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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 service, arts, and health care programs.

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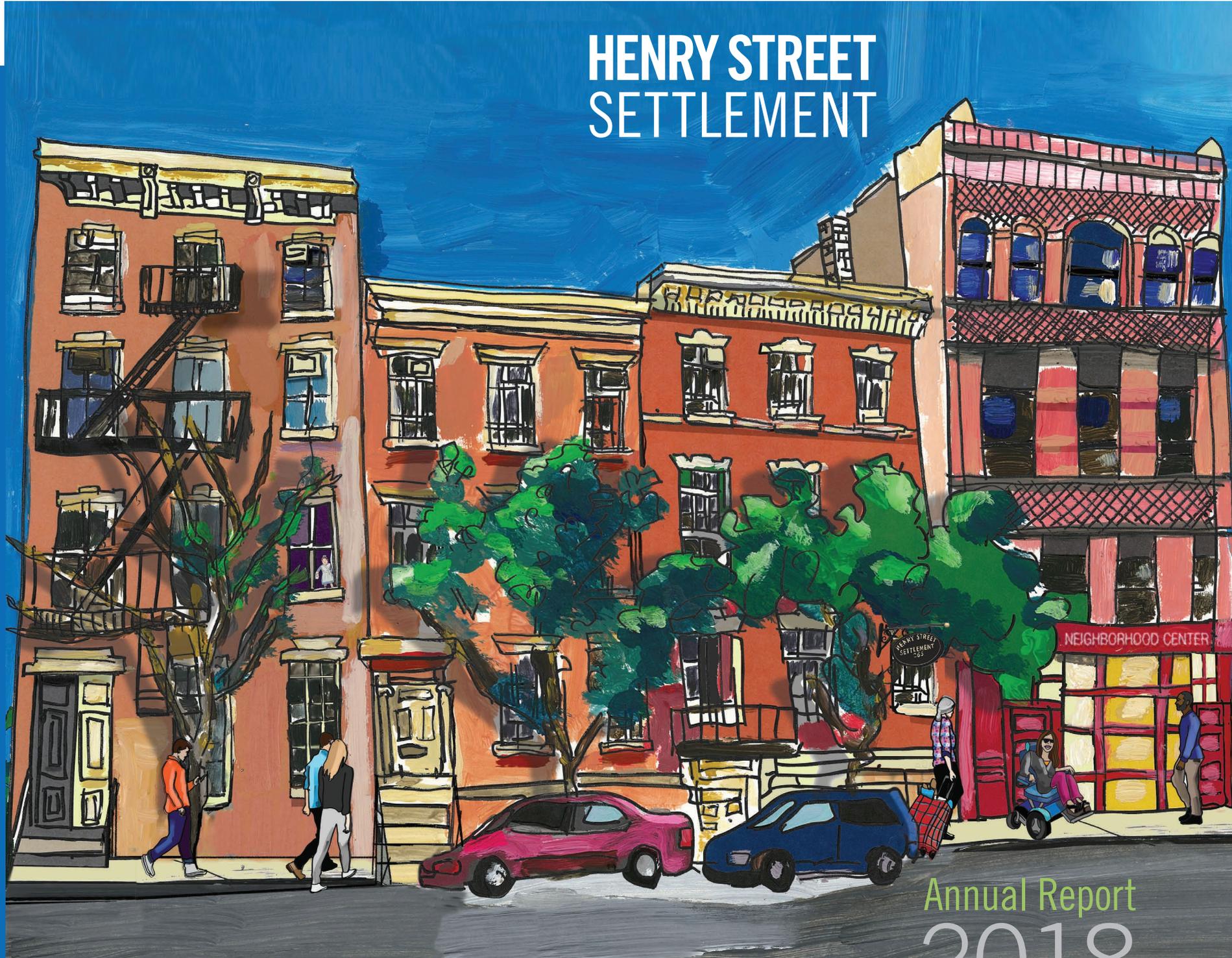
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Annual Report
2018

OUR IMPACT FY 2018

In FY 2018, Henry Street Settlement opened our doors to **54,536** people, through rich and diverse programming in social services, arts, and health care.

Here are just a few highlights of Henry Street's impact in 2018.

Education: **100%** of the seniors in our college success program were accepted to college.

Transitional and Supportive Housing: **99.5%** of the homeless families receiving aftercare services from Henry Street remained permanently and safely housed.

Employment: **647** New Yorkers were successfully employed through our Workforce Development Center.

Health and Wellness: **2,483** households were connected to essential benefits, including food stamps, health insurance, and more.

Arts: **5,216** students experienced visual and performing arts programming in public schools and community settings.

Senior Services: **491,532** nutritious meals were served to seniors across Manhattan through our Meals on Wheels program.



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Lower East Side



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Flat Lillian—a two-dimensional image of Henry Street Settlement's trailblazing founder, Lillian Wald—made her debut in 2018 to raise awareness of the organization and its beginnings.



This symbol of Wald—who lived from 1867 to 1940 and pioneered the field of public health nursing—is being used throughout the Settlement's programs to teach participants about the founding vision that continues to guide our services. Children in our preschool programs can now tell the story of Henry Street, and visitors to the Settlement learn about social change brought about by Wald and her fellow reformers of the Progressive Era.

Henry Streeters have photographed Flat Lillian on their travels all over the world, using the hashtag #FlatLillian on social media. For your own Flat Lillian, please write info@henrystreet.org.

Messages from Henry Street



From
David Garza
Executive
Director

It's been an emotional year for me and for all of us at the Settlement. We're still in awe of the significance of our 125th anniversary, our celebration under the stars right here on Henry Street, our 1,000-strong Community Day in Sol Lain Park, the much-anticipated opening of our permanent exhibition, *The House on Henry Street*, and the fact that our doors have remained open wide for those who need us for more than 45,000 consecutive days.

Despite our longstanding success, it has been a painful year, too. Some of our clients live in fear—from the anti-immigrant policies and racially divisive rhetoric coming out of Washington, D.C., to the swiftly rising rents on the Lower East Side that threaten the very existence of the community, to the fundamental insecurity caused by the rising cost of health care.

As we look back on our history amid the volatility and tumultuousness that colors our world today, I'm reminded of our founding tenet—that our foremost job is to carefully identify community needs and meet them effectively and compassionately.

From the knock on the door that led Lillian Wald to establish the Settlement's visiting nurse service in 1893 to today's dynamic, multidimensional organization that serves more than 50,000 people each year, Henry Street is above all committed to respond.

Henry Street was founded to defend immigrants' rights, health, and safety, and this population continues to make up a large proportion of the people we serve. We've devoted the stories in this report to them: those who've left their homes and families to seek safety and security, to contribute to our society, and ultimately to provide better lives for their children and themselves, with help from Henry Street.

