



What a Year It's Been!



Dear Friends,

The Grand St. Settlement family has a lot to be proud of--our fiscal year ended on June 30, and what a year it's been!

From opening our social enterprise, GrandLo Café, and raising over \$400,000 at the 18th Annual Taste of the Lower East Side, to advocating for increased government funding for our programs and continuing to expand our programs in Brooklyn--this year has truly been **bold, grand, and inspired.**

As we begin the new fiscal year, our priorities are to commence renovations at our 80 Pitt Street headquarters, expand services at the Essex Crossing Community Center, and explore the establishment of new early childhood programs in Brooklyn. This work will further strengthen our

ability to provide quality services to over 10,000 New Yorkers each year.

A sincere thanks to all of you for your dedication to improving the lives of our neighbors--I'm looking forward to seeing more of your incredible work unfold!

Best Regards,

Robert Cordero, Executive Director

Happening Now

BOLD INITIATIVES

We were proud to host the United Neighborhood Houses Annual Meeting at our Essex Crossing Community Center.

GRAND STRATEGY

There's one spot left on the Grand St. Settlement team for the 2018 New York City Marathon--join us! Please [contact us](#) to sign up or for additional information.

INSPIRED WORK

Gabriela Torres, EHS-CCP Child Development Specialist, received a full scholarship to attend the NAEYC Professional Learning Institute.

Moments of the Month

Staff Development Day

Our amazing staff gathered at Williamsburg Community Center for a full day of professional

development and advocacy workshops.



Festival Fun

The Grand Coalition of Seniors enjoyed a Dragon Boat Festival celebration with lots of song and dance!

Advocating for Our Neighbors

We rallied with our fellow settlement houses at City Hall to call for increased funding to support summer camp and senior programs.



Summer Learning

Our ED Robert Cordero spoke with students from The School of the New York Times as part of their exploration of various cultural sites across the city.

Thanks, Dads!

Our Early Head Start staff organized a celebration at GrandLo Café to give thanks to all of the fathers (and father figures) who help keep families strong!



Let's Book It

We organized two book fairs at 80 Pitt Street and Rutgers Community Center to give away 16,000 books to the Lower East Side community! These events were held in partnership with the National Book Foundation, NYCHA, and the New York Public Library.

Giving Back

Our community center at Marcus Garvey Apartments organized a Father's Day scavenger hunt with food, games, and music!



A Time to Celebrate

The little ones from our early childhood centers danced the morning away at our Kids Prom.

Laser Tag, You're It!

Youth from Lafayette Gardens Community Center recently split into two teams to play an intense game of laser tag!



PSOL Updates

PSOL's Pride Prom was a huge success--over 200 students from local schools and organizations attended. Our PSOL youth also did outreach at Brooklyn Pride and will partner with Hetrick-Martin Institute on its Annual Youth Summit.

Grand St.'s Got Talent

Youth from the afterschool program at Rutgers Community Center participated in a talent show

with dance performances, art projects, and food tastings.



Target Arts Day

Volunteers from Target helped youth in our Beacon/SONYC programs decorate kaleidoscopes, masks, and drawstring bags. Thanks to Target for its continued support of our programs!

Say No to Bullying

Our Baruch Community Center held a dinner party that was also an anti-bullying event. Participants made pizza together while

listening to spoken word poetry and signing anti-bullying pledges.



Dinner Party Time

Youth from our Seward Park Community Center learned how to cook delicious recipes and host a dinner party.

Puerto Rican Pride

Our Grand Coalition of Seniors participated in a fun party to celebrate the Puerto Rican Day parade!



We marched at City Hall to call for salary parity for our early childhood educators!

Grand St. Shoutouts

Happy Birthday to Victoria Alma, Molly Bermudez, Owen Brow, Nitza Cortes, Stephanie Cuevas, Frank DiCiaccio, Tydezya Dixon, Luisa Estevez, Ruben Gomez, Jasmine Irizarry, Gariel Ivey, Carmen Mendez, Christina Mercado, Tasheem Muhammad, Janet Obregon, Carmen Orozco, Siobhan Raines, Diyoni Stith, Erika Torres,

Cindy Vasquez, Helene White, Ruth White,
Danasia Wilson, and Mei Zhao.

Happy Anniversary to Robert Cordero, Carmen Cotto, Maria DeJesus, Gabriel Fulcar, Joanna Huang, Maria Huertas, Richard Ishak, Tatiana Johnson-Lopez, Jennifer Ramotar, and Olivia Shoy.

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



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