



NEWS from HENRY STREET

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VISIT THE HOUSE ON HENRY STREET

The Settlement’s permanent, interactive exhibition, *The House on Henry Street*, is open! Located in our headquarters at 265 Henry Street, the National Endowment for the Humanities-funded exhibit explores themes of social activism, urban poverty, and public health through the lens of Henry Street and Lower East Side history.

It’s already a hit with local schoolchildren and adults alike. To book a group tour, contact kvogel@henrystreet.org.

If you can’t make it down to the Lower East Side, be sure to visit our virtual online exhibit —TheHouseonHenryStreet.org—which includes a historical walking tour, accessible on mobile devices, of our fascinating and multiethnic neighborhood.

EXHIBIT HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 10AM–6PM
SELECTED EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS



Kids from Camp Henry had a sneak preview of the exhibit during summer 2018.



Unprecedented Donation Helps Send Henry Streeters to College

This fall, 34 first-year college students in Henry Street’s Expanded Horizons college-success program began their studies with some of their financial weight lifted, thanks to an annual four-year scholarship from the Settlement—an immediate and tangible result of the unprecedented gift that our organization received from the estate of Sylvia Bloom-Margolies.

They join the ranks of more than 100 students already receiving scholarships from Henry Street; but this year we were able to double the scholarship funds that we award to Expanded Horizons participants through the generosity of the Abrons-Aranow and other scholarship funds. It’s a transformative assist for young people who can use the funds however they are needed, whether for tuition, books, or bus tickets home.

Jason Lei, a first-year student at George Washington University, used the scholarship to purchase photography equipment for his black and white photography class.

“The scholarship literally gave me the opportunity to take photo labs, and to document new memories at GWU,” Lei says.

The gift came out of the blue after Henry Street Board Member Jane Lockshin discovered that Bloom-Margolies—her Aunt Sylvia—had left a secret fortune and entrusted Jane to decide where to donate it.

Says Lockshin, the decision was easy. Aunt Sylvia had earned her college degree at night

school and wanted her estate to benefit those with limited educational opportunities. “I know that Henry Street does what it says it will do. It’s a well-respected and responsible organization, does outstanding work, and is firmly grounded in New York City. And, it has soul,” Lockshin says.

News of Bloom-Margolies’s magnanimous gift to Henry Street landed on the front page of *The New York Times* and appeared around the globe. Our donor had worked as a legal secretary at the law firm Cleary Gottlieb for 67 years, until her retirement at age 97. She was the third employee hired by the law firm and amassed her fortune not from her salary, but from her investments. Whenever her boss asked her to make a stock purchase for him, she bought the same stock—but in a smaller amount.

Expanded Horizons is an eight-year program serving several hundred students, helping them prepare—both academically and emotionally—for college and then giving them ongoing support to help make their experience a success.

The Bloom-Margolies Scholarship Fund in Memory of Sylvia Bloom-Margolies, Raymond Margolies, and Ruth Bloom was established in memory of Sylvia’s husband and sister in addition to herself. It will generate funds annually and in perpetuity, ultimately helping thousands of low-income young adults succeed in college

HENRY STREET happenings

Henry Street Settlement opens doors of opportunity for Lower East Side residents and all New Yorkers through innovative social service, arts and health care programs. Here's a snapshot of some latest news:



125th ANNIVERSARY EXTRAVAGANZA

An Unforgettable Night Under the Stars

The stars shone brightly both above and inside the elegant tented 125th Anniversary Gala Dinner on Henry Street the evening of September 13. More than 275 friends gathered for a once-in-a-lifetime magical celebration of the Settlement's milestone birthday.

TOP: The multigenerational Voices of Henry Street chorus wowed gala attendees.

BOTTOM: Amy Sharpe Matthew and Chiqi Matthew pose with our mascot, #FlatLillian.



SUMMER OF '18: How Henry Street Beat the Heat

The summer of 2018 sizzled in more ways than one. But we didn't let the humidity slow us down. Here's how Henry Street spent the summer of '18.

PARTYING! At the second annual Abrons Arts Center Block Party (above), neighborhood kids and adults rocked out to tunes spun by DJ Riobamba while enjoying trivia, games, empanadas, and performances by the Voices of Henry Street chorus and the Rajé and Rajé Reborn dance troupe.

