



Dare to Run

Annual Report

**“Changing the World,
One
Woman at a Time.”**

FY 2024

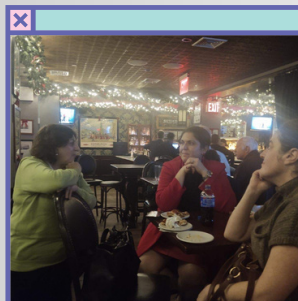
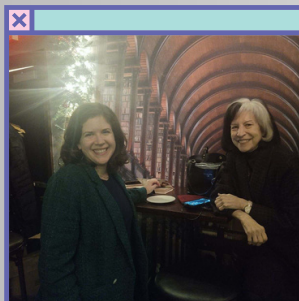


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Letter from the President

Dear Supporters,

Thank you so much for another wonderful year at Dare to Run.

I am so happy and honored to continue serving as your president.

Let me give you a few highlights to look back on from this year.

In March of 2024, we hosted the Women's History Month Mixer, featuring special guest speakers Assemblywoman Amanda Septimo, Councilwoman Shahana Hanif and Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright. It was amazing to hear all of the different legislative initiatives that they are working on at the local and state level and so nice to hear words of encouragement for women who want to run for public office.

In June of 2024, we hosted an amazing panel of black women working in the political space and heard from them as they discussed how gender, race and politics will all come into play for Election 2024. They provided fresh perspectives on what it means to be a woman of color running for public office and for that we were so thankful.

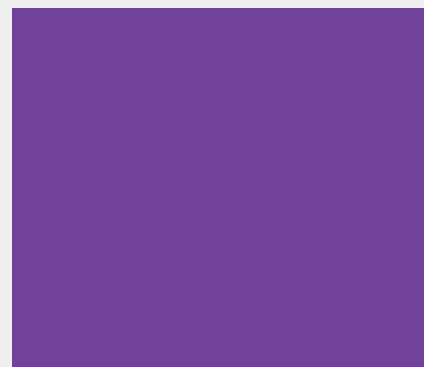
In November of 2024, Dare to Run was proud to be selected by the Ascend Foundation and Panorama Global to receive a grant for \$1,000 for our work to support women running for public office. In addition, Dare to Run was happily chosen by Project Glimmer to receive an in kind donation of over \$3,000 worth of Sephora Make Up Products to be used to advance our mission of women running for office.

Finally, in December 2024 we hosted our Annual Dare to Run Holiday party and welcomed a whopping 6 amazing female legislators to discuss their campaigns for public office and why women should run. We are so proud of the partnerships we have built with female legislators across New York City and New York State and look forward to continuing those partnerships into 2025.

For a Bright Future,

Rachelle Suissa

Founder and Board President
Dare to Run



MEET THE BOARD 2024



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Dare to Run's Mission

Dare to Run is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate and empower women with the skills necessary to run for public office at the local, state and national level of government. We women the chance to participate in a one-year certificate program in pursuit of a career path in public service. Dare to Run gives women the opportunity to be a voice for their communities by committing to run campaigns in search of elected office within two years of graduation from the program.

Dare to Run's Core Values

The core values of Dare to Run are highlighted in the following five principles:

Equality - Women should have an equal say in the development of the public policy agenda at all levels of government

Collaboration - Women should work together to achieve a higher quality of life for all constituents in their community

Opportunity - Women should have equal opportunities to run for public office; they should not be hindered because of race, religion, ethnicity, disability, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation

Diversity - Women should hold at least 50% of the seats at all levels of government, and the demographic breakdown of the population of the United States should be reflected in the composition of governing bodies at all levels of government.

Respect - Women should value the viewpoints of other women, and offer support, sorority and a moral high ground on which to effect change for the rest of the country.

Dare to Run Virtual Women's Leadership Program - Fall 2024



Cynthia Rodriguez is a detail-oriented professional and campaign operative with a passion for contributing management expertise as a political scientist and public advocate dedicated to developing & empowering individuals. Cynthia has a Master of Arts degree from Fordham University in Elections and Campaign Management. Among her many roles in the political field, she served as a District Director for a United States House of Representatives Member. She also served as a Field Organizer for Manhattan Borough President Candidate Mark Levine in 2021. She also served as a Constituent Liaison for a New York State Senator in 2017. Cynthia has a passion for public office and desires to run at the local or state level in the near future.

Community Events in 2024

Women's History Month Mixer



Dare to Run hosted its annual Women's History Month Holiday Mixer on March 21, 2024. The event was attended by NYC Councilwoman Shahana Hanif and Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright who shared major developments in the New York City Council and New York State Assembly as well as legislation they are working on for women and families.

ELECTION 2024: THE IMPACT OF GENDER ON THE FEMALE VOTER TURNOUT, POLITICAL MOBILIZATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN CANDIDATES

Dare to Run hosted an amazing panel on June 13, 2024 of women of color currently working in the political space in New York City. They delved into how gender, race and political affirmation would impact the 2024 Presidential Election and also the Federal and State Elections as well. Thank you to our amazing panelists Raven Robinson, Joy Williams and Jessica Douglass for your important work and contributions to this very timely topic in our nation's political debate.



Women's Equality Day Dinner



On August 26, 2024, Dare to Run gathered to celebrate Women's Equality Day at DiFara's Pizza in Lower Manhattan. We were honored to hear from Special Guest Speaker Gale Brewer who enjoyed a nice slice of New York Pizza with us about shared some details about upcoming legislative initiatives in the New York City. Councilwoman Brewer has always attended Dare to Run events and we are honored and privileged to have her come and be a part of our annual festivities.

