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Henry Street Settlement opens doors of opportunity to enrich lives and enhance human progress for Lower East Side residents and other New Yorkers through social services, arts and health care programs.



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Mary Jones and her children, Tony and Dale.





Park McArthur

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Alex Rivera



Historic front door, 265 Henry Street.





door, then and now.

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## MESSAGES FROM **HENRY STREET**



## FROM THE **Executive Director**

Honor and preserve our illustrious past. Stay fiercely competitive in the present. Plan strategically for our future. That's been my focus in leading Henry Street, and one that continues to guide our course as we move into our 122nd year.

We are preserving our historic past by investing in our buildings (some nearly 200 years old!) through generous donations by our board and other key contributors to our Capital Campaign. We are preserving our progressive legacy by mounting an ambitious history project to celebrate the Settlement's 125th birthday in 2018. It has the imprimatur of (and funding from) the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Henry Street is staying competitive in the present through our continued commitment to quality programming, our renewed advocacy initiatives to engage all of our stakeholders, and by creating programs that respond to essential needs of our community. Examples are the recent Town Hall to discuss solutions to pressing issues, our new after-care program for families moving out of shelter, and our founding of the Lower East Side Employment Network to connect with burgeoning local economic development to secure jobs for neighborhood residents.

So much of what we are doing to stay competitive also has implications for the future. Our very successful Capital Campaign is not only about bricks and mortar; it is allowing for significant investment in information technology and human resources, which will streamline efficiencies in our already tight ship and build talent to ensure our future. Our increased community engagement on all levels will help us identify need, assess challenges and guide programming so that we are positioned to help our clients face the timeless effects of poverty with the same innovative spirit that has defined our past.

David Garza Executive Director

No one can see the future, but at Henry Street we see connections. And those connections - between past, present and future - will sustain the Settlement's legacy and mission to open doors of opportunity for decades to come. We owe our community nothing less.

## FROM THE **Board of Directors**

To say that we are honored to serve on Henry Street's Board of Directors is understating the enormous respect we have for the Settlement. Its mission to open doors of opportunity for members of the community has enhanced and, in many cases, changed the lives of those we serve. From the high school student assisted through the college admissions process to the elderly neighbor who relies on daily home-delivered meals, Henry Street has been an essential part of their lives. We are proud to report that we served 60,000 individuals last year through dozens of social services, arts and health care programs.

We aren't the only ones passionate about the Settlement's work. That is evidenced by the overwhelming response to our Capital Campaign. What began as a somewhat modest goal of \$12 million has, because of wonderful support, been increased to a more ambitious \$20 million. As we write this letter, we are pleased to report that we're nearly there. These funds will allow us to acquire and expand into the abandoned firehouse next to the Settlement's historic headquarters, and make other essential improvements to better serve our community.

As Henry Street embarks on its 122nd year of continuous service to the community, we owe a debt of gratitude to the agency staff, funders and our fellow directors who together create the unique environment of opportunity that characterizes the Settlement.



Philip T. Ruegger III Chairman



President

Scott Swid





# LOCAL HERO

Ruth Taube, a Henry Street employee for nearly 50 years, was named a Lower East Side Community Hero at the Lower East Side History Month's inaugural event in May.



# TOWN HALL SPEAK UP

More than 200 members of the Lower East Side community attended Henry Street's first ever Town Hall meeting in April to discuss housing, education, employment and gentrification. Among the local elected officials in attendance were U.S. Congresswomen Carolyn Maloney and Nydia Velázquez, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, and NYC Councilmembers Margaret Chin and Rosie Mendez.

#### Mei Chen, Certified Health Care Navigator (left), Pansy Li and Carol Tang, Certified Application Counselors, with a client.



COLLEGE

**SCHOLARSHIPS** 

bound students received

Sixty-four college and college-

Abrons/Aranow Scholarships

Seven students were presented

at a ceremony held in June.

with scholarships from the

newly established Bernard

Tannenbaum Memorial Scholarship Fund.

