

Updates from Grand St.
Settlement



Finding the Light



Officers of the NYPD play some basketball with teens from the Rutgers Houses

Dear Colleague,

Over the past weeks we have all been overwhelmed with the amount of hatred, polarization and violence in the world and in the news. Just last week 11 members of the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh were killed by gun violence while here in New York City members of our community seem to be in constant danger. It can feel hopeless, but with bigotry and hate rhetoric on our doorstep, the strength-based work

of **Grand St. Settlement** is more important than ever.

By bringing our community together, Grand St. is actively taking a stance against hate. In fact, we were just recognized by **Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York** for excellence in **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**. Uniting people is something that Grand St. has always prided itself on and are honored by this award. Thanks to your hard work, we have created a safe place for people of all backgrounds to come together and form a community.

Young people are especially vulnerable to gun violence. In fact Newsweek listed gun violence as the third leading killer of people 18 and younger. Over the summer, two young people involved with Grand St. were the victims of random gun violence in Bushwick and Brownsville, Brooklyn. We are always working with our participants, their families, schools, law enforcement and our staff to ensure a safe and productive environment at every Grand St. site and community center.

We firmly believe that creating opportunities for young people helps to get them off the streets and into jobs that will support them and their families. Between our youth programs, **GrandLo Café, COMPASS, PSOL, AmeriCorps** and many other resources, we are creating these opportunities. The young people and families that we serve inspire us and I hope they inspire you as well

The work we are doing at Grand St. Settlement is vital to the Lower East Side and Brooklyn. We have the ability to make a difference in the lives of those around us. We cannot let ourselves be overcome by the sadness and despair in our world. Instead we must use those feelings to stand strong on the

side of love and respect. Thank you for working alongside us.

In Solidarity,

Robert Cordero

Happening Now

BOLD INITIATIVES

Grand St. Settlement was chosen by Citi Foundation as 1 of 15 organizations across the country and the only organization in New York to be a part of the 2018 Pathways to Progress Fund.

Grand St. was awarded \$250k to expand the job training program at GrandLo Cafe.

GRAND STRATEGY

The first phase of the renovation at our 80 Pitt St. headquarters is underway! Construction teams are on-site working to give our beautiful home a much needed face lift.

INSPIRED WORK

We would like to bid a fond farewell to Dr. Emily Lederman as she ends her time with us at Grand St. Settlement. Emily has been a staple of the Grand St. team and she will be missed dearly. Good luck Emily!

Moments of the Month



Future Firefighters?

Early Head Start Two Year Olds visited Fire Engine 15. The firefighters showed the kids their protective gear and how to use a fire extinguisher. They also allowed the children to sit on the fire truck. Thank you FDNY Engine 15!

On Broadway

Broadway Builds and A Brush With Kindess joined forces to brighten up our BEST/NORC facilities.



Spooky Decorations, Great Coffee

Have you had a chance to get by GrandLo Cafe to see all of the Halloween Decorations? Check them out open 7-3 every day!

Autumn in the Air

Board Member Tracie F. Golding-Gerson and her office team cleaned up the gardens outside Rutgers Houses in preparation for our youth to plant seeds for service week!



Responding to the Opioid Crisis

State Senator Brian Kavanagh, Manhattan DA Cy Vance, and Borough President Gale Brewer joined us to discuss resources for individuals with substance use disorders.

A Helping Hand

Staff, interns and volunteers from BEST/NORC and the Essex Crossing Community Center attended trainings to administer AdvantAge surveys to seniors. Individuals who are at least 55 years old and live at either 175 Delancey Street Senior Housing or the Baruch Houses can take the survey and the first 300 people to complete the survey will receive a \$25 Target gift card!





Happy Birthday BEST!

For 15 years, BEST has been part of Baruch seniors's daily routine. Whether having a cup of coffee to start a day or playing Bingo & Mahjongh to have fun with friends!

Work in Progress

We welcomed Assembly Member Epstein to 80 Pitt St. to discuss our current and future renovations.



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

- Election day is **Tuesday, November 6th!** Find your polling place [here](#).

- GrandLo Cafe's 2018 Job Trainee participants are graduating. [Buy your tickets](#) and join them on Thursday, November 15th.
- Thanksgiving is November 22nd. Grand St. Settlement offices will be closed on Nov. 22nd and 23rd.

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



Our little ones took part in Imagination Day 2018 by showing off their best costumes at 60 Essex Child and Family Center.

Grand St. Settlement Staff Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy birthday shout-outs to Danielle Bernstein, Miguel Rodriguez, Thanh Bui, Chrystal Marshall, Chelsea Jackson, Zartese Smith, Eris Diaz, Blanca Gonzalez, Angie Orozco Lozano, Joselle Ramos, Shani Redding, Dustin Tabeta, Marcia Jordan, Frantz Saint Jean, Evan Munoz, Mona Abouid, Justin Garcia, Michael Fratacci Jr., Luis Campino,

Stephanie Ortiz, Amanda Torres, Steven Romero,
Yan Huang, Carlton Brown, Amalia Salinas, Juan
Abreu, Paula Jaimez, Tatiana Johnson-Lopez,
Krystal Shipman, Elizabeth Arroyo, Katiuska
Hernandez, Keh-Yueh Chen, XioJun Wei, Juan
Ascona, Oskar Noam, Shena Nicholson, Jarina
Paulino, Rebeca Rodriguez, Diana Hernandez,
Anna Lucena, Ambar Rosario, Dianya Corniel,
Richard Washington, Vincent Jodian, Giselle
Hernandez, Emily Hartford, Kelly Santos, Clovis
Thorn, Randy Luna, Ingrid Vilatoro, Lorna
Desepeda!

Thank you for your service and dedication to the
communities of the Lower East Side and Brooklyn!
Happy Anniversary to Shu Ying Liao, Lanaya
Williams, Eric Grossman, Zulia Arias Palacios De
Mor, Luis Campino, Miguel Rodriguez, Anthony
Diaz, Michael Inge, Randy Luna, Felicia Bispham,
Wuta Onda, Victoria Alma, Gustavo Amigon Jr.,
Gracianna Rosias, Melissa Ortiz, Camera
Robinson, Ayana Reefe, Maria Santos, Nitza
Cortes, Monica Gomez Duran, Lorna Despeda,
Luisa Duran, Celeste Jennings, Josephine
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