

Internships
for college &
high school
students

On-going
activities for
professionals &
retirees

One-day
projects for
corporations &
community
organizations

Laura LoCosa, center,
surrounded by colleagues,
BBCS staff and clients. ▶



Morgan Stanley volunteer
Amina Wafi works on an
evaluation of the client she
just interviewed. ▼

Morgan Stanley volunteers provide interview practice



Morgan Stanley understands the need for adults with disabilities to find gainful employment, and so last month they sent a team of seven employees to our main office in Downtown Brooklyn and provided an afternoon of robust interview practice for eight disabled young adults.

The team, led by Laura LoCosa, Managing Director at Morgan Stanley's Brooklyn office and a BBCS board member, provided the much-needed "real world" interview practice that our staff cannot give, due to the clients' close relationships with their job training counselors. This Mock Interview Workshop is



▲ Caseworker cubicles provided a realistic setting for Erik Cohen to interview Justin.



◀ Elise meets Morgan Stanley volunteer interviewer Fatou Dioum at the start of her interview.

an excellent example of how volunteer activities can significantly make a difference in the lives of disabled adults and the betterment of Brooklyn. Their efforts perfectly complemented and supported the on-going counseling and job-training services provided at the Brooklyn Bureau.

Job Counselor Natalie McQueen, at left, sits with the clients as they await their next interview. Each client came prepared with a working resume and appropriate business interview apparel.▶



▲ From left, Maureen Bobrovnick, Senior VESID Counselor; Jessica Blum, Disabilities Analyst for the Office of Brooklyn Borough President; and Michael Rosenthal, Director of Good Help Inc, for the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. Maureen and Michael are members of the Brooklyn Bureau's Business Advisory Council.

Local businesses honored for outstanding support to men and women with disabilities

Twelve businesses received awards and recognition for their support and collaboration with the Brooklyn Bureau's Adult Rehabilitation Services by hiring five or more disabled trainees. The businesses were honored at the 7th Annual Employer Awards Breakfast, on October 31, and was hosted by the agency's Business Advisory Council.

The employers receiving awards this year are Pete's Downtown, Au Bon Pain (LaGuardia Airport), Keyfood Supermarket (Brooklyn Heights), Allstate Maintenance, Pathmark (Atlantic Center), Sarabeth's Kitchen, Sottile Security, Lassen & Hennings, MontiQ's, Court Order, Superior Aircrafts Services, and Adelis Security.

The Council was conceived as a way to introduce local businesses to a valuable, untapped workforce for hard-to-fill, entry level jobs: men and women with disabilities who have been thoroughly trained and are eager to fill those positions. For information on getting your business involved, call Deborah Washington, Director of Placement Services, at 718-310-5789.



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Bear Stearns brings supplies and support

Bear Stearns employees recently brought an entire 4th grade class at Duffield Children's Center 25 backpacks bursting with new school supplies and engaged the children in a discussion and art activity to help them explore careers.

From left, among the children are Bear Stearn Employees Tina Campanelli, Niraj Shah, Marcia Cudjoe, and Alicia O'Neill.▶