# STAY HEALTHY

Signing up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act was made easier by Henry Street, thanks to an on-site New York State-certified health care navigator and certified application counselors.

**SENIORS PARTY!** 

Senior Center were treated

entertainment, all sponsored

Some 128 seniors from the Good Companions

to a spectacular holiday

party, featuring a four-

course dinner and live

by Fir Tree Partners.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Elected officials — including District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr., U.S. Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez (above) and Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer — were among the speakers at Henry Street Settlement's annual Domestic Violence Awareness Conference in October.

# LOCAL JOBS

A Memo of Understanding was signed through an agreement reached between NYS Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, the Lower East Side Employment Network and the InterContinental Hotel Group to ensure that 30 percent of the more than 100 jobs expected to be generated by the new Hotel Indigo will be offered to Lower East Side residents.

# **BIKE MECHANICS**

The first class of the Bicycle Mechanics Skills Academy graduated in March. The ten-week program trained 28 men and women in the trade.

# FREE BOOKS!

Henry Street was the New York City partner of World Book Night, where David Garza, Executive Director of Henry Street Settlement, shared the podium with authors Garrison Keillor, Malcolm Gladwell and Tobias Wolff in April. Hundreds of Settlement clients received free books the next day.

# EDUCATION FOR ALL

In the Education Division, Universal Pre-Kindergarten instruction was increased from a half day to a full day, and another after-school site for middle school was launched, bringing the total to six in the neighborhood.



Shanelle Bolton, left, Early Childhood Education Director, with pre-K students.



Hands-on training at the Bicycle Mechanics Skills Academy.



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Scene from *The Second Hurricane*, an opera staged by Orson Welles and written by Henry Street faculty member Aaron Copland. Eartha Kitt starred in this 1937 production.

**THE ARTS HAVE BEEN CENTRAL** to Henry Street's mission to open doors of opportunity since 1893. Lillian Wald, the Settlement's founder, believed that creative expression and cultural engagement were essential threads in a society's fabric.

And so, on February 12, 1915, with the support of benefactors Alice and Irene Lewisohn, Henry Street opened the Neighborhood Playhouse on Grand Street to provide a home for innovative performance on the Lower East Side. Since that time, some of the most iconoclastic and influential artists of the past 100 years — Martha Graham, Aaron Copland, John Cage, Alwin Nikolais, Paul Taylor, Twyla Tharp, Philip Glass, Meredith Monk and John Zorn — have trained, taught or performed within its walls.

The Playhouse is now part of the Abrons Arts Center, a large building with galleries, theaters and arts studios. Constructed adjacent to the historic Playhouse in 1975, it embraces the Playhouse both architecturally and programmatically.

In 2015, to celebrate the Playhouse's century of making and teaching adventuresome art, and to launch the next era of cutting-edge work, Henry Street's Abrons Arts Center will

• Present a Centennial Season of world and New York City premieres by vanguard artists who epitomize the Playhouse's past, present and future;

• Award 100 scholarships to disadvantaged youth pursuing training in music, dance, theater and the visual arts;

• Provide 100 artists with research and development residencies and stipends; and

• Give 100 free tickets to low-income patrons for each production at the Playhouse throughout the year.

Among the centennial season highlights are performances by Will Rawls who will premiere his newest work, *Settlement House*, (June 4–6), a performance/ installation of Henry Street's role in the history of modern dance, and by internationally acclaimed director/puppeteer Basil Twist, who will present the world premiere of *Playhouse Follies* (October 1–November 7), a celebration of the Playhouse's rich history.

#### The Abrons Wins an Obie!

As the perfect prelude to its centennial year, the Abrons Arts Center won a prestigious Obie Award at the 59th Annual Obie Awards Ceremony in May 2014. The Obie Awards, given annually by *The Village Voice*, recognize excellence in Off- and Off-Off Broadway theater. The Abrons received the Ross Wetzsteon Award, presented to a theater that nurtures new plays and artists.

