

JUMP! 2018-19

What is JUMP!?

JUMP! (Juniors Undertaking Manhattan's Possibilities) is a group mentoring program at Grand St. Settlement, comprised of approximately 50 volunteers – most of whom are young, NYC professionals – and approximately 70 youth who are a part of Grand St. Settlement. JUMP! takes place one Saturday a month from October to June. There are 3 JUMP! groups: *Little* (for elementary school children in 1st through 5th grade), *Middle* (middle school students in 6th through 8th grade), and *Big* (high school students).

Each group is comprised of approximately 17 volunteers and about 20 youth participants, allowing for individual attention and special bonds to develop between the youth and the volunteers. The youth participants who attend JUMP! trips are all enrolled in Grand St. Settlement's after-school programs, which promote academic achievement, teach life skills, and encourage healthy lifestyles and goal-setting so they are empowered to positively transform their lives.

The JUMP! volunteers plan monthly trips throughout the metropolitan area which provide Grand St. Settlement youth with recreational and cultural experiences that expand horizons, foster curiosity and imagination, and promote intergenerational communication. Many of the youth served by Grand St. Settlement live in low-income, single-parent households. Many of them do not regularly connect with adults who are college educated, or who work in professional sectors. The monthly JUMP! trips offer fun experiences that these young people might not otherwise have access to, and provide an opportunity for volunteers and youth to form long-lasting relationships.

Why get involved in JUMP!?

- JUMP! enables a volunteer to build important and supportive relationships with New York City youth who will benefit from the influence of positive role models in their lives
- JUMP! offers a volunteer the chance to meet and build friendships with peers who have a similar passion for volunteering with young people
- JUMP! provides volunteers a unique opportunity to become philanthropically involved in a legacy NYC institution and to engage their network of friends and family in giving back to an important community agency



If you're interested in volunteering...
Please contact our development and youth
development staff members:

Makeba Barrat - mbarrat@grandsettlement.org

Thanh Bui - tbui@grandsettlement.org



About Grand St. Settlement

Grand St. Settlement is a multi-service agency dedicated to providing essential programs for members of all ages in our communities. Programs include free or low-cost early childhood and day care services, enriching after-school programs, and support for adults and senior citizens. Since its founding in 1916, Grand St. Settlement has been working to expand opportunities for low-income families and individuals by providing culturally relevant services that support community-building, advocacy, self-determination and an enriched quality of life.

How did JUMP! get started?

JUMP! was started in 1992 when volunteer Alex Gardner came to Grand St. Settlement after college as an "I Have a Dream" program volunteer. This experience seeded Alex's interest in creating a mentoring program. He wanted to get low-income kids off risky city streets to experience unique opportunities formerly unknown and, for most, unavailable. He identified a small student group, and with a handful of volunteers, (including his sister, Julie) he began the program at a Lower East Side school. This initiative formed the basis for JUMP! (Juniors Undertaking Manhattan's Possibilities).

Since its founding, JUMP! has developed nurturing relationships among hundreds of young professionals and youth mentees. The recreational and cultural outings offer valuable opportunities for Grand St. Settlement's young people, helping them develop the social skills and confidence needed to build successful futures.

Who Funds Grand St. Settlement?

Grand St. Settlement is funded by a combination of government grants, foundation and corporate support, and individual contributions. Our operating budget is approximately \$22 million each year, and roughly 50% of that budget goes toward programming for youth.

Grand St. Settlement's signature fundraising event is Taste of the Lower East Side, in which JUMP! volunteers have traditionally played a big role. JUMP! volunteers can help contribute to this event by bringing in friends and family, and connecting Grand St. Settlement with corporate sponsors and auction items. To learn more about TLES visit:

www.tasteofles.org



JUMP! Contact Information Form (October 2018 – June 2019)

Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Cell Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	
How do you prefer to be contacted?	
What schools did you attend?	
How long have you been a JUMP! Volunteer?	

Employer Name & Address

Name		
Your Job Title		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip

Does your company offer a matching gifts program?		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	I don't know <input type="checkbox"/>

Please note that all staff and volunteers working with Grand St. Settlement programs are required by law to undergo SCR (Statewide Central Register) background check and fingerprinting.
Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us.



Why are you interested in volunteering with JUMP!?

Summarize special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience.

Interests

Tell us in which areas you are interested in volunteering

Little JUMP! Ages 8-12 <input type="checkbox"/>	Middle JUMP! Ages 12-16 <input type="checkbox"/>	Big JUMP! Ages 14-18 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Are there any months you are not available?		

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References - Please list two references that you have known for at least one year. Please give complete address and phone number or email. The reference will be contacted by phone or email and remain strictly confidential. Relatives or family members cannot be included.

Name	
Relationship	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Name	
Relationship	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	
<i>For office use only</i>	
Staff/Volunteer Contact	(Date/Initials)
Referred to	(Program/Staff Member)
Interview Date	(MM/DD/Year)
Background Check	(Source/Date/Initials)
Noted in Data Base	(Date/Initials)

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