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### ICAN Mission Moment

Graduation time at ICAN is always such a bittersweet moment - for staff and for youth. This year we had two of our teens graduate, both of whom had been coming to ICAN since they were just kids. A number of ICAN staff attend the ceremonies to wish them luck. Congratulations to **Lavaughan Ballesteros** and **Elijah Swinton**, we are so proud of you!



### ICAN Receives \$15,000 Grant from New York Life Foundation

New York Life announced last week that ICAN has been selected by the **New York Life Foundation** to receive one of 18 "Aim High" grant awards to support its out-of-school program serving

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disadvantaged youth. The Aim High grant awards are part of a national partnership between the **Afterschool Alliance** and the New York Life Foundation that will provide \$1.95 million to middle school out-of-school time programs nationwide over the next three years. This year's awardees were chosen based on their efforts to help underserved eighth-graders reach ninth grade on time, a key indicator for students' future success.

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## DPR School of Construction



ICAN attended the **DPR School of Construction** on Wednesday - this is the third year DPR has held this event for youth in the summer and it is always a fantastic event.

This year, 50 youth from ICAN attended, where they built little libraries, along with tool boxes that they were able to take home with them. Youth also learned about the construction field and the many skills used in working in that field. Thank you DPR!!

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## Resource Development Update



ICAN's **Resource Development Committee** had their end of the year breakfast meeting last week. The committee

thanked out-going chair **Rob Montoya** for his hard work and leadership. The incoming chair for the committee will be Trisha Baggs.

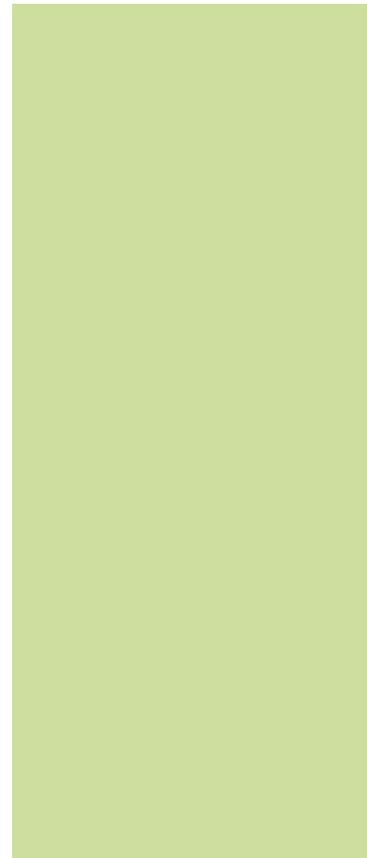
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## Thank You Bank of America!



ICAN just received word this week that we are receiving a \$25,000 grant from **Bank of America!** The grant will fund ICAN's Academic

Success program, which strengthens school commitment and achievement and develops the personal skills youth need to further their success over a lifetime. Academic support includes homework help, tutoring, and instruction in science, history, language arts, STEM, speech, creative writing, music appreciation, social studies, multi-cultural arts, and reading literacy.



## ICAN Supporter Spotlight for June



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