Thank you for standing with us every step of the way, united by the power and the purpose that have defined us for 125 years and counting.



Scott Swid
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From the Board of Directors

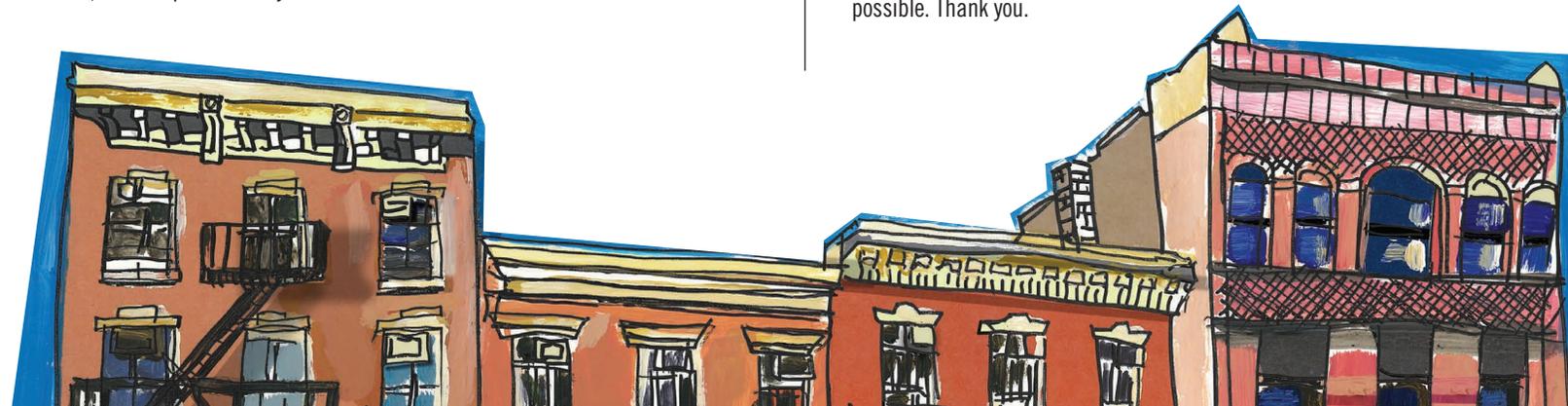
The Henry Street Settlement Board's chief responsibility is to ensure that the organization is pointed in the right direction and has the resources it needs to fulfill its promise to serve the community and its evolving needs. That promise means not only opening doors to social services, arts, and health care, but making sure that what is on the other side of these doors is the best service we can provide.

Our 125th anniversary events humbled those of us on the board and gave us the chance to take stock of what a historically monumental organization we now steward and where it should be going. As we reflect on the life-changing services Henry Street continues to provide to our community, and particularly to the immigrant clients profiled here, we could not be more proud of how the team is carrying into the future Lillian Wald's vision of our beloved institution and the timeless concept of the settlement house.

The celebrations around the anniversary also enabled us to formally thank and recognize the invaluable partnerships that have sustained Henry Street up until today—in a position of financial, programmatic, and reputational strength.

Two events of the last year are particularly important to mention: Henry Street successfully completed its capital campaign, garnering a roof-raising \$20 million that will enable us to make much needed investments in building renovation and revitalization and to build a critical reserve fund for ongoing capital and program needs in 18 program sites. We also opened a permanent exhibition in our headquarters, documenting Henry Street's storied 125 years. The captivating museum-quality show is well worth your time. We invite all of those reading this report to visit the new exhibition at 265 Henry Street; it is open weekdays, and tours are available if you call ahead.

All of the work we do is for one purpose alone: to meet the needs of our neighbors in the best way we can. Your support makes it all possible. Thank you.



It Happened on HENRY STREET 2018

“Trying to plan for the future without knowing the past is like trying to plant cut flowers.”

— Daniel Boorstin



Celebrating Our 125-YEAR HISTORY

The year 2018 was full of remembrance and new beginnings as Henry Street Settlement celebrated its 125th year of opening doors for Lower East Side residents. (See p. 30 for the full story on our anniversary gala and other celebrations.) We broke ground on the Dale Jones Burch Neighborhood Center in a former firehouse, opened our permanent Henry Street history exhibition, reinvigorated our Community Advisory Board, and launched our new Talent Development Initiative.

The House on Henry Street Exhibition Opens!

In September 2018, the Settlement opened the doors to *The House on Henry Street*, a permanent interactive exhibition on the history of the organization and the people who shaped change on the Lower East Side from our founding in 1893 to the present. The exhibition is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities and Sun Hill Foundation, with support from the Henry Street Board of Directors.

The exhibit was an immediate hit with visitors from all over the city and world, including New York City school children on field trips, nursing and social work students, visitors from settlement houses abroad, and people with long-time connections to Henry Street.

Located in the agency's headquarters at 265 Henry Street, the exhibition illuminates themes of social activism, urban poverty, and public health from the time of our founder, Lillian Wald, through today.

In conjunction with the exhibition opening, Henry Street launched a virtual tour at TheHouseonHenryStreet.org and a neighborhood walking tour, accessible from the website.

The exhibit is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on occasional weekends. Please visit henrystreet.org or contact Public Historian Katie Vogel, kvogel@henrystreet.org, for more information.



Children from Camp Henry get the first tours of the exhibit before the official opening!

Katie Vogel, Public Historian, Joins Henry Street

Remember the class nerd who craved history field trips? “That was me,” says Katie Vogel, Henry Street’s public historian, who adds that her job at the Settlement was meant to be.

Vogel had worked as a college advisor at a high school in the Bronx, in libraries, and for other nonprofits including the Tenement Museum. But she never imagined that she could be a historian at a social-service agency. The fact that it was on the Lower East Side and focused on immigration history—the subject of her graduate work—made it ideal.

Vogel is part of a generation of historians who are finding new ways to equip people with knowledge about the past, believing it will give them more power to pursue the advocacy and activism work that is needed today.

Vogel brings to light the experiences of a wide range of people as she leads tour groups through the new exhibition at Henry Street and organizes a

series of discussions and events.

“There is a movement to bring in women, people of color, immigrants,” she says. For Vogel, the most special interactions in the exhibition have been with Henry Street team members and clients: “I love the moment when our team makes a connection between the work they’re doing and the issues that Lillian Wald and her team were tackling at the turn of the 20th century.”

It turns out that Henry Streeters are historians, too, and Vogel welcomes the knowledge that staff and community members bring. “Some people have worked or lived here for 30 years and are living the history,” she says. “I’m not the only expert.”

