

# LAWYERS ALLIANCE FOR NEW YORK

## REPRESENTATIVE LEGAL PROJECTS – ACROSS BOROUGHES



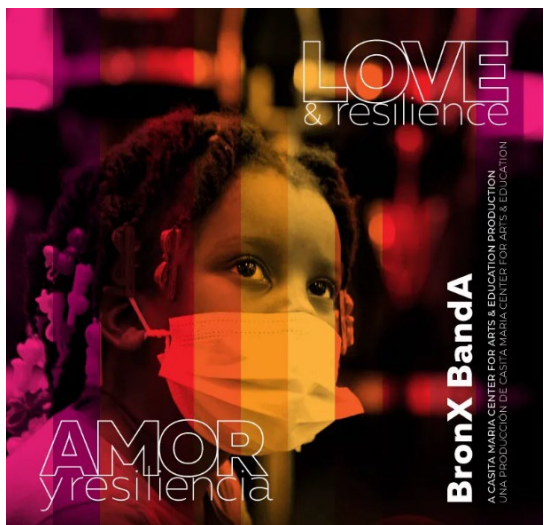
**Guardians of Flushing Bay** is a grassroots coalition of human-powered boaters, environmental enthusiasts, and community members advocating for a healthy and equitably accessible Flushing Bay, working to bring recreational and educational facilities and programs to the waterfront so that the public can make sustainable use of the Flushing Bay and surrounding ecosystems. Since 2020, the organization has repeatedly sought volunteer legal support on a variety of governance matters, partnership agreements, and other contracts to support the growth of its advocacy and programs:

*"We were able to focus on our environmental justice programmatic work because Lawyers Alliance and their team of pro bono lawyers focused on the legal issues."*



**The Center for Family Life in Sunset Park (CFLSP)** is a neighborhood-based family and social services organization whose range of interconnected services include employment counseling and job placement, business development and community services, and school-based and after school programs for youth. Since 2020, CFLSP has worked with Lawyers Alliance on a range of legal matters, seeking volunteer assistance to help the organization spin off from its parent organization, conduct a governance review, and handle a range of important issues including loans and financing. As a result, CFLSP is better prepared to deliver its extensive portfolio of integrated services, serving more than 17,000 individuals each year at 8 locations:

*"Thanks for all the help you and your colleagues provided Center for Family Life this year and last! We're thrilled with the approach and the way the volunteer attorneys responded."*



**Casita Maria Center for Arts & Education, Inc.** sought legal help for its project to promote jazz in the community of youth and families it serves in the South Bronx. Due to COVID-19, the organization decided to record an album and make a documentary film, instead of holding in-person performances. Lawyers Alliance arranged for pro bono counsel to draft Casita Maria's agreements with the musicians and filmmaker to protect the nonprofit's interests. The client reports the attorneys "were so responsive and provided us with what we needed very quickly." The album was released in 2021 and is now [available on the organization's website](#), dedicated to the youth, families, and communities of the South Bronx that Casita Maria serves:

*"These songs, that reflect the spirit of music, are a 'seed planted in the imaginations of young people... it is time to soar.'"*