#### **2014 OBIE CITATION**

In a venerable 100-year-old *community center on the* Lower East Side, there's an arts program with an exciting new feeling revitalized, innovative, and vibrant. with new student courses. new artist residencies, and a teeming new calendar of events that involve some of the *best-known*. *some of the* newest, and some of the bravest downtown artists. To celebrate its newly reinvigorated life, the judges have voted to present the Ross Wetzsteon Award to the Abrons Arts Center of the Henry Street Settlement.

For a complete Centennial Season performance schedule and to purchase tickets, please visit abronsartscenter.org or call 212.352.3101. To donate to the Centennial Fund, please call 212.766.9200 x260





Clockwise from top: Exterior of the Playhouse in 1917; artist Basil Twist who will premiere *Playhouse Follies* in 2015; early interior view of the Playhouse.





Artist Will Rawls, left, will present his newest work *Settlement House* in 2015; above, a dance by Alwin Nikolais.



# CHANGING LIVES AT HENRY STREET



through Henry Street's doors. Inside, they find a comprehensive array of social service, arts and health care programs — all designed to provide the tools to help them improve their lives, and sometimes, even transform them.

On the following pages, we invite you to read the stories of five clients, individuals who came to Henry Street and now have a job, a home, an education and new opportunities. This is but a snapshot of the work we've been doing for 122 years.

## **OUR PROGRAMS**

#### ABRONS ARTS CENTER/PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

- Cutting-edge performances by emerging and acclaimed local and international artists in three theaters
- Contemporary art exhibitions in three galleries
- Residencies for visual artists, curators and performing artists
- Training for children and adults in visual arts, theater, music and dance; and summer arts camps
- StudioLab arts education for schools in all five NYC boroughs

#### EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

- Day care, after-school and summer camps
- College prep, tutoring and mentoring
- Youth sports, recreation and health and wellness programs
- · Employment services for youth and adults
- Customized staffing services
- Computer access and training at the ATTAIN lab

#### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Neighborhood Resource Center/Parent Center
- Primary health clinic (Health Unlimited)
- Mental health clinic (Community Consultation Center)
- Personalized Recovery Oriented Services
  (PROS)
- School-based mental health clinics
- Supportive housing residencesSenior Center, Meals on Wheels,
- NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community), Senior Companion Program

# TRANSITIONAL AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

 Shelter and supportive services in four separate shelters for homeless families, single adults and survivors of domestic violence and their children, and a supportive housing residence for formerly homeless individuals.



# Daniel Reed THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

It was a simple question that changed Daniel Reed's life.

After working construction jobs for five years, the Manhattan native walked into Henry Street's Workforce Development Center (WDC) in search of a steadier career.

"What are you good at?" asked Katrice Thomas, a WDC staffer. "My brother says I'm the best driver he knows," he replied.

Long story short, with the WDC's help, Daniel enrolled in a driving school where he earned his commercial driver's license. The WDC staff helped him get a job driving for Access-a-Ride and, at the same time, encouraged him to take the exam the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Five years later, Daniel got "the" call. His name had reached the top of the MTA list, and he was hired as a bus driver on a probationary basis.

His driving skills were so exceptional that he was hired permanently. Today, Daniel drives the M-14 bus in Manhattan; his route passes by the WDC several times each day. (He always waves hello.)

"I enjoy my job so much, it's not even like work for me," he said. "I have a great relationship with my passengers, and I'm grateful to Henry Street every day for guiding me to a career I love."

Daniel Reed, MTA bus driver, at the corner of Essex and Delancey Streets.



Park McArthur in front of the Abrons Arts Center.

# Park McArthur ARTIST

Park McArthur, 31, was already a recognized artist whose work had been shown internationally when she was selected as a 2013-14 AIRspace Resident at the Abrons Arts Center. But the competitive time-based residency provided her with valuable space (a scarce commodity in New York City) to create art and more.

"Sharing a space with curators and other artists during my residency solidified a lot of relationships," said Park. "It enabled me to make more art and to continue to present solo shows. I couldn't have done either without this space.

"There is an energy and life in the building," she said. "There's a social context, and it's so important to make art in that kind of environment."