Coming up in 2019: Vogel is planning an event to commemorate the founding of the NAACP—in Henry Street’s dining room in 1909—and another on the LGBTQ history of Henry Street. Stay tuned!



2018 HISTORY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

YOUR STORY, OUR STORY: Henry Street-Tenement Museum Collaboration

LiBing shared a photo of a jade bracelet that reminded her of home. Lisa displayed a watch—her first purchase in the United States, and Rodney showed his wedding ring from Haiti. Photographs and narratives about these objects are now part of the Tenement Museum’s online collection, providing insight into the New York City immigrant experience in 2018 for generations to come.

The effort is part of the work of historian Katie Vogel, who began meeting in 2018 with ESOL students at the Settlement’s Workforce Development Center. About 200 Henry Street students visited the Tenement Museum and then worked with Henry Street’s ESOL coordinator Richard Verner and instructor Ellie Schaffer to craft narratives about objects of significance to them.



HIDDEN IMMIGRATION STORIES

Nearly 90 guests squeezed into the Settlement’s dining room for the program “Hidden Immigration Histories of the Lower East Side,” held April 26, 2018, with culinary historian Sarah Lohman and scholar and author Vivek Bald. The hosts welcomed special guests (left to right above) Yolanda Musawwir, Dinu Ahmed, and Amina Ali Cymbala, who shared their family histories as immigrants on the Lower East Side. Lohman, the author of *Eight Flavors: The Untold Story of American Cuisine*, returned on June 4 for a program about Sephardic cooking traditions.

ACTIVIST WOMEN WALKING TOUR

Henry Street led public walking tours on July 29 and September 6, 2018, in partnership with the Museum at Eldridge Street. The tours began at Eldridge Street Synagogue, where in 1902 women angered at the increased price of kosher meat rioted for several days on the Lower East Side until they succeeded in getting the price reduced.

Other stops on the tour included the Forward Building—home of the Yiddish newspaper—and Rutgers Square, where young Socialist leaders like Emma Goldman and Clara Lemlich, who led a strike of 20,000 women garment workers, met in the early 1900s.





At the 16th annual Expanded Horizons graduation ceremony in May 2018, 34 college-bound young adults awaited their certificates as proud family and friends looked on.

Sylvia Bloom Gift Sends Expanded Horizons Students to College

Within four months of Sylvia Bloom-Margolies's unprecedented and magnanimous bequest to Henry Street in 2018, college students in the Expanded Horizons program were already benefiting from new scholarships that the gift had enabled. These four-year scholarships add to the funding that Henry Street provides to more than 100 college students through the Abrons-Aranow and other scholarship funds. Students may use their funds however they are needed.

The Bloom-Margolies Scholarship Fund in Memory of Sylvia Bloom-Margolies, Raymond Margolies, and Ruth Bloom was brought about through Henry Street's relationship with Sylvia's niece, Jane Lockshin, a long-time board member.

“Ultimately, thousands of low-income young adults will receive the vital support they need to succeed in college because of this transformative gift.”

— David Garza

Henry Street Launches Talent Initiative

Nurturing our dedicated and talented team at Henry Street is central to the Settlement's mission, and in 2018 the agency launched a Talent Development Initiative to bring a variety of professional-development opportunities to the team. The effort began with the July 2018 hiring of Jan Rose, chief people officer, who takes the helm of the Human Resources Department. Jan hit the ground running, creating a variety of ways to support team members' intellectual growth, health and wellness, and collaborations.



Dale Jones Burch Neighborhood Center Nears Completion

The sounds of hammers and drills filled the air through 2018 as workers transformed our newly acquired circa 1854 firehouse into the Dale Jones Burch Neighborhood Center. The new center will house our Parent Center; Single Stop program offering screenings for food stamps and other benefits; financial counseling; and referrals to legal help and to Henry Street's many other services from job readiness to preschool to mental health care.

By the end of the year, the building's exterior brick work was completed, windows installed, walls framed, and electrical and plumbing finished! The center is on schedule to open in spring 2019.

\$20 Million Capital Campaign Is a Success

In November 2018, Henry Street announced the completion of its five-year, \$20 million capital campaign, *Opening Doors: The Campaign for Henry Street*. “Thanks to the profound generosity of lead donors and many additional campaign supporters, we can make the substantial physical and programmatic enhancements needed to provide the highest quality services that our community needs and deserves,” said David Garza, executive director.

The campaign shattered its initial goal of \$12 million, announced at the outset. Campaign funds will enable the Settlement to accomplish a number of important projects to sustain Settlement buildings and infrastructure into the future:

- Creation of the **Dale Jones Burch Neighborhood Center** from a 150-year-old firehouse, thanks to a lead gift from Burch, a board member, for whom it is named, and vital support from The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation.
- Transformation and revitalization of the Obie Award-winning **Abrons Arts Center's** outdoor amphitheater into a fully accessible, inviting, and functional community space, with a gift from The Harold and Mimi Steinberg Charitable Trust, made through Board Member Michael Steinberg in honor of his parents.
- Modernization of the **301 Henry Street** youth program site.
- Preservation of the historical integrity of landmark buildings at **263, 265, and 267 Henry Street**.
- Investment in Henry Street's **administrative and program capacity**, particularly in human resources and information technology.
- Creation of a **building reserve fund** to provide for future maintenance to our 18 program sites.

Advocacy Work Expands

Henry Street's advocacy team spent 2018 working across Lower East Side communities, bringing neighbors into Henry Street's programs, encouraging collaboration across those programs, supporting and motivating the Community Advisory Board, and holding our annual Town Hall. The team also spent the summer training their colleagues in five locations to register clients and other team members to vote.

In addition, the team took the lead in establishing an **Advocacy Committee** made up of staff from across program areas who want to play a role in shaping Henry Street's advocacy agenda. Henry Streeters get the job done, so it's no surprise

that the new committee quickly got to work, spearheading a training on immigrants' rights and organizing a Henry Street contingent to march for affordable housing for the homeless.

In 2018, Henry Street's 30-member **Community Advisory Board** conducted its second round of participatory budgeting, making grants to a variety of projects and programs intended to strengthen the surrounding community. Funded projects included a community sustainability event held during the summer, a support group for Spanish-speaking seniors, the Summer Block Party at the Abrons Center, and a summer arts program for youth in our family shelter. In addition, acting on an idea from CAB member Shaheeda Yasmeen Smith, the Abrons Center hosted a free Best of LES dance competition, recruiting young local talent.



At the September 2018 Town Hall, dozens of community members addressed challenges facing the community, from housing to mental health services.



Celebrating Immigrants' Stories

In the late 1800s, when Henry Street Settlement was founded, it was common for immigrants to have heard the rumor that the streets in the United States were paved with gold. They were not.

