



**HENRY STREET
SETTLEMENT**

COMMUNITY funding the COMMUNITY

Henry Street Settlement’s **Community Advisory Board (CAB)** consists of a diverse range of Lower East Side residents and program participants from across the agency. Because of their proximity to and knowledge of community and program needs, these stakeholders have an insightful perspective on how additional financial support can improve our programs and benefit our community.

Each year, the Settlement allocates \$5,000 in its general operating support funds for its unique participatory budgeting initiative, **the CAB Funds**. The CAB invites Henry Street program teams and community members to apply for small grants between \$500 and \$2000 in order to enhance programs, support collaborations, meet a community need, and/or improve upon Henry Street’s work in some way. Once applications are in, the CAB meets with all applicants, evaluates proposals, and makes a collective decision about how to allocate funds.

Some examples of the projects that have received CAB Funds are as follows:

Shelter Employment

\$1,500 to allow participants in Henry Street’s Shelter Employment Program to pay for job-related expenses such as security licenses, food service handling certificates, home health aide study guides, and scrubs.

Summer Arts for Homeless Teens

\$1,500 to create summer arts immersion programming for teens living in Henry Street’s Urban Family Center shelter. The funds supported museum visits, arts classes, field trips, and more, with a goal of supporting each youth’s personal, academic, and social-emotional development.

Selfie Wall of Fame

\$500 to develop a “Selfie Wall of Fame” at 99 Essex Street that includes nine self-portraits, each with a brief paragraph sharing the story of successful, high-achieving clients from the Workforce Development Center.

Sustainability & the City

\$1,100 to hold a free sustainability resource fair on July 7, 2018, at 301 Henry Street. The event, spearheaded by CAB member Annisia Perry, provided community education about recycling and trash-reduction and addressed opportunities to enhance the neighborhood’s quality of life.

Expanded Horizons Mentors

\$1,500 to launch a new peer mentorship model component at Henry Street’s college success program.



▲ Top: Workforce clients unveil the “Selfie Wall of Fame,” one of the CAB-funded projects. Bottom two: CAB members discuss how to allocate funds at one of their meetings.