

# Who We Are

## Our Mission

The organization's mission is to foster a community where residents and families of all income levels in Southwest Brooklyn's neighborhoods can live, work, and thrive. Carroll Gardens Association, Inc. fulfills this mission by preserving and developing affordable housing, enforcing quality housing management practices, promoting small business economic development, and providing and linking residents to social services and resources to improve the quality of their lives.

## Our History

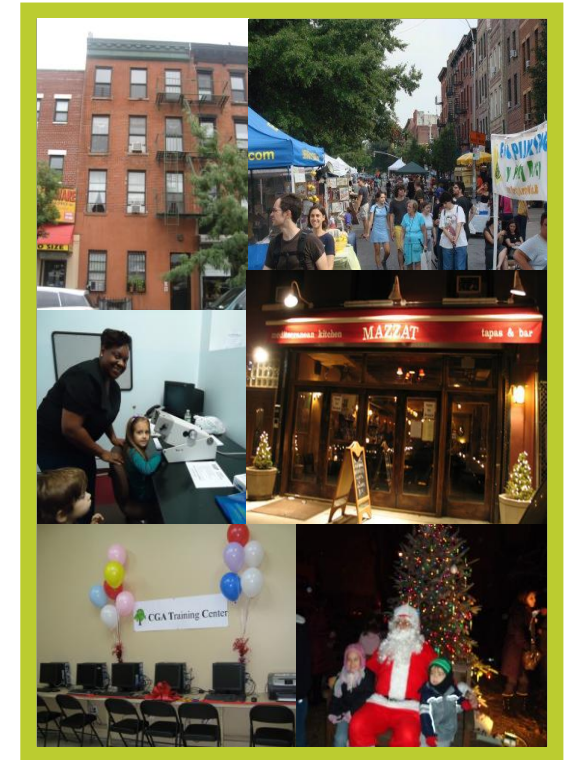
Carroll Gardens Association, Inc. (CGA) started as a grass roots organization in the sixties to soften the impacts of gentrification in the Carroll Gardens neighborhood. The organization was incorporated in 1971 and was designated as a Neighborhood Preservation Company in 1979 by the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal (now known as the NYS Homes and Community Renewal) for Red Hook and the Columbia Street Waterfront District. Over the past 40 years, the organization has built more than 500 affordable housing units and currently owns and maintains 150 affordable housing units in the neighborhoods of Carroll Gardens, the Columbia Street Waterfront District, and Red Hook.

***“To maintain and enhance its attractiveness as a place to live, work, and do business, Southwest Brooklyn needs to maintain an adequate supply of good housing.”***

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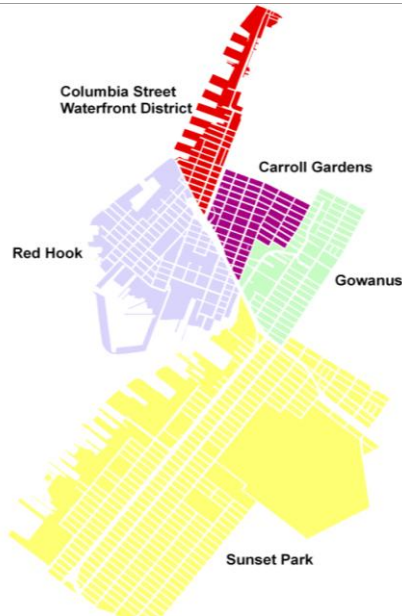


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*Providing Housing, Economic Revitalization, Outreach and Advocacy to the Residents of Southwest Brooklyn*

## Our Service Area

Our Service Area encompasses Southwest Brooklyn including the neighborhoods of Carroll Gardens, Red Hook, the Columbia Street Waterfront District, Gowanus, and Sunset Park, which covers portions of Brooklyn Community Board 6 and Community Board 7.



## Housing Development

CGA aims to increase the supply of housing for all income levels and preserve Southwest Brooklyn's existing housing stock. The organization has developed more than 500 housing units over the past 40 years and currently owns and manages 150 affordable housing units in Carroll Gardens, the Columbia Street Waterfront District and Red Hook. These units are located in the following projects:

- 722 Henry Street: 16 units
- South Brooklyn Renewal: 28 units
- Nelson Luquer: 44 units
- Red Hook Gardens: 62 units

## Economic Revitalization

As part of its economic revitalization efforts, CGA organizes local merchants and provides assistance in the formation of merchants associations and marketing local businesses, CGA also sponsors the Annual Columbia Waterfront District Fall Festival, as well as organizes events to create a destination and attract customers to the commercial corridor. These events include a Restaurant Week, a Restaurant Crawl, Holiday Tree Lighting, and Street Art contests.

## Our Services

- Housing Development.
- Economic Revitalization.
- Workforce Development.
- Tenant Services & Benefits Assistance.

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*“Expanding the job and training opportunities available to community residents, and helping them build their earning power, is at the heart of our vision for Southwest Brooklyn.”*

## Workforce Development

The organization has established the CGA Training Center to improve access to employment and training for Southwest Brooklyn residents. Our workforce training program targets low-income residents, veterans, the unemployed, the disabled, the youth and other community residents to acquire the skills that will allow them to become competitive in today's job market. CGA offers a 6-week Free Computer Training in Microsoft Office, as well as a variety of educational workshops and resources, such as Resumé Writing workshops, Recruitment Events, and Job Fairs. The CGA Training Center also offers workshops on other topics of interest related to the organization's mission.

## Tenants Services & Benefits Assistance

Our organizing efforts involve forming tenants associations to educate renters regarding their rights. CGA conducts Free Health Clinics, as well connects residents with social service agencies. The organization has partnered with the Kings County District Attorney to establish a Neighborhood Office where residents could walk in and receive assistance from trained counselors on crime prevention issues. We also offer Entitlement Workshops to disseminate information to community residents on various entitlements and benefits.