



Hitting the ground running



Robert and Glorisel Cordero with their children at the 60 Essex St Stepping Up Ceremony

Dear Friends,

I'm back.

When I took medical leave in the summer, I knew Grand Street was in good hands. My time off helped me know one thing for certain: Grand St. Settlement is a *thriving* organization.

As we dive into the new fiscal year and school year, we have a lot to be proud of, and a lot to look forward to.

The dream that was Essex Crossing is now a reality. We are building more programs into the

Essex Crossing Community Center everyday. We established a new neighborhood business in the GrandLo Cafe centered on an innovative job training program. We welcomed hundreds of volunteers from Macy's to beautify the community center and celebrate with our seniors and summer campers.

Looking forward, we will build from our strategy road map. We will continue to strengthen programs in Brooklyn, build comprehensive programs at Essex Crossing, and start the long-promised improvements to our home at 80 Pitt Street, all while fiercely advocating for our communities.

I'm looking forward to building upon our many successes- together.

Best Regards,

Robert Cordero, Executive Director

Happening Now

BOLD INITIATIVES

Voting is important to our communities. You can still register to vote in the general election through Oct. 12 at voting.nyc. Encourage your friends and program participants to register too.

GRAND STRATEGY

GSS was chosen by the NYU Stern School of Business for their Board Fellows program. Three MBA students will work with our board for nine months on several strategic governance priorities.

INSPIRED WORK

Our first GrandLo Cafe trainee graduates are starting to get jobs, including at Target, the Tenement Museum, and in building management. Know an employer who might hire our trainees? Talk to Cindy Vasquez at the GrandLo Cafe.

Moments of the Month



What a Summer!

Give yourself a pat on the back! Because of you, thousands of New York City kids had a fulfilling, adventurous summer and are ready to get back to school. Thanks to Angie Orozco for the great picture from summer camp.

Macy's Give Back Day

Over 400 volunteers from Macy's joined us for a youth carnival at Beacon, a grand opening party for the seniors at Essex Crossing, and helped improve and brighten our program spaces for seniors at 80 Pitt St.



Families At the Farmers Market

Families from our Brooklyn childcare partnerships visited a youth farmers market where they tried fresh fruits and veggies and received coupons to use at NYC farmers markets. This is just the first of several planned market visits.

Dad's Take Your Child To School Day

Dads joined their kids at our Early Head Start program. Father involvement and male role models are associated with improvements by students in academics, behaviors and social skills. We love when our dads and male caregivers are actively involved with our program!



Call for AmeriCorps

We're still accepting applications to our AmeriCorps program. Youth who are at least 17 years old will gain valuable work experience, participate in professional development/college

prep/financial aid/career workshops, and receive a stipend--and much more. [Here's](#) a link to the application; for more information, contact [Sue-Naina Alam](#). Please share this opportunity with your networks!

Begin Again

Youth staff repped GSS at Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's "Begin Again" event. The gathering offered our neighbors with misdemeanors or warrants the opportunity to clear their records, and to learn more about Grand Street!



Party Like a Senior!

We don't know who had more fun at the Luau at Essex Crossing on Macy's Give Back Day - the seniors or the Macy's volunteers.

Mentoring at GrandLo Cafe

Macy's execs, including Macy's CFO Paula Price seen here, mentored the GrandLo Cafe trainees as part of Give Back Day.





80 Pitt St Modernization

The first phase of 80 Pitt St.'s modernization is underway! The elevator will be closed and replaced between Oct. 1 and February, 2019. A new heating and cooling system will soon be installed on the roof, although it will not be fully hooked up until Phase 2 start in 2020.

Grand St. Shoutouts

Happy Birthday to Kira Andersen, Felicia Bispham, Carmen Cotto, Darlene Cuffee, Wendy Diaz, Linda Flores Rivera, Mimi Johnson, Chun Kang, Tyler Kirby, Migdalia Lugo, Monica Martinez, Christopher Militano, Francisco Perez, Sovieskis Perez, Mercedes Peterson, Austin Rivera, Rita Rivera, Jonathan Sanchez, Evan Sandoval, Yareni Sime, Monique Smalls, Ralik Smith, Jelani Stuart, Tanisha Thompson, Sabrina Veintimilla,

Andre Washington, Lanaya Williams, and Mark Williams.

Happy Anniversary to Angela Abreu, Juan Abreu, Rashel Ali, Elizabeth Arroyo, Marysol Ayala, Kaaron Briscoe Minefee, Carlton Brown, Mary Caba, Joey Chen, Johanna Cinquegrana, Patrick Combs, Dianya Corniel, Tala Councilman, Zoila Cuzco Cumbe, Quran Davis, Miguel Delgado, Dontae' Duffy, Yesenia Escalante, Doris Estevez, Cheyenne Frazier, Blanca Gonzalez, Luciana Gonzalez, Vanasha Hamlin, Malcolm Harrison, Katuska Hernandez, Naje Johnson, Shiv Kadar, Emily Lederman, Jeanette Loera, Sanjida Malik, Victor Munoz, Oskar Noam, Samantha Payne, Yvette Pinero, Maurice Rawls, Austin Rivera, Kashawn Robinson, Altagraccio Rosado, Ambar Rosario, Amalia Salinas, Jonathan Sanchez, Evan Sandoval, Liliana Santana, Kelly Santos, Kayla Shaughnessy, Carlos Sosa, Franshiny Urbaez, Cindy Vasquez, Deisy Vasquez-Ovalle, Meron Woldemariam, Mei Zhao.

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



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