Yet, the image of this country as a place where opportunity abounds and life is trouble-free continues to fuel imaginations all over the

“Immigrants brought in a steady stream of new life and new blood to the nation.”

— Lillian Wald

world. And despite the immense hardships that many Henry Street Settlement clients and participants have faced in their new homes, few express regrets about their decision to leave their pasts and families behind to start a new life.

Many of our current clients escaped brutality, abject poverty, or stultifying human rights abuses. Henry Street is proud to provide these immigrant neighbors vital support, whether through help learning English, finding a job, or getting their children enrolled in preschool or accepted to college; through health and wellness support, or creative expression. Since the time of Lillian Wald, we've been a place where immigrants are welcomed and their cultures are embraced—a rock-solid commitment that has only grown in importance. Meet some of the immigrants who have found success through Henry Street's services.

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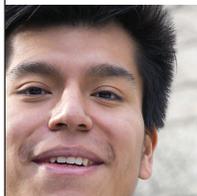
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“I got to experience a whole different world in college.”



“I see my child self in the kids I teach every day.”



“We have different people from all over the world here, and my mind is always busy.”



Yanquing Yan & Jimmy Zheng All in the Family

Yan and Jimmy's family success story started at Henry Street. Jimmy Zheng came to the United States from China in 2008. He had heard that “in the U.S., you'd have freedom, the right to do anything,” but he acknowledges the adjustment was difficult. (For one thing, in China, no one eats salad, he jokes.)

Yanquing Yan arrived from China in 2010; they met online through mutual friends and went on their first date in Chinatown. They married soon after and had two daughters, now 7 and 4.

But supporting a family was not easy. Jimmy worked all-consuming restaurant jobs—12 hour days, six days a week—and it pained him to spend so little time with his children.

Through a mother at their daughter's preschool, Yan—determined to improve their prospects—learned about Henry Street's ESOL and job-readiness classes at the Workforce Development Center.

Jimmy learned enough English to set out on the job market. But “interview culture” was a sticking point. He again reached out to the workforce development team, who coached him on body language, eye contact, and slowing down his speech. They showed him how to express enthusiasm—but not too much. Soon, he found employment as a houseman at the Citizen M. Hotel, where he has worked since 2017.

“It's because of them that I'm not working in restaurants anymore,” Jimmy says, adding that his job has provided countless friendships and opportunities to practice English. “Now, my life is so much better because I have time to take care of my family.”

Having a stable income was the factor that allowed the family to enter (and win) an affordable housing lottery: in spring 2019, they will move from their one-bedroom apartment to a larger home in



Yan and Jimmy are among **4,659** individuals who received services from the Workforce Development Center in FY 2018.

the new Essex Crossing development.

Jimmy still takes English lessons at Henry Street, and Yan is taking a night class at the Settlement to prepare for the high school equivalency test. Now their extended family is benefiting, too. Seeing their success, Yan's aunt signed up for job-readiness classes and is now working at the Ludlow Hotel.

The couple's bond is evident as they fill in the missing English words in each other's sentences. Yan's goal is to achieve a high school equivalency diploma, get a new job, and go to college to become a designer. “I want to have the education my mother didn't have and be a role model for my daughters,” she says.

Kalsang Lhamo Practicing English in the Mirror

Kalsang Lhamo came to New York in 2005 from a farming community in Tibet. Knowing that learning English was essential to finding a good job, the 24-year-old signed up for ESOL and housekeeping classes at Henry Street, at the advice of a friend. Although she received a housekeeping certificate, Kalsang struggled with English and instead worked for a decade in Chinese restaurants, traveling the East Coast from Boston to Florida—“I just kept moving to get better jobs,” she says.

She pushed herself to understand English, practicing in front of the mirror at night, and learned not only English but Chinese as well, from her coworkers.

In 2016 Kalsang returned to New York with her five-year-old daughter, Lobsang Dolma, to settle into a more stable life. Stopping to say hello to her former teachers at Henry Street, she could not have predicted that by the end of the day she would be re-enrolled in ESOL classes to prepare for the best job possible. Soon, the workforce center contacted her about a hotel position, where she launched her housekeeping career. Though the \$14 hourly salary and working conditions were not ideal, she committed herself to learning as much and as quickly as she could.

Impressed by her deliberate approach, the Henry Street team worked hard to prepare Kalsang for a union job. When one became available, her employment coordinator and ESOL teacher teamed up to conduct mock interviews, helping her fine tune her answers to any question she might field. In March 2017, Kalsang was offered a union-wage job maintaining 14 rooms a day at Intercontinental Hotel Barclay in Midtown, earning a living wage of \$23.75 per hour. She has already earned a raise.

Beaming when she talks about her job, Kalsang says she has built a community of



7,143 people have been placed in jobs since Henry Street opened its Workforce Development Center in 2002.

colleagues who come from all over the world. “Everyone is a family,” she says, adding, “It’s a job you keep forever.”

On weekends, Kalsang sends Lobsang to school to perfect her English and takes her on regular trips to the Seward Park Library. When she heard that Henry Street Settlement runs an afterschool program at Manhattan Charter School, where Lobsang is in first grade, she was thrilled, knowing her daughter would be in good hands while she worked.

Kalsang now refers her friends to Henry Street’s programs. “Without this place, I can’t stand up,” she says. “This is my house now.”

Yuharnis Abdullah Finding Her Way to Safety

In 2014, desperate for a way out of an abusive marriage, Yuharnis Abdullah reached out to Henry Street’s Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) for advice on the next steps toward a divorce from her spouse of 21 years.

She had come to the United States in 1993 following an arranged marriage. Though she had completed college and worked in a bank before immigrating, her new life was difficult from day one. “I looked up and saw that everything was so different,” she says. “I felt afraid and didn’t speak enough English to have a conversation.”

Yuharnis’s husband was not ready to father three children, she says, and over the years became increasingly abusive. The tipping point came when he returned from a trip to his home country, announced that he had married another woman there, and proceeded to threaten Yuharnis. He stopped paying rent and their son’s college tuition.

A Google search led Yuharnis to Henry Street, and NRC Program Director Ashley Young, LCSW, immediately stepped in, connecting her to services to meet her immediate needs. When the financial abuse and verbal threats escalated to physical violence, Yuharnis felt empowered to call 911 to have her husband arrested.

“Because I couldn’t speak English well, he thought I couldn’t advocate for myself,” she says. “He was so surprised when the police came.”

Though safe, Yuharnis faced a sea of bureaucratic hurdles. The NRC family law attorney advised her on divorce and child support, and a financial counselor negotiated with the IRS over taxes owed and helped her apply for cash assistance and food stamps. The NRC case management team worked with NYCHA to lower her rent, and the entire family was referred to therapy to help the teenage and adult children understand that their father’s abusive behavior had led her to seek his arrest.

