



Improving the Lives of Our Neighbors



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Dear Friends,

More than a hundred years ago, Grand St. Settlement was founded on the belief that neighbors helping neighbors is key to strengthening the communities they live in.

To that end, this past month has been an especially crucial moment in Grand St. Settlement's history. We have made even greater strides towards improving the lives of New Yorkers by empowering them with the knowledge they need to thrive in their community:

- Our social enterprise, [GrandLo Café](#), is now open! Located at 178 Broome Street on the Lower East Side, it will provide job training to NYC youth who are not working or in school-- as well as serve some of the best coffee and food in the neighborhood. We recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and it was wonderful to welcome our supporters, including Council Member Carlina Rivera, State Senator Brian Kavanagh, and Ron Moelis of Delancey Street Associates. Please stop by during our business hours, Monday-Friday from 7am-3pm!
- We continue to participate in advocacy initiatives that empower our participants to speak up for themselves. From our youth taking the streets during the March for Our Lives against gun violence and doing presentations as part of our advocacy curriculum, to our seniors working towards cultural integration and intercultural learning, we believe that by making our voices heard, change will happen.

Best Regards,

Robert Cordero, Executive Director

Happening Now

BOLD INITIATIVES

The FDNY visited the seniors in our BEST NORC program to educate them on fire safety and distribute oven mitts and smoke detector batteries.

GRAND STRATEGY

Our SONYC program at St. Brigid School recently put on a dazzling production of Aladdin Jr.!

INSPIRED WORK

Be sure to check out [this opportunity from TIAA](#), which is offering \$1 million in grants to individuals working at nonprofit organizations to honor their work!

Moments of the Month

Eat Well, Do Good!

Mark your calendars: [Taste of the Lower East Side](#) is on May 3, 2018! Make sure you purchase tickets and spread the word to your networks about this tasting event, the proceeds of which support the work we do to improve the lives of New Yorkers. (P.S. TLES was named one of the best food festivals in NYC by [Time Out New York](#)!)





Welcome to the Neighborhood

We threw a party to welcome the senior residents at Essex Crossing and introduce them to the services we provide. There was dancing, music, and lots of delicious food!

Inspiring Our Youth

A group of our Clubhouse youth recently toured Princeton University and were able to get a taste of college life. These kinds of trips are essential for our youth, giving them an opportunity to envision what's possible for their futures.





Showing Our Gratitude

Our Early Childhood staff were invited to a luncheon to thank them for their dedication to enriching the lives of the youngest members of the Grand St. Settlement family.

Recognizing Our Staff

Congratulations to Managing Director of Early Childhood Services and Senior Services Willing Chin-Ma, who was a finalist for the Centers Health Care Patient Advocacy Award.





Making Connections

We recently met with Erik Bottcher, Chief of Staff to NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson, to discuss ways we can work together to support New York City's communities.

Taking a Tour

One of our Universal Pre-K classrooms at 60 Essex Street went on a kindergarten school tour at PS 184!





Getting Artistic

Youth in our Baruch Cornerstone program showed off their flair for art by creating springtime decorations that will be displayed throughout the hallways.

The Importance of Staying Healthy

Our Beacon program recently hosted a health fair where community members received free checkups from NYU's dental school.





Saying Farewell (For Now)

Our IT Specialist Jose Figueroa made sure to spend some quality time with our staff (including the senior services department!) before going on military leave. We wish Jose the best and look forward to his return!

Stranger Danger

Members of the NYPD's Community Affairs visited children from our Early Learn program at 294 Delancey Street and spoke with them about how to stay safe!





The Clubhouse was proud to host a Maker's session led by Neveen Mourad of littleBits. Our youth were able to create a "Hot Potato" game using a littleBits kit, coding, and their imaginations!

Grand St. Shoutouts

Happy Birthday to Frederick Adutu, Mary Caba, Angel Caban, Xuezheng Cao, Pierre Chaudry, Robert Cordero, Piedad Cruz, Anthony Diaz, Julianne Elsayed, Yamilex Garcia, Brightwan Harold, Daquan Jones, Natasha Ortiz, Elsa Pereira, Annette Perez, Jajuan Pinckney, Ryan Primus, Beyaniris Rivas, Marnelcy Rosario, Jessica Ruiz, Victory Savarino, Carlos Sosa, Assata Terry, and Deisy Vasquez-Ovalle.

Happy Anniversary to Marisol Cortes, Darlene Cuffee, Ines De La Nuez, Gladys Fernandez, Emily Hartford, Drew Jones, Paul Kane, Michael Khalique, Caonabo Martinez, Brandon Palmer, Elsa Pereira, Annette Perez, Keyana Radcliffe, Andreina Rodriguez, Krista Shabtaie, Ethel Simpson, Sade Sullivan, Susette Taveras, Marisol Torres, and James Winns.

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



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