







Meet our NEW Integration Liaisons!

This fall, DICE on-boarded seven integration liaisons to increase programmatic integration by building relationships, spreading awareness, and actively encouraging participation in programs and events across The Settlement. Each liaison represents a different department at Henry Street. Melody, Eileen, Millie, Briana, Olivia, Krystal and Anthony have a strong commitment, heart, and understanding of the importance of connecting one program to another. DICE believes in a collective impact approach towards social services and values collaboration and partnership in their professional practices.

Feel free to contact our liaisons for all programmatic needs!



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Mentoring and Nurturing at 301



Mentoring and Nurturing (M.A.N) is program for young men held at 301 Henry Street. Munir Smith and Toddrick Brockington lead the group once a week and to discuss topics including, responsibilities of men, self-love and financial literacy.

A Word from Toddrick Brockington...

Sankofa is a symbol of a bird with its head turned backwards while its feet face forward. The word is of the Twi language of Ghana which translates to "retrieve" and literally means to "go back and get." It is from this energy and spirit that I get my inclination to take stock and inventory of everything that was wrong with my thinking and behavior.

In going back to retrieve this information I made a valuable discovery. I discovered that there was a shift in my values at a very young age. This shift in values probably also shifted the trajectory of my life. Can you imagine equating having nice things with adding value to yourself as a human being? I wanted the same love, attention and acceptance as the kids with nice things. It was at some point that I began to understand the value of Mentoring and Nurturing. I drew from experiences and everything that lacked as a young man to create and develop M.A.N.

In countless cases, neglect is disguised by being provided food and a roof over a head but that isn't sufficient. A lack of support, nurturing, interest and excitement in one's accomplishments affects a young impressionable mind in ways unimaginable.



Toddrick Brockington and Munir Smith lead M.A.N meetings twice a week at 301.

A lack of hugs, I love you's, I'm proud of you's are as debilitating as underinvestment.

Because of this, I along with my brother and cofacilitator, Munir Smith, pour our hearts, money and time into the brothers that we come in contact with.

The intent is to equip our youth with the necessary tools to navigate through life unimpeded by the distractions of a young impressionable mind. In addition, although we can't replace parents or guardians we can fill the voids of support, love and interest, but most importantly the void of Mentoring and Nurturing.



What has DICE been up to?













Over 1,000 community members attended this year's Great Pumpkin Halloween event.





DICE assisted Connect with securing a food pantry and CRT's supported with distribution.



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Helped organize a girls soccer clinic with Gotham FC which provided 10 slots for Henry Street program participants. Kevin Durant, an NBA player for the New York Nets, made an appearance to show his support for girls sports.







Provided 200 turkeys to families at Gouverneur Gardens and supported turkey distributions with professional boxer Edgar Berlanga.



Partnered with United Neighborhood Houses and collected 304 pledge cards this year to encourage people in the neighborhood to get out and vote.



Distributed 1,170 tickets to community families and programs to see this year's *Dick Rivington* and the Cat! holiday show.



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DICE organized a trip to the Children's Museum for families at UFC and Helen's House.







DICE partnered with Scholastic to host a read aloud and book signing with author Tracy Swain at PS.134 for afterschool and early childhood programs. Cookie Monster makes a special appearance to give out cookies.







DICE helped organize a Lower East Side holiday parade in partnership with Seward Park, the Fire Department and NYPD 7th Precinct. Santa and his CRT elves visited Vladeck Houses to give out gifts. DICE supported LES 5's Toy Drive by providing gifts.

DICE organized Henry Street's Holiday Party for the agency to celebrate the agency's accomplishment's and all our hard work. We cannot wait to see what we make happen this YEAR!