Ashley also connected Yuharnis to an intensive vocational support program at Henry Street, where she earned her Microsoft Office certification and ultimately found a full-time job.

Today, Yuharnis thanks Allah for Ashley and social worker Piercelia Jackson and visits the NRC when she’s not at work. “When I come in crying, I end up laughing,” she says. In 2018, Ashley was there when Yuharnis took—and passed—the citizenship test; the three now-grown children cheered her on at the naturalization ceremony.

Twenty-one years after a rocky start in the United States, Yuharnis finally feels at home.



3,249 clients like Yuharnis received primary and mental health care, parenting assistance, legal and financial counseling, and help accessing benefits and insurance.

Haleema Forson From Homelessness to Home

Having grown up in Breman Asikuma, a town in Ghana's Central Region, Haleema Forson, 32, became a middle school science and math teacher there when she was only 19. But she dreamed of coming to the United States, where her aunts, uncles, and cousins lived.

"I thought it was like heaven," she says of America. "That everything would be easy."

Chosen in the immigration lottery, Haleema arrived in 2008 and immediately enrolled in nursing classes at Lehman College. But she soon began to suffer from emotional difficulties and dropped out, returning to Ghana several times.

Upon her return to New York, Haleema worked in an adult day care center and then as a home health aide. But in lifting a large patient, she injured her back and needed surgery. While she was out of work, she gave birth to a daughter, who is being cared for by a guardian. Haleema's uncle said that she could no longer stay with him and had to go to a shelter.

At the time, she drove with a friend to LaGuardia Airport and, with no money to get home, became stranded there. She stayed for two months, sleeping near a heating vent in Terminal B. Restaurant staff brought her food until a social worker convinced her to go to a Brooklyn shelter, and from there she moved to Henry Street's Third Street Women's Residence.

With regular therapy and psychiatric care at Henry Street, Haleema gained the stability to move into her own apartment at the agency's Third Street Supportive Housing Residence on June 30, 2014. "I was ready," Haleema says of the first apartment she has had to herself since Ghana. "I made it my home."

In 2017, Haleema was hired as an interoffice messenger for Henry Street's 18 locations. But, she needed one more thing to complete her American dream: the right to vote. When her case worker, Shukrat Kashimawo, learned of Haleema's goal

to become a citizen, she arranged for Haleema to visit Manhattan Legal Services, which accepted her citizenship application without a fee and gave her free legal counsel. Passing the exam was Haleema's doing alone.

"Now, I've voted three times," says Haleema, who also works at her local polling place. "I can do any job I want to do, vote, bring my family here, or travel."

With the help of wraparound supports from the mental health team in her residence, a Henry Street employment coordinator, and the services of the Community Consultation Center, Haleema is back on track.

Haleema is one of **1,449** individuals who stayed in our transitional and supportive residences, receiving social services, employment and housing assistance, and other services.



Carlos de la Rosa A Long Journey to College Success

Carlos de la Rosa has never taken for granted the enormous sacrifice his parents made—leaving their homes and their culture in Mexico and Ecuador—so that their children could have better lives.

As a strong student growing up in Washington Heights, Carlos felt obligated to overcome any academic obstacles. "Every first-generation student feels this way," he says, "Our goal was that I would go to college," though he would be the first in his family to do so.



Like Carlos, **4,128** youth ages two to 21 received safe, structured educational services including preschool, afterschool programming, high-school attendance and graduation support, college preparation and follow-up, and computer training.

In Carlos's junior year of high school in lower Manhattan, a team member from Henry Street's Expanded Horizons College Success program spoke to his homeroom. "The team is with you before, during, and after college," Carlos says. He and five friends agreed to join, taking the free SAT class together the next summer.

Expanded Horizons partnered with Carlos's school college counselor to help him make his college list. When it came time to apply, he was nervous: "It was a lot of paperwork that no one in my family had ever gone through, but Expanded Horizons did the financial aid forms with me."

When he was accepted to St. Bonaventure College in rural Western New York, one of his top choices, Carlos was relieved, but his parents were skeptical. They knew there were closer colleges, but he wanted to experience a new place and meet new types of people.

What convinced them was The Bernard Tannenbaum Memorial Scholarship, which Carlos was awarded by Henry Street. The yearly scholarship, combined with financial aid from the school, greatly decreased the student loan burden he would have to assume. A marketing major, he graduated in May 2018.

College graduation took place, appropriately, on Mother's Day, and his mother cried tears of joy. Both parents had been driven six hours to the event by Carlos's friends.

After eight job interviews, he was offered a position in August at Times Square Media, an advertising firm, where he is working as a digital trafficker, setting up digital advertising campaigns.

"Expanded Horizons was a huge helping hand; it opened doors that probably wouldn't have been opened otherwise. I got to experience a whole different world in college," he says.

The sacrifices Carlos's parents made for their first-generation child have paid off: "It has been a long journey," he says, "and the surprising thing is, it's only getting started."

Modesto “Flako” Jimenez Turning Struggle into Art

He came to the United States at the age of nine without knowing a word of English. A born actor and poet, Modesto “Flako” Jimenez didn’t get a leading part in his elementary school’s production of *The Wizard of Oz* because of his accent. He’s been proving his school wrong ever since.

“Every immigrant struggles, but art has always been the way I learned,” he says.

Captivated by Shakespeare (“another homie who depended on donations”) as a teen, Flako related to the made-up words, the relationships, the soap operas. “These are the tools that were given to me,” says the versatile teaching artist and performer who has worked with youth and adult actors at the Abrons Arts Center, with youth from the Expanded Horizons College Success program, and with the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Flako has served up theater and poetry in every borough of New York City. His first production at Abrons, where he began leading the Urban Youth Theater in 2014, was *Romeo and Juliet*; it landed on the cover of *Metro New York*.

As an immigrant, he says, adaptation is central to his work and life, and it’s part of the appeal of Shakespeare, where young people are set free to use the original language or “mess it up the way they want.”

“It’s fascinating to see how different groups of kids will interpret the same play,” says Flako, who likes working with kids because they don’t sugar coat: “They’ll tell you straight up what they feel, their traumas. They’re learning right in front of you, if you give them space.”

Space and opportunities to further develop his art are what Abrons has given him, Flako says with gratitude: It was there that he premiered his solo show, *¡Oye! For My Dear Brooklyn*, in March 2018, prompting *The New York Times* to note the



Photo: Kevin Torres

32,395 people experienced the transformational power of the arts at Abrons Arts Center, through diverse performances and exhibitions, arts-education programs, and artist residencies.