Park participated in the AIRspace group show at the Abrons. And while a resident, Park, who uses a wheelchair, created other critically acclaimed artworks. Ramps, exhibited at ESSEX STREET, a Lower East Side gallery, explored issues of accessibility, and another, Files (with Alex Fleming), was shown at the Yale Union in Portland, Oregon.

The residency also afforded Park the opportunity to teach two adult education classes including, most recently, one entitled "Land Art, Race & Gender" through the Abrons' School of Making Thinking. "I got to teach from a place of excitement and desire, and to explore interests that felt risky or different for me," said Park. "It was a really valuable experience, because there aren't a lot of opportunities to do that."

# Jalisa Green HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND BEYOND



Jalisa Green, 26, has always helped others. But a year ago, she was the one who needed help.

Desperate to escape an abusive relationship, she moved into Henry Street's Urban Family Center (UFC) shelter. There, she and Prentiss, her two-year-old daughter, found refuge and much more. They participated in numerous UFC programs, including Mommy and Me classes. "They were wonderful," Jalisa said.

Beyond the classes and programs, Jalisa got even more help. With the support of the shelter's employment services counselors, she was able to find a full-time job (she was working only

part-time before) as a home health aide. Next, the shelter's housing specialists helped her secure a permanent apartment for her family. She moved into her new home in November.

"I'm very appreciative of everyone at Henry Street," she said. "They accepted me, supported me and helped me get to where I want to go. I'm hopeful for my future."

Once settled in her new home. Jalisa plans to return to school to pursue a career in criminal justice or another field, "as long as I'm helping someone," she said.

Jalisa Green and Prentiss on their last day at the Urban Family Center shelter. Carlos Montañez and his grandmother, Maria Silva, at the Good Companions Senior Center.

## Carlos Montañez and Maria Silva ALL IN THE FAMILY



For Carlos Montañez, 22, a senior at Brooklyn College, Henry Street Settlement is family.

Carlos is the fourth generation to be a part of Henry Street. It began with his grandmother, Maria Silva, who worked for the Settlement and enrolled her children in the after-school programs.

At age 10, Carlos joined Camp Henry. He continued as a participant in the Summer Youth Employment Program and later, in the college prep program, Expanded Horizons, which he credits with helping him get into college. He is also the grateful recipient of a 2014 Abrons/ Aranow college scholarship.

"Henry Street has opened so many doors for me," he said. "Not just college assistance, but the staff being there to talk to. I appreciate that they were always there for me."

These days, Maria spends time at the Settlement's Good Companions Senior Center, where she enjoys Zumba and exercise classes. Her aging mother receives services from the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) to help her remain in her apartment.

At college, Carlos is building an accomplished resume; he's Executive VP and Sports Director of the Brooklyn College radio station and an intern at CBS Radio.

In the future, Carlos plans to contribute to the Settlement's scholarship fund. "They've been such a help to me," he said. "Right now, the only thing I have to share is time."

Despite his busy workload, he contributes exactly that. Carlos (like his father before him) is a volunteer referee in a local flag football program. Carlos tells the kids in the league that "there are so many possibilities at Henry Street.

"I promote Henry Street as much as possible, because it's made such a big impact in my life," he said. "I tell the kids, 'I was in the same shoes as you. Even though you grew up in a bad neighborhood, you can be anything you want to be."

# Iman-Ayeesha Platt FROM STUDENT TO TEACHER

Iman-Ayeesha Platt, 26, first came to Henry Street in 2011 after graduating from the College of Staten Island looking for a path and a career. She found not only those, but more importantly, Iman found a purpose.

After joining one of Henry Street's employment programs, the Lower East Side native quickly became familiar with everything else the Settlement had to offer. She immediately set a pattern of success for herself — join one program and get involved in others as well. Iman began taking sewing classes at the Home Planning Workshop, which

led her to volunteer both there and at the agency's Unlimited Boutique job training site.

"It gave me something to do. My mind was focused, and everything was okay," she explained.

