

LOOKING BACK ON LAST YEAR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In our last Good News of 2023, we skipped the traditional year-end review to report on an SDM signing that so well captured what we're all about (Good News [12/29/23]). We couldn't resist. There were, however, so many achievements that deserved to be mentioned, that here are just a few:

For our implementation grant, 10 months into Year 2:

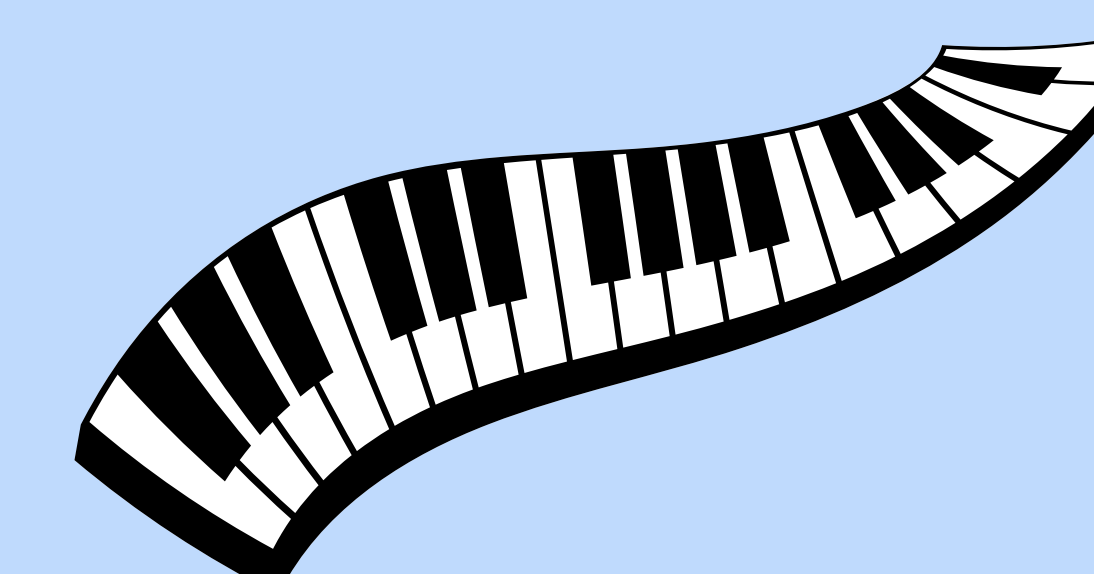
- 48 presentations (conferences, webinars, meetings, etc., to a wide variety of stakeholders)
- 49 new facilitators trained
- 36 mentorships ongoing for our new Mentors
- 32 Decision-Maker signed up and in facilitation
- 8 agency partners with signed contracts
- Newly designed facilitator training with sophisticated mix of asynchronous and live presentations
- Recognition of SDMNY's work through awards from, e.g. The National College of Probate Judges, the New York State Assembly and the Association for Conflict Resolution-Greater New York

There were personal accomplishments as well, and here are a few of the amazing exploits reported by our team (and that we all celebrate!)

- SDMNY Project Director Naomi: "Having my youngest child earn his first paycheck. Hope for a carefree future!"



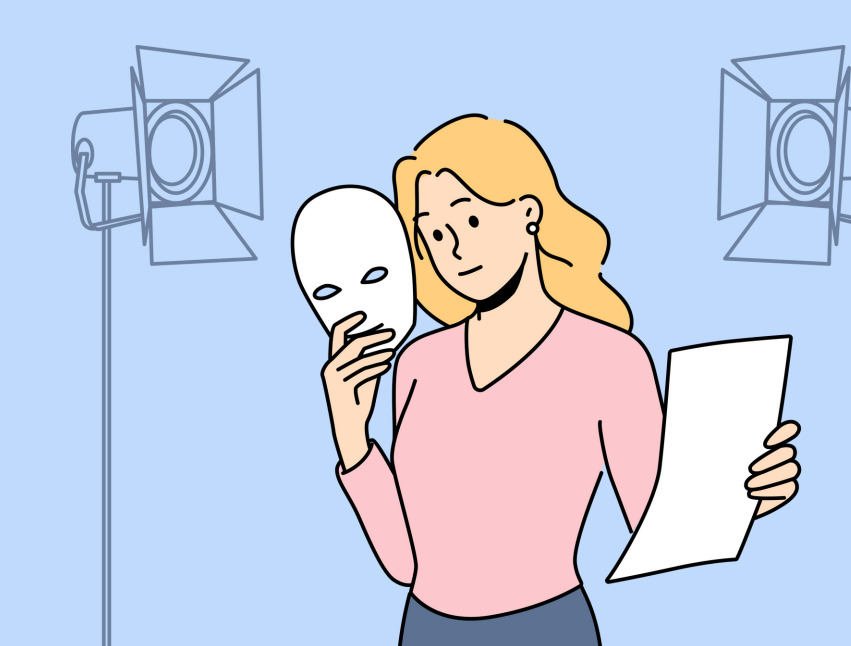
- SDMNY Associate Director Joan: "Hubby won the Jazz Downbeat Poll and Jazz Journalist Awards for Best Baritone Saxophone of the year, [while she] performed with a 12 voice women's early music chamber choir...and trained for her first circumnavigation of Manhattan with her kayaking club."



- SDMNY Mentor Stephanie: "Reached a new personal record at the gym and deadlifted 205 pounds."



- SDMNY Media Specialist Simge: "...resumed acting lessons after 10 years and looking forward to beginning DJ-ing classes in April."



- SDMNY Mentor Karen: "[with her partner] broke their record for the number of pets they cared for while their parents were away, ...pet sitting for 5 dogs and 4 cats in 8 apartments in various parts of the city."



And, as you may remember from Good News last year, but more than worth noting again, Mentor Aylah celebrated the birth of her beautiful daughter Daphna (Good News [12/8/23]) and Mentor Jenna got engaged and began planning for her wedding—with the help of the decision-making class she taught at Hostos Community College (Good News [10/13/23])!



HERE'S HOPING THAT 2024 BRINGS EVEN MORE SUCCESS!