“bicultural fluidity so central to many immigrant New Yorkers.”

Flako says he teaches not art forms but lessons in how to get along with other people. Abrons makes it easy, he says, because its sliding-scale payment structure makes art available across class.

“I see my child self in the kids I teach every day,” Flako says. “And the adults turn themselves into kids,” he says, gazing around the building that he says has given him so much. “The smiles these people are leaving with, I clearly know that’s the work.”

Miriam Mercado Keeping Her Mind and Body Active

For Miriam Mercado, Tai Chi is on Tuesday. Flower-making is on Thursday. Exercise, dance, art, and bingo happen every day. Mercado is one of a loyal cadre of regulars who never miss a day the Henry Street Settlement Senior Center.

The 75-year-old has come to the center for about six years, traveling from her home in

Williamsburg, Brooklyn. But she takes the train only to the base of the Williamsburg Bridge. Then she hikes over it to the Lower East Side.

She was introduced to the center by her 103-year-old aunt and aunt’s friends, who live nearby. Although there are senior programs closer to home, Mercado travels to Henry Street because of the friendly vibe. “This is the place to be,” she says.

Mercado is not an immigrant to the United States; she came north from Cayey, in the agricultural center of Puerto Rico, at the age of 18 in 1962, but she relates to the immigrant experience because she didn’t speak a word of English.

“I thought I would go to the university; get a degree,” she says. But learning the language and raising six children slowed her progress. At first, Mercado worked in a SoHo factory on an assembly line, making television and radio parts. Though she eventually loved her job, it was difficult at first. “I was afraid and couldn’t understand anything,” she says.

Mercado learned English at her kitchen table alongside her children. Though she never took an English class, the book lover read constantly to her children, always looking up unfamiliar words in the dictionary. “I stopped watching Spanish TV and read the *Daily News*,” she says. Mercado learned enough English to earn her GED in 1985 and enroll in Bronx Community College, where she earned a spot on the Dean’s List.

Though she did not complete her degree, the next generation has satisfied her dreams: all six children attended gifted classes, and five have completed college. Now they buy her plane tickets to visit her large family in Florida and Texas.

Mercado retired in 2009 from the New York City Administration for Children’s Services, where she worked for 10 years. The great-grandmother of three now meets her aunt at the Senior Center for bingo.

“If I didn’t have the senior center, I might have to stay home and do nothing,” she says. “I have to fill out my life. The thing I like most is we have different people from all over the world here, and my mind is always busy.”



Miriam is one of **3,249** senior citizens who took recreation and fitness classes or received case management, onsite or delivered meals, health screenings, and more to allow them to live independently in the community.

HENRY STREET

Acknowledges and Honors Indigenous Land

In 1643, the Dutch director of New Amsterdam led a massacre of more than 100 Canarsee and Lenape people at Corlears Hook, down the street from Henry Street's headquarters.

Three-hundred-seventy-five years later, in 2018, Native Americans are still struggling to exercise their right to vote, to education, and to services such as clean running water.

Indigenous people in the United States have faced concerted efforts to separate them from their land, culture, and rights from the moment European boats touched the shores. "Native lands and sovereignty remain in danger today: culture is continually being erased, and colonization is an ongoing process," says Craig Peterson, artistic director of the Abrons Art Center at Henry Street Settlement.

The center has partnered with the Lenape Center, the American Indian Community House, and choreographer Emily Johnson (of Yup'ik descent) to host more than a dozen collaborative events and performances. These have included free community bonfires and sewing bees that center on Indigenous protocol and knowledge and a day-long platform of discussions and performances, addressing the complex histories of colonization and the potential for art institutions to influence more equitable futures.

Indigenous activists, cultural workers, leaders, organizers, and engaged community members around the country are working toward truth and reconciliation. One initial step they have taken is to promote acknowledgment of the land on which today's institutions sit.

Between 1776 and 1887, the United States seized over 1.5 billion acres from America's Indigenous people through treaties and executive orders. Just as all of the United States is Indigenous land, New York City sits on the Lenape island of Manhahtaan in Lenapehoking, the Lenape homeland. By naming it, we show respect and begin to take vital steps toward reconciliation.

In 2018, Henry Street Settlement committed itself to offering recognition and respect for the land on which it sits by adopting an Indigenous Land Acknowledgment at each of the agency's 18 sites around the Lower East Side. This acknowledgment is displayed publicly and spoken at performances and meetings, and its message plays an integral role in programming at the Abrons Center.

"Land acknowledgment aligns with our belief in embracing our history, including the history that came before Henry Street. It also recognizes and connects us to the people who bore the earliest and largest toll of New York City's colossal development. Though the move to acknowledge Native land began in the arts community, we're glad to share it throughout our 18 sites," said David Garza, executive director.

INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This building is situated on the Lenape island of **Manhahtaan (Mannahatta)** in **Lenapehoking**, the Lenape homeland.

We pay respect to Lenape peoples, past, present, and future, and their continuing presence in the homeland and throughout the Lenape diaspora. We offer our care and gratitude to the land, water, and air of Lenapehoking.

*Nulelntàmuhëna èli paèkw Lenapehoking
Kulawsihëmo ènta ahpièkw.*

*Nooleelundamuneen eeli payeekw
Lunaapeewahkiing.*

Wulaawsiikw neeli apiiyeeekw.

*We are glad because you people came to Lenapehoking.
Live well when you are here.*

Thank you to the Lenape Center and artist Emily Johnson for their partnership with Abrons Arts Center in developing this Indigenous land acknowledgment.



HUMANS of HENRY STREET

For our 125th anniversary, Henry Street launched the Humans of Henry Street series on our website and social media channels to shine a light on the immense contributions of the volunteers, employees, clients, students, neighbors, historic figures, and more who have shaped the Settlement. Here are just a few of our “Humans.”

Visit henrystreet.org/humans to view the archive.

Aaron Daly grew up on the Lower East Side and spent many of his days at the Settlement through youth programs like Operation Athlete at 301 Henry Street. Today, he's the network director of operations for a Charter School in Brooklyn, where he has worked for the past six years—but it all started here on Henry Street.



“My grandmother always told me it takes a village to raise a child. For me, Henry Street Settlement was that village. Operation Athlete in particular really helped mold me in my early years; it gave me men in my life that I could look up to, that pushed me to be my best and held me accountable.”

Rafael Jaquez immigrated to the United States from the Dominican Republic as a child, and has been at Henry Street ever since. Over the years, he has participated in youth programs, classes at the Abrons Arts Center, summer camp, and recreation activities. His connection continues to this day: he's currently the program director of the UPS Community Internship Program, where UPS executives from all over the world spend time working at Henry Street sites.