Next, she took classes at the ATTAIN Computer Lab; within a year, she received five digital literacy certifications. "That's one of my greatest accomplishments," she said.

After earning the certifications, Iman volunteered at the ATTAIN lab to help other students. And when an instructor position became available at the Settlement's Community Consultation Center computer lab, she was immediately hired.

Iman loves her job. "When students accomplish things in their classes, and express their gratitude for my help, it's really heartwarming," she said.

While Iman hopes to continue working in the computer lab, she's already working toward her next goal: to become a skilled photographer.

Iman-Ayeesha Platt in the computer lab at the Community Consultation Center.



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**WE REVISITED** some of our clients profiled in past annual reports for an update on their lives. And we learned a lot, most importantly, that Henry Street *does* change lives every day and every year.





Alex Rivera, left, as a high school senior, and far left, as a Hunter College emplovee in 2015.

## Alex Rivera

When Alex Rivera was featured in the 2007 annual report, he was a 17-year-old sweatshirt-wearing high school senior. Fast forward seven years, and today Alex having earned his undergraduate degree at Mount Saint Mary's College — is a suitwearing full-time employee in the Hunter College IT department, where he helps students solve their computer issues. "I really enjoy working with students because the similar experience I had at Henry Street as a student is still very dear to me," he said. Though he enjoys his job, his next goal is to teach English in Japan, a country that he's been fascinated with since elementary school. He's visited once and is studying to improve his Japanese.

Alex remains appreciative of Henry Street. The Expanded Horizons college prep program helped him get into college and, in what he calls "the best blessing ever," awarded him an Abrons/Aranow college scholarship two years in a row.

"I will always be grateful for Henry Street," said Alex.



Wei Kang Luo, far left, at work in 2015, and at Henry Street in 2009, left.

# Wei Kang Luo



When we first met Wei Kang Luo in 2009, he had just started two part-time jobs he found through the Workforce Development Center after completing its ESL program. Today, he still has both positions — one in a supermarket and the other as a cook — and, in the intervening five years, has been promoted several times. The two jobs fit perfectly with his schedule, and he enjoys them, but after working for 48 years (both here and in his native China), he's looking forward to retiring and traveling with his wife. Both are proud of their son who holds a master's degree in economics and has a job at the U.S. Department of Labor. Five years after first coming to the WDC, Wei Kang credits Henry Street with giving him confidence and the connection to two jobs he loves.



Nelson Feliciano, above, in 2015, and right, in 2009. He is now a Senior Companion volunteer.



# Nelson Feliciano

Nelson Feliciano has thrived in the five years since he moved into one of Henry Street's supportive housing residences. The former factory worker, now 60, benefits from several other Settlement services, including counseling and medical care at the agency's Community Consultation Center. But now, he's giving back; he recently became a Senior Companion volunteer. He has completed the training and is waiting to be paired with a senior who he will assist with friendly visiting, light errands, meal planning and trips to medical appointments. "I'm very grateful to Henry Street for helping me there are a lot of angels there," he said.

#### Siblings Richard Abrons, Herbert Abrons and Rita Aranow, in front of the Settlement, in 1998.



This is about paying it forward — over two centuries.

In 1896, Lillian Wald, the nurse who had founded Henry Street Settlement just three years earlier, entered a run-down tenement apartment on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Inside, she found a destitute widow, living in squalor and struggling to feed her five children with the pittance she earned sewing clothes.

Miss Wald got to work, bringing order to the apartment and delousing the children. After determining three were malnourished, she sent them to the Hebrew Orphan Asylum. But — most importantly — she gave the widow a job sewing nurses' uniforms at a decent wage so she could eventually reunite and support her family.

Eight years later, one of those children, Anne Schroeder, now 18 and home from the orphanage, attended a dance at Henry Street. There she met Louis Abrons, the man she would marry. Together, Anne and Louis and their descendents — never ones to let an act of kindness go unreturned, would become major benefactors of the Settlement.

Louis himself had another life-changing encounter at Henry Street in 1904 when Herbert Lehman, leader of the literary club he attended, encouraged him to go to the "fine engineering school" at the University of Michigan— and gave him the money to do so.

