

# NYCHA SWIM SAFETY CORPS

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A pilot program of Rising Tide Effect in collaboration with the Public Housing Community Fund, paying youth living in New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) communities while empowering and preparing them for aquatic professions in New York City, providing life saving skills, holistic support and necessary tools for their personal growth and success in life.



In a first-of-its-kind approach, the NYCHA Swim Safety Corps pilot is an *earn while you learn* program providing employment, swim, life-safety training, skills building, and work experience opportunities to dozens of NYCHA youth.

In partnership with the **Summer Youth Employment Program** for six weeks in summer 2023, NYCHA youth ages 16-24 will develop leadership skills while:

- Learning to swim and achieve swim proficiency;
- Improving mental and physical health and overall wellbeing;
- Becoming physically fit and nutrition informed;
- Training and receiving CPR/AED certification;
- Participating in mentorship, interview prep, and job readiness skills building;
- Being exposed to water-based careers with workforce partners; and
- Experiencing varying types of water-based activities such as surfing, kayaking, boating, and environmental stewardship.

In addition, participants will be exposed to **career pathways** in the blue economy. Participants can elect to further their swimming skills by participating in the **NYC Lifeguard Training Program** for the summer of 2024.



Join us in using water as a medium to experience new activities and find joy!

Support the NYCHA Swim Safety Corps Pilot and give young New Yorker's the opportunity to build awareness and understanding of their mind, body, and soul, while unlocking their potential to create a life of wholeness where they can share their greatness with the world.

Donate at <https://www.communityfund.nyc/swimcorps> or scan the QR code.



#### About Rising Tide Effect

Rising Tide Effect is a non-profit organization committed to promoting water safety and swimming education in underserved communities. Through strategic partnerships and a passionate team of staff and volunteers, the organization provides free swimming lessons and water safety education, empowering positive change and bringing joy to individuals in need. [www.risingtideeffect.org](http://www.risingtideeffect.org)

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#### About Public Housing Community Fund

Public Housing Community Fund is a nonprofit that forges partnerships to power transformative programs that enhance the lives of over 500,000 residents across NYCHA communities. Our goal is to engage people and partners to build a stronger, more equitable New York City by investing in public housing communities. We invest in programs focused on leadership development, financial empowerment, community health, and workforce training for residents of the NYCHA community. [www.communityfund.nyc](http://www.communityfund.nyc)