“I feel so proud of Henry Street because of the work they do—people have real needs, and Henry Street not only has resources, but they are also always warm and attentive. People not only get served, but they get empowered, and they're able to live more effectively in the community.”



Helen Hall was the second “head worker” of Henry Street Settlement, taking over from founder Lillian Wald in 1933. She directed the Settlement for over 30 years and was an author and activist concentrating on social reform in policies focusing on homelessness and municipal shelters.

“A Settlement should be a place where adventure may build and not destroy. And what we do must hold its own in competition with so many neighborhood factors that tear the child apart. And this is basic to the Settlement philosophy—to win out, our work must not only be good but within easy reach.”



Randy Luna grew up on the Lower East Side and found the Abrons Arts Center while in high school. He started teaching hip-hop classes when his own teacher left halfway through the semester, and he's never looked back! Now he's the senior engagement manager for center programs at Abrons.

“The best part of teaching is the kids, hands down. Seeing them happy and mentoring them is incredible. Many of them no longer have arts instruction in school, so Henry Street is one of the only places they can come to. It's a pillar in the community. Now I can really appreciate all the programs do for the Lower East Side.”



Tanzina Vega was named host of the public radio program “The Takeaway” in August 2018 and has made her mark on the show, bringing in more voices of ordinary people and analyzing how the news affects individuals. Previously, Vega was a reporter for CNN and *The New York Times*, where she covered race, inequality and the criminal justice system. Vega grew up on the Lower East Side in the LaGuardia Houses and attended LaGuardia High School.

The '70s and '80s were not always an easy time to grow up in New York City. Henry Street was transformative; a refuge for me. I took dance, piano, and pottery at the Abrons Arts Center. Every year when the catalog came out, my mom said, ‘pick a class that you're interested in.’ It was my treat for the year.”



Hal Daniel traveled from his native Georgia to the Lower East Side in 1963 to work at the Settlement for the summer. Hal grew up in a racially segregated society, and had never been above the Mason Dixon line before coming to New York. He remembers having long conversations with other workers about the proposed civil rights legislation around the dining room table at 265 Henry Street, forcing him to confront racial injustice for the first time in his life.

“My experience at Henry Street changed my life.”

“When I returned to Georgia at the end of the summer I was a different person. I spoke out for racial equality and ending segregation. I organized groups and participated in activities to promote desegregation and racial equality. My experience at Henry Street changed my life.”



Connie Mendez visited Henry Street's Job Essentials Training (JET) program at the Workforce Development Center when she moved back to her native LES after going away for school. She's risen through the ranks and is now the program director at Jobs Plus.

“The amazing thing about Henry Street Settlement is that they will really invest in you. They gave me my first opportunity to go into workforce development, a field I never thought I'd be interested in. Now, I want to make workforce development my career—it's gratifying beyond comprehension to work with someone to develop their confidence and skills, and then to see them not only get a job but succeed in that job.”

Financial Report

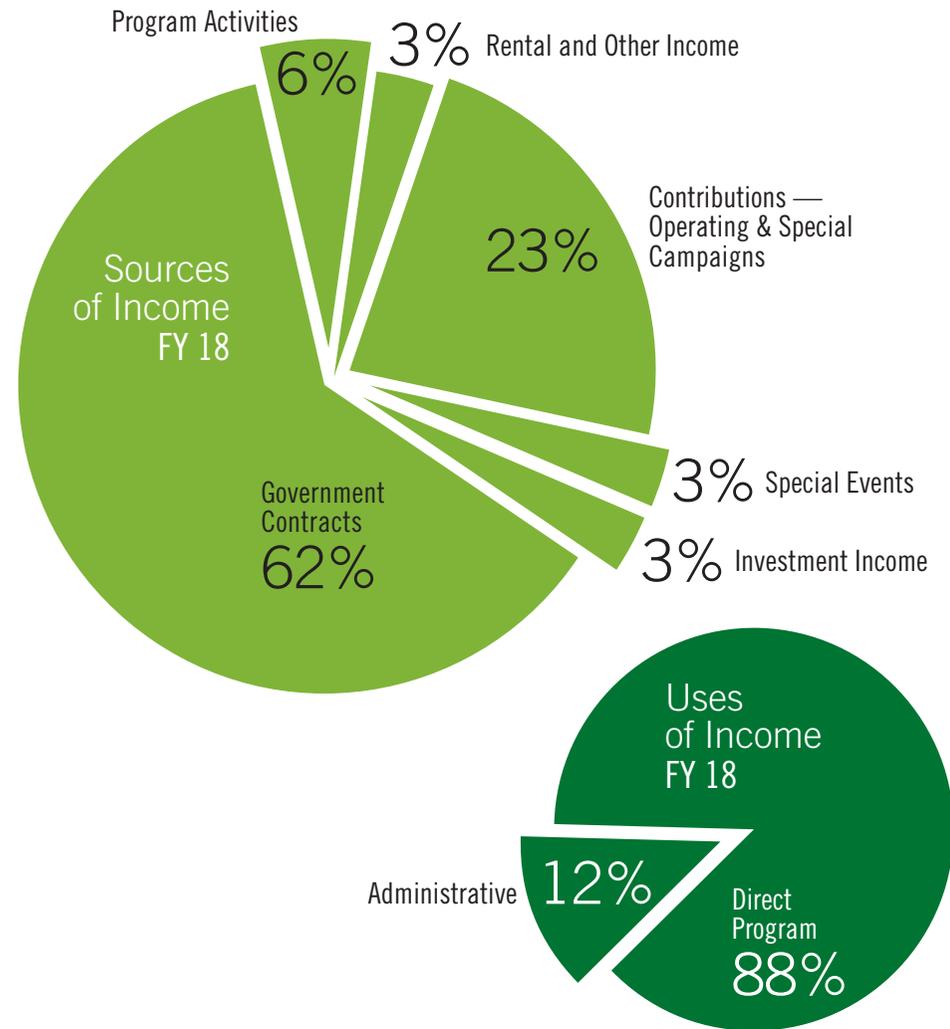
FY 2018

	2017	2018
Public and Private Support		
Contributions—Operating	5,894,077	5,243,069
Contributions—Special Campaigns	112,367	2,500
Special Events	1,258,884	1,434,544
Legacies and Bequests	—	6,284,456
Government Contracts	28,884,408	31,044,270
Total Support	36,149,736	44,008,839
Other Revenue		
Investment Income	2,488,185	1,554,355
Program Activities	2,725,280	3,020,803
Rental and Other Income	1,022,896	1,767,097
Total Support and Revenue	42,386,097	50,351,094
Expenses		
Health & Wellness Programs	10,713,477	10,928,807
Arts Programs	2,359,870	2,551,732
Education & Employment Programs	10,775,854	11,630,470
Shelter & Transitional Housing Programs	12,364,744	12,895,986
Total Program Expenses	36,213,945	38,006,995
Management and General	4,065,224	4,152,475
Fundraising	1,077,432	1,083,866
Total Support Services	5,142,656	5,236,341
Total Expenses	41,356,601	43,243,336
Change in Net Assets Before Other Adjustments	1,029,496	7,107,758
Other Adjustments		
Adjustment of prior year reserves	—	537,000
Final termination cost of Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Note 1)	(1,756,122)	—
Change in Net Assets (Note 2)	(726,626)	7,644,758