Louis became a successful New York City real estate developer; his company erected several large buildings in midtown, including

# **GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY:** OUR "FAMILY" DONORS

## The Abrons and Henry Street: A 119-Year Love Story

the Barbizon Plaza Hotel. Anne and Louis named their first-born son Herbert Lehman Abrons, after Louis' mentor who later became New York State governor.

Fast forward a century: The Barbizon (and many of Louis' other buildings) still stand, contributing to the skyline, and the Abrons family is Henry Street's most generous donor.

The Louis and Anne Abrons Foundation, established in 1977, following the death of Louis Abrons, is the largest private contributor to the Settlement, and the Abrons Arts Center was built in 1975 with seed money from Louis Abrons. The Abrons/ Aranow Scholarship Fund (established by Louis and Anne's grandchildren in their parents' honor) today helps makes it possible, as Herbert Lehman did for Louis, for lowincome students to attend college.

In addition to funds, the family has generously contributed time and expertise. Louis and Anne's children, Richard, Herbert and Rita, have all been deeply involved with Henry Street. Today, Richard and his niece Anne Abrons serve on Henry Street's board.

"I am proud of the rich history my mother and father had with Henry Street, proud that it is maintained in the family today, and proud of all that the Settlement does for over 60,000 neighbors on the Lower East Side each year," said Richard Abrons, who recalls with fondness an afternoon he spent as a young child visiting with Lillian Wald, his grandmother's benefactor. **IS PHILANTHROPY GENETIC?** Although there's no scientific evidence, at Henry Street we believe it is. Each family profiled here has a history of deep commitment to the Settlement and those we serve. They believe, as we do, that poverty is a social issue, and one that requires innovative solutions; their generosity has impacted thousands. We are honored to have had an affiliation with each of them that has endured for many lifetimes, and proud to call them family.

## Three Generations of Service





Top: Anthony Winslow Jones, Mary Carter Jones and Dale Burch, in 1990. Bottom: Melissa Burch.

Dale Burch, a born and bred Manhattanite, has been invited to join the boards of many venerable institutions, invitations she has graciously declined time and again. "I listened to the wise counsel of a dear friend who said that it's more effective to serve on one board, and do so thoroughly, rather than serve superficially on many," she explained.

Today, Dale is the beloved President Emeritus of Henry Street's Board of Directors, after serving as its president for a decade and as a member since 1970.

"Henry Street is a part of my life, and it always has been," she said. That's because her mother, Mary Carter Jones, was an active board member, beginning in the 1940s. One of Dale's earliest Settlement memories was attending a big festival on

Henry Street where she had her photo taken with Mayor Robert F. Wagner and was given a baseball cap (Yankees, she recalls) by Helen Hall, the director of Henry Street. "Several weeks later, my mother received a call from Miss Hall, chastising her because I hadn't sent a thank-you note," said Dale. "I thought a card was unnecessary; after all, I had thanked her in person, but my mother was chagrined."

As Ms. Jones grew older, she recruited her children to join the Henry Street Board. Her son, Anthony Winslow Jones, served until his death in 2010.

Today, the family tradition continues, reaching into yet another generation. Melissa Burch,

Dale's daughter-in-law, joined the board in 2008.

"I joined because Dale's enthusiasm is contagious," said Melissa. "Years ago when I was first getting to know the organization, Dale had a biography of Lillian Wald on her coffee table and was always encouraging me to read it. One year I took it on vacation as 'beach reading' and was really inspired."

Dale is hopeful that her own daughter will join the board in the future when she can "find the time in her busy schedule as a school principal and a mother-to-be.

"Henry Street is so important, it's in a class by itself," said Dale. Many would say the same about her family.





Governor Herbert Lehman with Henry Street children, left, and C.J. Wise, David Giffen and son Finn, below.



## A Legacy of Progressivism

When C.J. Wise joined Henry Street's Board of Directors in 2003, she was carrying on a tradition begun in the early 1900s by her greatgrandfather, Herbert Lehman. Yes, that Herbert Lehman — the former governor of New York State and U.S. Senator.