GOING GREEN! Henry Street helped turn the neighborhood green on July 7 when Community Advisory Board (CAB) member Annisia Perry hosted *Sustainability & the City*, a resource fair, at 301 Henry Street. Motivated by a desire to keep the community a clean, healthy place to live, Perry brought together recycling and composting resources and local organizations to educate and inspire a more environmentally conscious Lower East Side. The project was among those funded by Henry Street's CAB through its participatory budgeting process.

SHOWING CIVIC PRIDE! In June, youth from Henry Street's Urban Family Center shelter joined the Coalition for the Homeless at the NY Kids Need Housing March, calling for more permanent housing for homeless New Yorkers. A few days later, a dozen members of Henry Street's Senior Center and NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) rallied for funding for senior centers, meal delivery, and other important programs. All month, an IDNYC popup at 301 Henry Street helped people register for this important government identification card.

PROMOTING DEMOCRACY! Over the summer, Henry Street team members learned how to register voters, and now anyone can stop by five of our locations to register: Headquarters, 265 Henry Street; Youth Services, 301 Henry Street; Workforce Development Center, 99 Essex Street; Jobs Plus, 24 Avenue D; Senior Center, 334 Madison Street.

COMMUNITY DAY: Tacos, Games, and Praise for Lillian Wald

Henry Street was abuzz on Sunday, September 16, as more than 1,000 community members gathered in Sol Lain Park for the Henry Street and Visiting Nurse Service of New York's joyous Community Day block party to commemorate both organizations' 125th anniversaries.

The afternoon unfolded with a mix of dancing, game playing, and art-making amid information tables from area groups and businesses. Local eats were provided by Yankee Doodle Dandy, El Toro Rojo, Phil's Steaks, and Uncle Louie G's Italian Ice.

Addressing the crowd alongside Marki Flannery, CEO of VNSNY, Henry Street Executive Director David Garza said, "We were founded by the premise that if we see a problem, situation, or circumstance, not only do we say something, we do something. Addressing a need, whether it's in health care, housing, education, employment, the arts, nutrition, safety, or child welfare, is at the core of what we do."



Community members danced, played games, and enjoyed local eats at the Community Day birthday bash.



Workforce Development Success: Hotel on Rivington

Finding ideal employees is among an employer's biggest challenges. The customized staffing services at Henry Street Settlement's Workforce Development Center match job seekers with employers, offering a perfect solution, especially for small independent businesses.

Carolyn Arnovitz, director of housekeeping at Hotel on Rivington, is one such employer, having used Henry Street's staffing services since the luxury hotel opened 14 years ago. Now, seven hotel staff members have come through Henry Street and work as housecleaners, room and minibar attendants, and a painter!

"Henry Street provides a wonderful service, and the employees stay a long time," says Arnovitz. "It's been a tremendous partnership!"



Carolyn Arnovitz, director of housekeeping, fourth from left, and Hotel on Rivington staff.

FC BARCELONA AND HENRY STREET ARE A PERFECT "MATCH"

The "goals" of a March training by Barça Foundation, the charitable arm of FC Barcelona, Catalonia's world-famous soccer team, were scored off the field, when the organization trained Henry Street's Youth Services staff in using sports to facilitate social-emotional learning.

Spending two Saturdays at the Boys & Girls Republic (BGR), trainers combined classroom learning with sports drills and discussion to demonstrate its methodology known as FutbolNet, which uses sports as a tool for reflection and an agent of change. The methodology teaches the values of humility, effort, ambition, respect, and teamwork, or H.E.A.R.T.—to build a culture of cooperation for youth of all ages, on both individual and group levels.

"This training is a phenomenal tool we can use to help our team members create their lessons more purposefully. It's not just about teaching basketball," said Leonor Colon, BGR assistant director of after-school and camp services.



Henry Street youth team members and Barça Foundation staff reflect during a training session.

Shelter Aftercare Program Keeps Families Secure

Henry Street Settlement is proud to report that its Shelter Aftercare Program has kept 99 percent (103 out of 104) of its formerly homeless clients in permanent housing for three years—a significant increase over citywide averages.

For some formerly homeless individuals and families, remaining securely in their new homes can be a persistent challenge. Research by Metis Associates found that nearly half of the residents in Henry Street's Urban Family Center had had at least one prior stay at a New York City homeless shelter, and some had been homeless up to five times—including as children.

