

What do you give
a 125-year-old
for a birthday gift?

Since its founding in
1893, Henry Street
Settlement has improved
the lives of vulnerable New
Yorkers through innovative
social service, arts and
health care programs.



We are more than
a human service
agency. We are an
icon of New York
City, an enduring
example of a radical
19th-century social
experiment that is
as relevant today
as it was in 1893.

- ▲ Neither snow nor rain kept 19th-century visiting nurses, pictured outside the Settlement, from their rounds. The concept of public health and community nursing was conceived (and enacted) at Henry Street.
- ▼ Henry Street headquarters, three c. 1830 federal style row houses, our home since 1895.
- ◀ Our after-school programs provide homework help and recreation in a nurturing environment, keeping children safe, productive and on the road to academic success.



Our Living Legacy

Our legacy is so unique, we felt compelled to share our story with others, in New York City and beyond. And the National Endowment for the Humanities agreed by awarding a competitive implementation grant to support the launch of *The House on Henry Street*. (Because it's rare for a social service agency to receive precious humanities dollars, our endeavor is as unique as our legacy.)



What is The House on Henry Street?

- A permanent interactive exhibition in the Settlement's c. 1830 landmark headquarters exploring social activism, urban poverty and public health through the lens of Henry Street's history. Additionally, the historic dining room and garden, Lillian Wald's bedroom, and nurses' dorm rooms will be interpreted, enabling visitors to also tour a modern-day social service agency.
- A web-based multimedia exhibition with curriculum materials for high school and college teachers will deepen the interpretation.
- A walking tour app for mobile devices will take the story to the streets of the Lower East Side.
- Public lectures and a series of public dialogue programs on community building and social reform, developed by our public historian with our partner organizations the Museum at Eldridge Street and The Tenement Museum, will enhance the interpretation of the history of Henry Street during and beyond its 125th anniversary year.



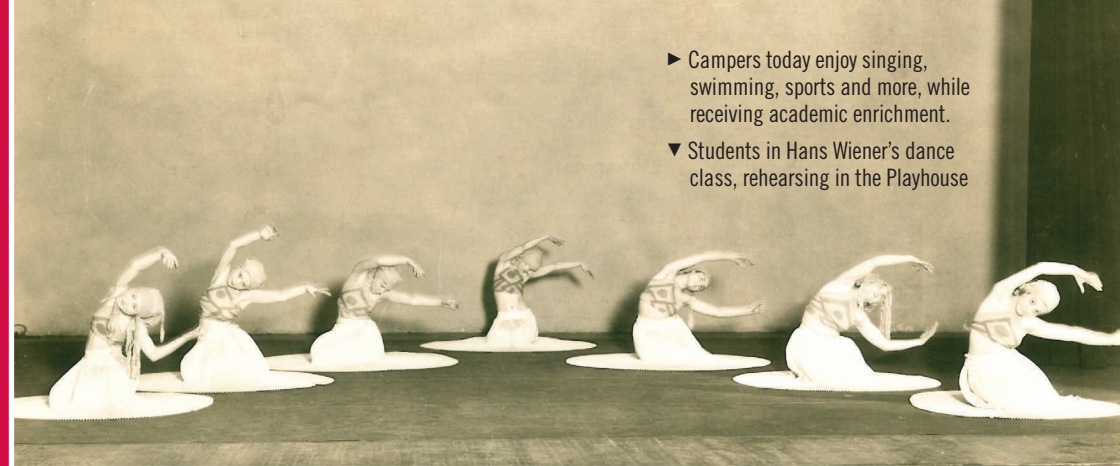
- ▲ ▲ Henry Street headquarters, c. 1930.
- ▲ Lillian Wald, Henry Street founder.
- ▶ Snack time in a c. 1920s children's program. Integrated programs have been a hallmark of Henry Street since its inception. The NAACP had its founding meeting in our dining room in 1909.





One of every
SIX
Americans
today benefits
from programs
pioneered at
Henry Street.

◀ **CLOCKWISE:** Boys lining up to board the summer camp bus. Henry Street operated upstate camps so Lower East Siders could escape sweltering summers in the city. Music lessons are offered for artists of all ages and abilities. An early view of the Playhouse, now part of our Abrons Arts Center, shortly after it opened in 1915. After receiving support in one of our family shelters, a formerly homeless family is enjoying their new apartment.



► Campers today enjoy singing, swimming, sports and more, while receiving academic enrichment.
▼ Students in Hans Wiener's dance class, rehearsing in the Playhouse



▲ Community Days are attended by our neighbors of all ages, who enjoy refreshments, music, dancing and more.
▼ Early childhood education for ages two to four prepares children for future academic success.



▲ Sewing and other recreational classes during the Settlement's early years provided creative escapes from daily life.
▼ Our Senior Center serves meals six days each week, all prepared by our Johnson & Wales University-trained chef. Nearly 1,500 homebound individuals receive our Meals on Wheels each weekday.
► To provide a safe place to play, Lillian Wald created one of the nation's first playgrounds in Henry Street's backyard.
► ESL classes, offered free of charge, help new immigrants adjust to life in America and prepare them to find jobs.
◀ Princess Diana visiting the Settlement in 1989 to tour our Urban Family Center, the nation's first shelter for homeless families, and the first to offer 24-hour supportive services.



Henry Street today serves 60,000 individuals annually at 17 program sites on the Lower East Side, and operates programs in more than 30 public schools.



Henry Street Today & Tomorrow

In 1893, Henry Street began as a radical social experiment to improve the lives of impoverished immigrants on Manhattan's Lower East Side. Just as our founder Lillian Wald addressed the community's most pressing problems — poverty, access to the arts, and health care — so today we embrace that legacy, that blueprint that for social change, as we responsibly steward this venerable agency to serve and succeed for the next 125 years.



Help Us Celebrate our
125th BIRTHDAY
by Supporting Our Work!

For information on how to give us a 125th birthday gift, please write Ellen Schneiderman at eschneiderman@henrystreet.org or call 212.766.9200 x 260