Herbert Lehman first came to Henry Street as a volunteer youth leader; he joined the board in 1917, serving until 1961, and was named Honorary President in 1965. When his son Peter (also a youth volunteer) was tragically killed in World War II, Herbert and his wife Edith donated money to the Settlement for a new youth building, named Pete's House, in his memory.

Stephanie Wise, Herbert's granddaughter, joined the board in 1985 and, when she was getting to ready to step down, reached out to C.J., her niece, to maintain the family's connection to Henry Street.

C.J. has been honored to have the opportunity to continue the legacy begun by her great-grandfather. "Herbert Lehman had progressive values that melded perfectly with Henry Street's," she said. "Henry Street was always meaningful to me, and has become even more so," she said. "When I talk about the work, I always say 'we.'"

What C.J. finds to compelling is that the Settlement has maintained the same core values that it embraced in her great-grandfather's day. "New York faces many of the same issues that existed in the early 20th century," she said, "and Henry Street has consistently taken a progressive approach to solving them, focusing on populations that don't have a voice and offering solutions that go beyond the superficial."

It seems the family connection may continue into the next generation, with C.J. and her husband, David Giffen's son Finn. Not only is Finn's maternal great-great-grandfather Herbert Lehman, but his paternal one is another prominent New Dealer — Harry Hopkins!

## Three Women, Three Leaders

Edith Ehrlich, 83, and her family share a long history with Henry Street.

Her mother, Fanny Askin, worked at the Settlement under founder Lillian Wald and served on the board. "She was excited about what was happening at Henry Street, especially for women," said Edith. Later, Helen Hall, who took over after Wald retired, was a frequent guest at their house.

Both Edith and her sister Audrey volunteered at Henry Street, helping their mother run the thrift shop. After college, the sisters continued to volunteer, as did a number of their friends. The group would travel there by subway, or sometimes in a friend's car. Edith recalls one time when renowned photographer Weegee, who taught a photography workshop at Henry Street, rode with them.

Edith was editor of the Settlement newspaper and taught ceramics to children; Audrey was a camp counselor. Both were members of the Friends of Henry Street, a fundraising group.



While Edith became an accomplished artist, Audrey pursued a social work career, and served on the Henry Street Board for 46 years, 24 of them as Chair. Following Audrey's death in 2007, her daughter Laurie Weltz "felt honored" when she was invited to join the board.

"I grew up with Henry Street," said Laurie. "At the dinner table, while other families discussed the school day, we talked about Henry Street. I can't remember a time when it wasn't a part of my life."

One of Laurie's fondest childhood memories is accompanying her mother and grandmother to the Settlement thrift shop where she felt "so grown up" when allowed to put price tags on items.

"Being involved with Henry Street is just something people in my family do," she said, noting that the fourth generation continues the tradition. "My nephew is a volunteer and I hope that my daughter will one day join the board, carrying on what has become an integral part of our family." From left, Edith Ehrlich, Audrey Rosenman (in 1990), and Laurie Weltz.



# FINANCIAL REPORT FY2014

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SUPPORT	2013	2014
Contributions-Operating	4,829,467	5,899,740
Contributions-Special Campaigns	2,542,231	4,739,273
Special Events	1,484,446	2,015,253
Legacies and Bequests	94,895	105,763
Government Contracts	25,102,601	25,680,741
TOTAL SUPPORT	34,053,640	38,440,770
OTHER REVENUE		
Investment Income	1,474,170	3,343,557
Program Activities	1,840,072	2,173,286
Rental and Other Income	974,238	906,868
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	38,342,120	44,864,481
EXPENSES		
Health & Wellness Programs		
8	9,774,961 2,000,674	10,122,652 2,507,468
Arts Programs Education & Employment Programs	2,000,074 8,256,156	2,507,408 9,308,718
Shelter & Transitional Housing Programs		10,771,662
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	10,925,215	
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	30,957,006	32,710,500
Management and General	3,898,772	3,922,137
Fundraising	830,128	960,598
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	4,728,900	4,882,735
		4,002,/33
TOTAL EXPENSES	35,685,906	37,593, 235
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		
BEFORE OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	2,656,214	7,271,246
Other Adjustments:		
Required Minimum Funding – Defined Benefit Pension Plan	1.155.050	806 220
Benefit i clision r lan	1,177,079	896,330
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Scene from the 2014 holiday party that Fir Tree Partners hosted for Henry Street seniors. (Jeff Tannenbaum, in red hat, is dancing with a senior.)

