

Updates from Grand St.
Settlement



Grand St. Settlement employees and volunteers serving community members at the Beacon Community Center

Dear Colleague,

In 2016, when a lot of people felt hopeless about the political atmosphere in Washington and Albany, we made a strategic decision to focus on what we do best: support and empower the communities we serve. In the last two years we have continued to build communities, whether through strengthening immigrant families in

Brooklyn, opening the Essex Crossing Community Center, or placing our first GrandLo Cafe job training graduates in good jobs.

The recent election results affirmed that our focus on meeting community needs by building community strengths can serve as a state and national model. Through our Single Stop programming, we have created meeting places to centralize access to benefits for families. By pairing these with our early childhood programs, families are able to get help at one place rather than running around the city to different agencies.

We believe in the work that we're doing at Grand St. Settlement. We have seen the way that our programs change the lives of families and we won't stop working support and empower them. Together, we can make a difference. Let's keep pressing.

In Solidarity,

Robert Cordero

Happening Now

BOLD INITIATIVES

Grand St. spent the beginning of the month getting hundreds of citizens registered to vote for Election Day. Across the nation, voter engagement was at an all-time high for a mid-term election.

GRAND STRATEGY

What would a settlement house be without the community surrounding it? Grand St. Settlement was able to celebrate that community with different Thanksgiving celebrations across the Lower East Side and Brooklyn.

INSPIRED WORK

On November 15th GrandLo Cafe hosted a graduation ceremony the same night that NYC was hit with a snow storm.

Even with the challenges, the event raised approximately \$27,000 to benefit the job training program! Congrats to all involved!

Moments of the Month



Top Chef

Lyons Community School participants were invited to The Sylvia Center's Art of Cooking Annual Fall Benefit. They kids worked directly with Delaware chef and owner Patti Jackson

And they're off!

Grand St. supporter Michelle Timmerman pauses with Clovis Thorn while running the NYC Marathon



Settlement House Pride

Willing Chin-Ma and leaders from United Neighborhood Houses host a workshop for staff at Queens Community House

Wise Words

State Senator Brian Kavanagh stopped by the GrandLo Cafe Graduation to give the graduates advice and congratulations.



Deck the Halls

Seniors at 80 Pitt St. take part in the decorating and lighting of the grand cafe Christmas tree

A Day of Thanks

Beacon Community Center hosted their annual Thanksgiving dinner for participants and their families



International Food Fest!

Seniors, volunteers, staff, community partners, interns and the NYPD served homemade meals in

the Baruch community through the BEST Norc Program.

Beautification

Bushwick-Hylan Cornerstone Community Center was renovated through DYCD and Game Seven Marketing. The gym received a new paint job, 30 new basketballs, two basketball racks, and a new Spaulding Air Basketball Hoop!





Backpacks and Buzz Cuts

St. Brigid school partnered with Perfection Cuts to hand out 200 backpacks and 100 books to the community this Thanksgiving.

Recruiting Job Trainees



We provide young people ages 16-24 who are not working or not in school with valuable job skills and a guaranteed job.

OUR SERVICES

- 36 hands-on and classroom workshops/trainings
- NYC Food Protection Certificate
- Counter Culture Coffee barista certification
- Cafe management experience
- Resume and cover letter writing
- Job Interview skills
- Stipend for job trainees

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Next Up

- Throughout the winter months, please check with our site director or the Grand St. website concerning closures due to inclement weather.
- On Thursday, November 6th, Grand St. Settlement will be accepting the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York award for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the NPCC Nonprofit Excellence Awards.
- The Grand Coalition of Seniors annual Holiday Dance is Friday, December 14th from 1:00pm-3:30pm in the Grand Cafe.

- JUMP! is looking for volunteers to join our youth on trips across NYC. Interested? Contact mbarrat@grandsettlement.org

Want to highlight your favorite moments in the newsletter or social media? Send a description and any pictures to pictures@grandsettlement.org



GrandLo Cafe board members joined in celebrating our new graduates of the job training program.

Grand St. Settlement Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy birthday shout-outs to Jennifer Phang, Michael Khalique, Jason Cotto, Reneida Juarbe, Shani Hodge, Shakira Clarke, Teresa Montagano, Katherine Ortiz, Jasmin Rivera, Patrick Combs, Terell Blake, Gracianna Rosias, Altagracia Rivas, Tiffani Lawson, Delisa Randall, Laura Li, Amanda Marzan, Biana Hernandez Collado, James Martin, Jose Taveras, America Cedamanos, Ashley Ramlall, Amos Frazer, Miguel Delgado, Vanessa Alamo, Mandy William, Leslet Elikens, Sonia Lugo, Yarisa Martinez Guzman, Sade Sullivan, Yesenia Escalante, Milady Mayol, Frank Nowak, Charon

Brabham, Asiatic Holmes, Ruth Addo, Stally Ojeda,
Daniel Lee, and XingYi Yu!!

Thank you for your service and dedication to the
communities of the Lower East Side and Brooklyn!
Happy Anniversary to Janet Obregon, Daisy
Pimentel, Ingrid Villatoro, Gley A Garcia, Zeidy
Bravo, Regernald Feggins, Alicia Alvira, Mary Ann
Venticinque, Daniel Lee, Luisa Estevez, Danielle
Morris-McBayne, Jasmine Irizarry, Jason Cotto,
Jaquon Heath, Jonaphan Chu, Ralik Smith,
Francisco Rivera III, Mollym Bermudez, Mimi
Johnson, Andy Leung, William Fager, Rachael
Brannon, Frank Greco, and Andre Washington!



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