Dare to Run Holiday Party

Dare to Run hosted our Annual Holiday Party on Monday December 13th, 2024 at the Long Room in Midtown Manhattan. We had a whopping 4 female legislators come to attend and speak: Councilwoman Diana Ayala, Councilwoman Rita Joseph, Assemblywoman Jessica Gonzalez Rojas, and Councilwoman Julie Menin. We also had an amazing performance from Frequency, the Pace University A Capella Caroling Group, as well as a raffle of over 10 Christmas Gift Baskets. Not to mention delicious food and drinks!



Our Donors in 2024

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Grant Partners in 2024



In 2024, Project Glimmer partnered with Dare to Run to help advance our mission of training women how to run for public office. Dare to Run received a donation of 3,000 worth of brand new Sephora cosmetics valued at over \$3,150. Dare to Run was proud to be able to distribute these items at our Holiday Party in December to our guests, attendees, carolers, and legislators who attended the party.

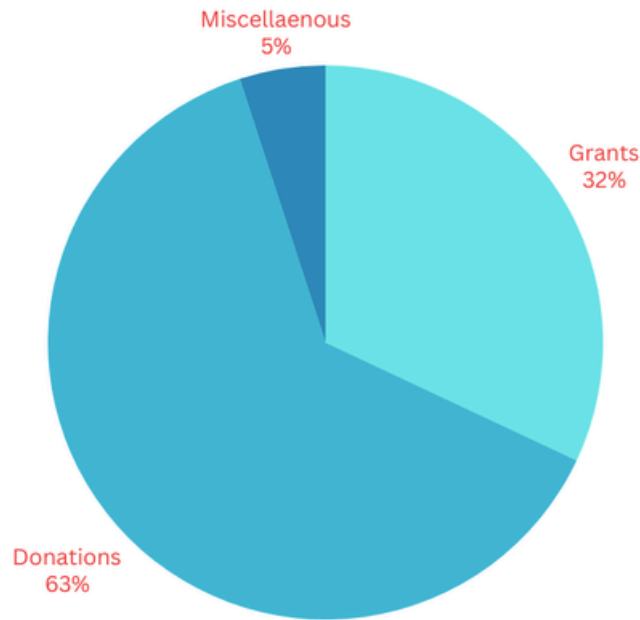


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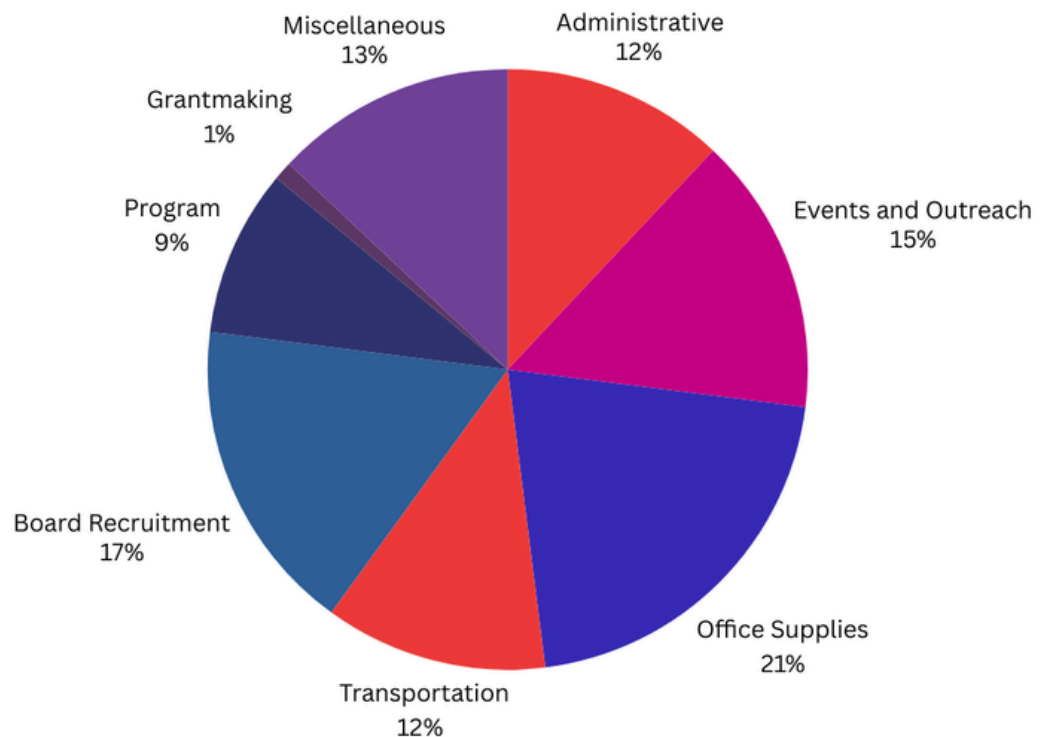
In November of 2024, Dare to Run was one of a handful of nonprofit organizations selected to receive a grant of \$1,000 from Panorama Group on behalf of the Panorama Gives Back Program Committee and the Ascend Fund. Their theme for 2024 is "Create pathways for inclusive and representative democracy and civic." Dare to Run is proud to be the recipient of this grant and we look forward to partnering with Panorama Group and the Ascend Fund in the future to get more women elected to public office across the United State.

Financial Statement FY 2024

Dare to Run Gross Revenues FY 2024



Dare to Run Gross Expenses FY 2024





Reach Out to Us.

Help Women Get Elected to Public Office.



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