## Fir Tree: Partners in Philanthropy

All it took was a phone call from Fir Tree Partners, a New York-based private investment firm, to spark a four-year (and counting) relationship with Henry Street Settlement, one that has included numerous volunteer events, donations from the firm and its team members and the establishment of a college scholarship fund. To recognize its extraordinary efforts, Henry Street honored Fir Tree with the Corporate Leadership Award at the 2014 Gala Dinner Dance.

"Fir Tree has always had a philanthropic initiative," said Jeff Tannenbaum, who founded the company in 1994. "But we have never found an organization with Henry Street's professionalism and one that would allow us to develop personal connections with the individuals served. We touch the lives of Henry Street clients, but they also touch ours."

He explained that people in the finance industry tend to socialize with others in the same sphere, and consequently may not develop empathy for those in need. To encourage a culture of empathy, Fir Tree involves its 90 team members in volunteer events at Henry Street. "We wanted to engage with a charity in our own backyard," said Jeff. "At Henry Street, our people could get physically, emotionally and mentally involved in the work." It seems to be working. Jeff noted that many Fir Tree employees have been so moved that they've made anonymous contributions to the Settlement.

The most recent Fir Tree volunteer event was an extravagant holiday party for 128 seniors. The party included a four course dinner (with waiter service provided by Fir Tree), complete with live entertainment and dancing. Fir Tree's strong involvement continues; the company is donating a new computer lab at the Good Companions Senior Center (and funding the salary of an instructor). In the past, Fir Tree has donated a new gymnasium floor and hosted numerous volunteer events.

Last year, to honor his late father, Jeff established the Bernard Tannenbaum Memorial Scholarship, which provides tuition assistance for college-bound Henry Street youth. "My father lived in dozens of foster homes and the one thing that helped him survive was education," he said. "Our family wanted to honor his legacy by providing the same opportunities to other young people in need." In the "smallworld" department, after Fir Tree became involved with Henry Street, Jeff discovered that both his and his wife's grandmothers attended Henry Street programs.

David Garza, Executive Director of Henry Street, said of Fir Tree, "They give us something incredibly important, more important than their time and money. They put their heart behind everything they do."



#### A Credit Suisse volunteer making gingerbread houses with Henry Street after-school students.

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## The 2014 Gala Dinner Dance

Henry Street's glamorous Gala Dinner Dance, held on April 8 at the Plaza Hotel, honored Amandine and Stephen Freidheim, Fir Tree Partners and Alexis Stoudemire. The sold-out event reaped more than \$1.1 million to benefit the Settlement's social service, arts and health care programs. Enrica Arengi Bentivoglio, Barbara von Bismarck, Giovanna Campagna, Natalia Gottret Echavarria, Kalliope Karella, Anna Pinheiro, Pilar Crespi Robert and Leslev Schulhof, co-chaired the gala, and **Mulberry** was the corporate sponsor.

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## The Art Show 2014

The 26th Annual Art Show, among the foremost art fairs in the nation, and its star-studded Gala Preview, a defining event on New York's social and cultural calendars, raised more than \$1.2 million in 2014. The event was held on March 4 at the Park Avenue Armory. Honorary Chair of the event was Agnes Gund. Co-chairs were Bunty Armstrong, Janine and J. Tomilson Hill, Alexandra Lebenthal and Byron and Anita Volz Wien. The Art Show has been organized by the Art Dealers Association of America since 1989 to benefit Henry Street Settlement.



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