Note 1: The Settlement maintained a Defined Benefit Pension Plan, which was frozen to new participants as of October 31, 2005 and terminated in 2017. In conformity with Financial Accounting Standards 158 in accounting for such plans, the Settlement recognized final termination cost of \$1,756,122 in FY 17. This is an extraordinary adjustment and will not occur in future years, because the plan was terminated in FY 17.

Note 2: The Settlement was the recipient of a scholarship endowment bequest in 2018 in the amount of \$6.2 million, which increased the Net Assets materially.



Balance Sheet as of June 30	2017	2018
Cash and Equivalents	4,711,553	1,467,161
Investments	24,271,092	32,124,789
Accounts and contributions receivable	13,082,454	12,894,466
Fixed Assets — net	14,682,583	17,943,317
Total Assets	56,747,682	64,429,733
Accounts payable and advances	5,610,535	6,547,828
Loans payable	3,350,000	2,450,000
Mortgage payable	7,911,173	7,911,173
Total Liabilities	16,871,708	16,909,001
Net Assets: Unrestricted	11,477,632	16,139,232
Temporarily restricted	13,518,207	10,501,365
Permanently restricted	14,880,135	20,880,135
Total net assets	39,875,974	47,520,732
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	56,747,682	64,429,733

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Christine Kim of Guggenheim Partners joined in making holiday gingerbread houses with Henry Street's afterschool program.



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It was a JOYOUS Anniversary Year

Henry Street Settlement's 125th was cause to celebrate—and we did all year!

Dinner on Henry Street

A highlight of the year was the shimmering 125th anniversary gala, *Dinner on Henry Street Under the Stars*, the evening of September 13. More than 275 dear friends of Henry Street, including supporters, community ambassadors, and performers, gathered for a magical event to celebrate the Settlement's milestone birthday. Henry Street was thrilled to honor long-time supporters the **Abrons-Aranow family**, **Dale Jones Burch**, **Pilar Crespi Robert** and **Stephen Robert**, and **JPMorgan Chase & Co.**, **Credit Suisse**, **UPS**, **The Clark Foundation**, and **Tiger Foundation**.

"To the constellation of stakeholders in the room tonight, thank you!" Executive Director David Garza told the packed crowd. "It is you who make Henry Street what it is."

True to our motto "keep the 'street' in Henry Street," the hyperlocal party began in the tented playground adjacent to the Settlement's historic headquarters, with custom signature cocktails from East Village hot spot Death & Co. and a delicious appetizer menu donated by Luis Jaramillo of Fifty

Restaurant, Mission Chinese Food, and Chef Chris Santos of Vandal. Guests snapped photos against the "Humans of Henry Street" backdrop—a wall honoring people with long-time, deep connections to the Henry Street family.

Highlights of the evening included performances by the multigenerational **Voices of Henry Street** chorus and the cast of the Abrons Arts Center production *Jack & the Beanstalk*, as well as hip hop dance from **Rajé** and **Rajé Reborn Dance Troops**, featuring Abrons students and performers. Legendary recording artist, activist, and actor **yasiin bey** capped the evening with an intimate performance.

Garza took selfies with the crowd and #FlatLillian and thanked everyone for their role in keeping the Settlement open for the past 45,600 days. The majority of those days have included support from the Abrons-Aranow family, who received the Lillian Wald Legacy Award.

Representatives from each corporate honoree signed a new silver tray—a replica of the one that Lillian Wald received for her 70th birthday in 1937, which is etched with the signatures of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt among many other social reformers and friends of Henry Street.



Above: Richard Abrons accepts the Lillian Wald Legacy Award on behalf of the Abrons-Aranow family. Right: The Voices of Henry Street chorus performs at the gala.

photos: Cesarin Mateo



Community Day

Three days after the gala, Henry Street was abuzz again on September 16, as more than 1,000 community members joined Henry Street and **Visiting Nurse Service of New York** for a joyous Community Day block party to commemorate both organizations' 125th anniversaries.



From left, Debbie Cox, Luis Guzmán, and David Garza



Julia Chiang and Khadijat Oseni show off popcorn cups designed by Abrons Arts Center students with the artist KAWS.

photo: Cesarin Mateo

The Art Show

More than 2,000 art enthusiasts, philanthropists and business leaders filled the Park Avenue Armory on February 27 for the Gala Preview of the Art Show, celebrating its 30th year. Spotted among the guests were actor and noted art enthusiast **Steve Martin**, director **Woody Allen**, actresses **Stephanie March** and **India Ennenga**, art critic **Jerry Saltz**, and visual artist **KAWS**. Attendees enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from canard inc. while exploring exhibitions curated by 72 of the nation's leading art dealers. We were thrilled to highlight one extraordinary work of art in our silent auction: Antony Gormley's *Small Home III*.

The Art Show to benefit Henry Street Settlement is organized by the Art Dealers Association of America and is among the most eagerly anticipated events on New York's social and cultural calendars each year. The Art Show is Henry Street's greatest source of flexible funding, allowing the organization to meet our community's evolving needs. Since the fair's inception, The Art Show has raised nearly \$31 million for the Settlement, with proceeds from the Gala Preview and fair admission.

Matthew Phifer, who heads Henry Street's workforce and education programs, and his mother, **Linda Prinzivalli**, admire artwork by **Tomás Saraceno** in **Tanya Bonakdar Gallery's** booth.

photo: Scott Rudd



CINEMAtheque

Spring brought a hot-pink-carpet affair at Metrograph on May 9 as Henry Street hosted more than 250 guests at the second annual CINEMAtheque party. At the fundraiser for Henry Street's social service, arts, and health care programs, the organization unveiled an exciting collaborative art installation by special guest artist **KAWS** with youth from Henry Street's Expanded Horizons College Success program and arts classes at Abrons Arts Center.

Guests watched a short film on the making of the installation—whose colorful images appeared on the event's popcorn containers! **KAWS** also contributed three pieces to an auction hosted by Paddle8 and benefiting Henry Street Settlement.

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School-based mental health care

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