

Hector Batista **Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC**

Hector Batista is the executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC, one of New York's oldest not-for-profit organizations, helping the city's underprivileged children and their families since 1904. Mr. Batista has devoted most of his life to public service, and has served as a leader of large government departments as well as non-profit and private organizations.

Mr. Batista began his career in the Brooklyn Borough President's office, where over the course of nine years, he served as Director of Real Estate for the Brooklyn Economic Development Corporation, Director of Economic Development and Director of Development and Finance. He was later appointed by New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani to serve as Deputy Commissioner and Chief Operating Officer of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

During his time in the private sector, Mr. Batista was the Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer at Jeffrey M. Brown Associates, Builders and Construction Managers, where he was responsible for projects in eighteen states and an operating budget of \$450 million.

Mr. Batista also served as Executive Vice President of the New York Metropolitan Region of the American Cancer Society, where he provided strategic and operational leadership through nearly 200 employees, 2000 volunteers and 12 offices in Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and Westchester County. He was a powerful voice in the successful campaign to ban smoking in most New York City restaurants and public places. He was also a strong advocate for improving the health of the City's youth, by promoting better quality food in the schools and by reducing the sale of junk food.

Before coming to Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC, Mr. Batista spent several years as CEO of the Way to Work (formerly known as Vocational Foundation, Inc.), where he oversaw one of the nation's leading youth workforce development programs.

Mr. Batista's long-standing commitment to youth is further exemplified by his serving on the boards of St. Francis College and Bishop Loughlin High School. He also sits on the Community Advisory Board for the Spanish language newspaper, *El Diario/La Prensa* and Mayor Bloomberg's Young Men's Initiative, the nation's boldest and most comprehensive effort to tackle the broad disparities slowing the advancement of black and Latino young men. Governor Andrew Cuomo also appointed Mr. Batista to the board of the Battery Park City Authority (BPCA).

In 2011, Mr. Batista was named a recipient of the "EL Award" – a recognition given annually by [*El Diario La Prensa*](#) to the most outstanding men in New York's Latino community.