



## A Spring in Our Step!



This spring, we're excited about Taste of the Lower East Side (top row), GrandLo Café (middle row), and our Essex Crossing Community Center (bottom row)!

Dear Friends,

What I love most about springtime in New York City is that the beautiful weather provides even more opportunities for our neighbors to gather together as a community.

Here are three exciting opportunities for you, as a member of the Grand St. Settlement family, to

convene with the rest of our team:

- [Taste of the Lower East Side](#), our biggest annual fundraiser, is on May 3. There's still time to [purchase tickets](#) and sample food and drinks from some of the city's best restaurants. If you're unable to attend, I hope you will help spread the word to your networks.
- [GrandLo Café](#), our social enterprise, is a great place to gather with friends and colleagues. Be sure to check out our plant wall and the amazing photography on the walls (courtesy of our partners at [The Tenement Museum](#)) as you sip your latte!
- We'll be holding intergenerational events at our Essex Crossing Community Center soon with our senior and youth participants. In the meantime, if you haven't already, please stop by 175 Delancey Street and visit the spacious cafeteria and roof deck.

I hope to see you at one of our events soon!

Best Regards,

Robert Cordero, Executive Director

## Happening Now

### **BOLD INITIATIVES**

Did you know you can now find recent issues of this newsletter on Grand St. Settlement's website? [Check them out here!](#)

### **GRAND STRATEGY**

We co-hosted a Community Resource Fair with Council Member Carlina Rivera at 80 Pitt Street to share resources with the Lower East Side community.

## INSPIRED WORK

One of our Clubhouse youth, Nayiel, won this year's audience choice award for "[The Lifeless Tree](#)" at this year's [RE@CH Festival](#). Congrats, Nayiel!

## Moments of the Month



### A Visit from the Mayor

We were honored to host Mayor Bill de Blasio at our Bushwick-Hylan Community Center for a press conference. The Mayor wrote a message to our youth on a bulletin board: "This center is important to me, because it means so much to all of you. Thanks to everyone who makes this such a great place for our young people!"

### Dancing Queens

Las Dinámicas, a group of dancers from our Grand Coalition of Seniors, performed at a City Council meeting. They danced to traditional Puerto Rican music such as bomba and plena.



### The Future is Female

We held our powHER Summit at Viacom's headquarters, which was an afternoon of workshops and panels to inspire and empower the young women in our programs.

### Taking a Coffee Break

Some of our seniors enjoyed delicious coffee and pastries at GrandLo Café! We love it when members of the Grand St. Settlement community visit our social enterprise.



### Intergenerational Event

Our senior and early childhood participants recently worked together on a fun art project. We believe that our neighbors can learn from one another, regardless of how old--or young--they are!

### The Good Old Lower East Side

Our friends at [GOLES](#) organized a dinner with our Lower East Side community partners. We're proud of the work we've all done to improve the lives of our neighbors!



### Visiting From the Big Easy

We were glad to welcome David Emond, the CEO of [Liberty's Kitchen](#) in New Orleans, to GrandLo Café! It was great to learn more about Liberty's Kitchen's job training program.

### Equal Pay for Equal Work

We rallied at City Hall to call for salary parity for early childhood teachers at community-based organizations such as Grand St. Settlement!



### Girl Power

We partnered with the Girl Scouts of America to organize team-building and STEM activities for the young women at Rutgers Community Center.

### Spring into Health

Our team at Rutgers Community Center recently hosted its second annual health fair--and received an official Certificate of Recognition from Assembly Member Yuh-Line Niou's office for connecting the community with valuable resources!

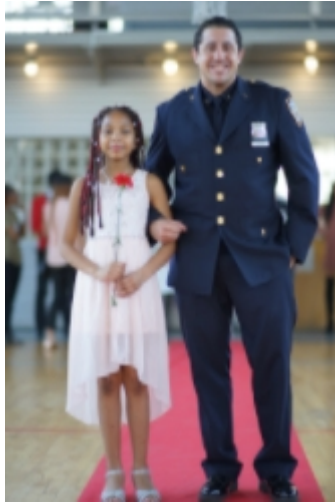


### Congratulations!

We're proud of our Early Learn family members from our early childhood program in Bushwick, who participated in and graduated from the parenting classes offered through our community partner, [Literacy Partners](#).

### Grand Royal Ball

More than 100 participants from our Brooklyn program sites came together for a Father-Daughter Dance. This event took place in collaboration with the NYPD PSA3, NYCHA, the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, and Assemblymember Maritza Davila.



### Settlement House Day

Many of us attended Settlement House Day, which was organized by [United Neighborhood Houses](#). Two of our colleagues--Community School Director Katie Hahn and Manager Advocacy and Community Engagement Emily Lederman--participated in panels about community partnerships and advocacy.

### Racing For Grand. St Settlement

Just a reminder that we are a community partner for the 2018 New York City Marathon! We welcome all to join our team and

support our communities at the largest marathon in the world. Please [contact us](#) to sign up or for additional information.



### PSOL Updates

Our Project Speak Out Loud (PSOL) program was invited to be a part of the City As High School Orientation process as recurring facilitators on gender pronouns. PSOL is also preparing for their

first ever Latinx Week and started a Gay Straight Alliance at Juan Campos High School!



Our staff held a poster-making party before the rally at City Hall to call for salary parity for all early childhood educators!

### Grand St. Shoutouts

**Happy Birthday** to Angela Abreu, Jacqueline Calle, Quran Davis, Oshea Feliciano, Wanda Garcia, Mechyceder Guillermo, Nelson Guzman, Naje Johnson, Drew Jones, Wendy Martinez, Raheem McColley, Terrence Morales, Victor Munoz, Carmen Torres, Marisol Torres, Arnold Webb, Antanya Winley, Chi-Feng Yeh, and Ingri Zuniga.

**Happy Anniversary** to Valerie Agostini, Juan Ascona, Makeba Barrat, Thanh Bui, Angel Caban, Christy Chu, Shakira Clarke, Eris Diaz, Willie Goldwire, Giselle Hernandez, Akime Kearney,

Omaily Martinez-Rivera, Jannie Mayor, Karen Michue, Quahani Miller, Stephanie Ortiz, Jarina Paulino, Rebeca Rodriguez, Lauren Santorso, Erika Torres, Helene White, Mandy William, and Xincal Xu.

Thank you for your service and dedication to the communities of the Lower East Side and Brooklyn.



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