financial literacy program at an elementary, middle-school, and at a housing project. Both college students and the children served have benefitted tremendously from the support that Valerie and her organization has provided throughout the years.*

*We thank you Valerie for your contributions in helping to transform the lives of the children and youth of Staten Island.*

Gloria Garcia, SEEK Program Director



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*Valerie provides a safe space to check your ego at the door and discuss the 'elephants in the room' in a way that is open, honest and respectful.*

Nadia S. Malik, Co-founder and Board Member  
**The Muslim Women's Fund**  
*A Special Project of Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors*



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*Valerie Oliver Durrah and NTAC have done invaluable work for not-for-profits across the city. This is particularly essential during an era where it's become increasingly difficult for groups and organizations to gain support and technical advice for the services they provide.*

*Monroe College is proud to partner with Ms. Durrah and NTAC on an ongoing basis because the ultimate success of communities and the well-being of New Yorkers depends on it. Congratulations and keep up the good work!*

Gary Axelbank, Director of Public Relations

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*As an administrator and Adjunct Professor for New York Theological Seminary, I have personally and professionally relied upon Valerie Oliver Durrah for the development and coordination of various community and faith based events. This "Non-Profit Guru" possesses the extraordinary gift of spontaneously providing unprecedented consultation while uniquely customizing strategic direction for others, in the middle of a brief conversation.*

*Valerie wisely relies upon her sharp intuition while assisting individuals and diverse entities with outstanding outcomes in all areas of their respective needs.*

Dr Cynthia Diaz,  
Director of Vocational Discernment

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*Valerie Oliver Durrah's is a master skilled at pinpointing necessary steps needed by an organization to achieve its fundraising goals.*

*Valerie's experience is evidenced by her step by step approach to development, results oriented best practices, analysis that is not based on wishful thinking but driven by wisdom.*

Daisy Khan, Executive Director,  
American Society for Muslim Advancement





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*When I think about what it means to be a passionate woman of faith and action, Valerie Oliver-Durrah's name quickly comes to mind. Valerie is a tireless advocate on behalf of all justice-loving and seeking people, but her particular devotion to Black women and girls is a powerful example of what a woman, aligned with God's calling and purposes embodies in the world.*

*That woman embodies a spirit of generosity and fearlessness that brings healing and wholeness to our broken world. That woman is Valerie Oliver-Durrah! It is my honor to call her sister, mentor and friend.*

Lisa Anderson,  
Director of the Women's Multifaith Program,  
Auburn Theological Seminary



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*Richmond County Savings Foundation is a proud lead sponsor of NTAC's annual symposium on Staten Island. Our technical assistance program where we partner Valerie with grantee organizations continues to be one of our more successful ongoing initiatives.*

Cesar J. Claro, Executive Director



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*The Interchurch Center has just completed a successful 50th Anniversary Celebration year, thanks to the support and guidance of Valerie Oliver-Durrah.*

*The Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic has been instrumental in helping us to establish new programs and create collaborative partnerships in our community.*

Paula Mayo, President & Executive Director,



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*Valerie Oliver-Durrah and The Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC) have had a tremendous impact on strengthening our nonprofit, LIFE Camp Inc. Valerie's creative & ingenious ideas in fundraising, connecting to the givers and making events simply but glamorous has helped in taking our organization to higher levels.*

*Valerie & NTAC are valuable to the life and sustainability of many nonprofits. We love her, applaud her and support her continual efforts.*

Erica Ford, Founder/CEO,  
LIFE Camp, Inc.





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*The Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic has been a valuable resource to the grassroots, women-focused organizations The Sister Fund seeks to support.*

*Valerie's commitment to our grantees' success in the areas of fundraising and capacity building have consistently exceeded our expectations.*

*Her creative programmatic ideas provided public platforms for their work generating greater visibility and enhancing their networking capabilities.*

**Kanyere Eaton**  
**Executive Director**



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*Especially in these challenging economic times, it is essential that nonprofits build their capacity in the areas of board development, program management, fundraising and the like.*

*I commend The Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic for its long-time leadership in providing vital training and technical assistance in these important areas for hundreds of community-based nonprofits serving neighborhoods across our city.*

**Gordon J. Campbell, President & CEO**



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*I am deeply touched! Much respect to this organization...and very importantly...to a lady of great distinction and with a diamond heart ....Rev. Dr. Valerie Oliver-Durrah, President/ CEO, for her devoted love and interest in our beloved country.....and people!*

**Rosemarie V. McMaster**  
**Managing & Production Director**  
**Susie's Hot Sauce**  
**Antigua & Barbuda, West Indies**

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*Words cannot express how much I appreciate your guidance, mentoring, wisdom, and care.*

*You have provided a trail for women (sistahs) like me to follow. For this I was already grateful.*

Dr. Jackie M. Cody  
CEO of CodyCares for Kids, Inc.  
Brooklyn, New York.