



Summer in the City



We're looking forward to exciting things happening in our youth, early childhood, and Single Stop programs!

Dear Friends,

Even though summer is a time for fun and relaxation, it's also time to continue supporting our neighbors on the Lower East Side and in Brooklyn and preparing the fall ahead.

These are just a few things we're excited about:

- We're looking forward to **summer camp**, which starts in July at five of our sites in Manhattan and nine sites in Brooklyn. Over 1,800 youth will enjoy vibrant summer learning and recreation and develop skills in leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, service, and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Our youth will show off what they've learned during summer camp at our Youthfest event in August.
- Our early childhood staff will be hard at work doing **recruitment and outreach in**

preparation for the start of our Pre-K programs this fall. They will continue to work with case workers at collaborating shelters to support parents whose children need school placement, as well as table at events such as book giveaways in June and Family Fun Day in July.

- Our **Single Stop** program has expanded its reach into Brooklyn with the hire of a new Outreach Coordinator. We are already providing services to our Unity Plaza and Williamsburg Community Centers, and plan to provide services to our community school at Juan Morel Campos School of the Arts, our early childhood center at 319 Stanhope Street, and Bushwick-Hylan Community Center.

Best Regards,

Robert Cordero, Executive Director

Happening Now

BOLD INITIATIVES

Our Community School at Juan Morel Campos School of the Arts hosted a carnival that not only featured fun and games, but also provided an opportunity to gather feedback from community members on curricula, school environment, community partnerships, and family engagement.

GRAND STRATEGY

The staff from our EHS-CCP programs attended the NYS Head Start conference to learn how to Improving the quality of family childcare and strengthen early education programs.

INSPIRED WORK

Our board member Julie Gardner-Koster recently organized a group of volunteers to help freshen up the paint on the walls of the 294 Delancey early childhood center--thank you, Julie!

Moments of the Month

Thoughts on Giving Back

We asked our board president, Ken Liebman, about what it means for him to be involved with Grand St. Settlement. He said, "I grew up in a family whose mantra was to 'give back' to the community in which they lived. To serve as Grand St. Settlement's president gives me that vision in even sharper perspective. It is indeed a singular privilege that I will always cherish."





Taste of the Lower East Side

The 18th Annual Taste of the Lower East Side raised more than \$400,000 to support our programs to improve the lives of 10,000 New Yorkers each year! Thanks to all of our supporters, sponsors, and the restaurants that served some of the best food in the city. Check out this [Nasdaq interview](#) in which our ED Robert Cordero talks about this year's event!

Fun with Jewelry

Artist and educator Syma led our seniors at 80 Pitt Street in the first of several jewelry-making workshops! We look forward to seeing the final products soon.





Art on Hart Street

The exterior of our Roosevelt Community Center was brightened up with a beautiful mural representing its community members.

Giving Thanks

We recently said farewell to our social work interns with a celebratory lunch at GrandLo Café. We thank them for all that they have done to support our program participants!





Toasting our Teachers

Teachers from our Early Head Start program celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week by enjoying a delicious lunch. Thanks to all of our teachers who instill a love of learning in our children.

The Importance of Advocacy

Peer Educators from PSOL traveled to Albany for LGBTQI Advocacy Day. We were proud to be part of a coalition of organizations to educate our legislators about the issues that impact LGBTQI in New York.





Celebrating Mothers

Moms were treated to a Mother's Day brunch at Bushwick-Hylan Community Center--as well as roses distributed by Assembly Member Maritza Davila!

A Love of Literacy

Our Baruch Community Center partnered with Sirens of The Rainforest to provide youth with literacy workshops on immigration and environmental conservation.





Tech Savvy

Young women from our youth programs participated in the second annual Breaking the Code film festival, where they showed films they created and enhanced with code.

Collaboration is Key

Our community school at MS 582 held a Community School Extravaganza for its stakeholders, including families, students, administrators, teachers, staff, and community partners. This was a chance to get updates from the administration, review the school's progress, and determine priorities for the coming year.





Congrats...

...to two of our Early Learn staff members, Danielle Bryant-Mathurin and Joanna Huang, for completing United Neighborhood Houses's Emerging Leaders Program and CACF: Coalition for Asian American Children & Families's Social Justice Leadership Institute, respectively.

And Congrats To...

...Managing Director of Youth and Community Development Thanh Bui, for completing the Coro Fellowship. In Thanh's own words: "I learned a lot about NYC issues and policies and how they affect communities on the macro and micro level!"



Staying Healthy

Our BEST-NORC program recently teamed up with community partners to organize a health fair and provide health screenings for our seniors.

Learning Opportunity

Roosevelt Community Center hosted a Discovery Fair that provided an opportunity for its youth, as well as youth from Tompkins and Bushwick-Hylan Community Centers, to learn more about STEM!



Our JUMP! volunteers traveled to Six Flags with our youth from our Beacon program!

Grand St. Shoutouts

Happy Birthday to Zeidy Bravo, Maria DeJesus, Victoria Espinosa, Regernald Feggins, Juana Frias, Javonti George, Ramona Gonzalez, Taijah Jones, Rosalba Manzul Rodriguez, Jenniffer Martinez, Quahani Miller, Katherine Orellana, Makeda Peters, Keyana Radcliffe, Dane Richards, Kashawn Robinson, Pamela Rountree, Jeron Saint Fleur, Jasmine Salgado, Carlos Sanchez, Irene Shin, Olivia Shoy, Chantal Taveras, Destiny Thomas, and Denise Yeppez.

Happy Anniversary to Richie Cintron, Jie Xian Ding, Reynaldo Dixon, Jose Flores, Yamilex Garcia, Bridgette Laviscount, Sonia Lugo, Sharmila Malik, Rosalba Manzul Rodriguez, Katherine Ortiz, Tabatha Rodriguez, Erika Roldan, Assata Terry, Gabriela Torres, and Richard Washington.

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



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