Through Town Hall meetings, Henry Street participants identified "aftercare" as a crucial ingredient in success after homelessness. Aftercare services include job-readiness and placement assistance, child care, mental health care, and assistance navigating new communities to which people may have relocated.



We created #FlatLillian to teach people of all ages about the mission and values of our trailblazing founder, Lillian Wald—ideas that continue to guide Henry Street's work. If you would like your own mini-mascot, please contact Nicole Fogarty at nfogarty@henrystreet.org.

TOWN HALL: Neighbors Raise Their Voices

Housing, policing, and getting to know one's neighbors topped the list of community concerns at Henry Street's annual Town Meeting on September 16. Our Community Advisory Board (CAB) members and other neighbors, Henry Street employees, and board members gathered in the gym at 301 Henry Street to discuss their concerns and hopes for the Lower East Side, Henry Street's services, and how the Settlement can help. Past Town Hall feedback has led directly to innovative Henry Street programs, including our homeless aftercare program and even the CAB itself.

"Closed mouths don't get fed," said CAB member Shawntel Dunbar, introducing the meeting. "If you want to create change, you have to make sure your voice is being heard, and work together with your community."



COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW ROUND OF FUNDING

Where can community members vote on how to invest a pool of funds in their own neighborhood? Here at Henry Street! Each year, our Community Advisory Board (CAB) distributes \$5,000, provided by the Settlement, to various projects. In June, the CAB—composed of dozens of Lower East Side residents and Henry Street clients of diverse backgrounds, ages, and ethnicities—supported the following projects:

- Sustainability & the City resource fair at 301 Henry Street in July
- Summer arts programming and education for homeless teens
- Therapeutic senior services support group for Spanish-speaking and Latinx seniors
- Live performances at the Abrons Arts Center Block Party in July
- Annual School-Based Mental Health & Parent Center back-to-school event



photo: Scott Rudd

THE 2019 ART SHOW

To benefit Henry Street Settlement
Organized by the Art Dealers Association of America

Join Henry Street for our most glamorous fundraiser, opening with a Gala Preview on a new night, Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

Held at the iconic Park Avenue Armory and featuring some of the most significant artists from around the world, The Art Show attracts more than 2,000 patrons at the preview and 11,000 more at the show during the week. The Gala Preview offers an exclusive first look at the works on view before the fair opens to the public, convening the worlds of art and philanthropy for this incomparable VIP evening.

The Art Show is not only the nation's most respected and longest-running art fair; it is also Henry Street's largest fundraiser and greatest source of flexible funding. Your ticket purchase allows Henry Street to meet our community's evolving needs, including access to the arts, academic support, mental health counseling, and shelter from homelessness and domestic violence.

BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY!

THE ART SHOW GALA PREVIEW PARTY

Wednesday, February 27, 2019
5:00, 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30 p.m.
ticket entry

THE ART SHOW RUN-OF-SHOW

Thursday, February 28 – Sunday,
March 3, 2019

For tickets and information, visit henrystreet.org/theartshow

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Future of the Jewish Deli

November 7, 2018, 6 – 9 PM

A panel discussion celebrating Katz's 130th and Henry Street's 125th anniversaries

Your Story, Our Story

November 8, 2018, 11:30 AM – 1 PM

Adults from Henry Street's ESL classes share their stories at the Tenement Museum

Accordion Music from the Irish, Jewish, and Dominican Traditions

December 9, 2018, 3 – 4:30 PM

With a Lower East Side history focus, at Museum at Eldridge Street

Lillian Wald Symposium

March 2019

This annual symposium examines current issues that affect our clients and other underserved New Yorkers.

CINEMAtheque

May 2019

Film screening, performances, and a special menu at our lively gala downtown.

AT THE ABRONS ARTS CENTER

Zapatografia/Shoegraphy

November 29 – December 8, 2018

Larissa Velez-Jackson's conceptual work addresses the relationship between longtime working-class residents of New York City and its experimental arts community. Created with members of the Henry Street Settlement Senior Center.

Outdoor Bonfires

November 9, December 14, 2018; future dates to be announced

An acknowledgment of the Lenape people and their ancestral homeland on which we live, featuring Indigenous arts groups, hosted by Emily Johnson/Catalyst.

Jack & the Beanstalk

December 14 – 30, 2018

The New York Times Critic's Pick is back for a second year with new songs and more radical joy.

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ATTEND AN EVENT like our Art Show or CINEMAtheque party

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