

How Our Strengths Can Combine to Help Youth, Families, and Communities

Hi Everyone,

I'm looking forward to our conversation this Friday.

I hope Cerdic will be able to FaceTime in from his rehab center in the Bronx.

I put together some information that shows how our different strengths connect — in youth, business, education, arts, sports, and community development.

Together, these can make a real difference for young people, families, and our communities.

Excited for our discussion!

Sandy

Our Strengths

Name	Strengths / Contributions
Heath Broughton (R)	Youth work, education, social services, nonprofits, runs a youth organization (Man in the Mirror).
Steve Wade(D)	Business development, creative thinking, society, repair skills (electronics, bikes, motorbikes).
Mark Jackson (D)	Family focus, youth basketball coach, experience at Long Island Men's Center, rap music connection.
Cerdic Rose (D)	Arts and jazz community organizer, knowledge of funding, cultural wisdom, community healing.
Sandy Hinden (D)	Family, nonprofits, Long Island Men's Center, global development, systems and website building.

Shared Themes

Together, our strengths connect across five themes:

1. **Youth Development** (mentoring, education, social support)
2. **Business & Skills** (entrepreneurship, repairs, opportunities)
3. **Arts & Culture** (music, creativity, cultural connection)
4. **Sports & Family** (coaching, teamwork, resilience)
5. **Community Development** (nonprofits, systems, funding, global vision)

By combining these areas, we can create holistic opportunities that support young people, strengthen families, and revitalize communities.

YOUTH & COMMUNITY BRIDGES



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