Stronger Together
THE 2021 GODDARD RIVERSIDE BOOK FAIR GALA
October 18, 2021
With boundless admiration and thanks to Goddard Riverside for rising so valiantly to the grueling demands of one and a half years of Covid-19.

The Workman Family
Dear Friends,

I cannot contain my excitement tonight. After an incredibly difficult and unusual time – I’m delighted we can finally come together to celebrate. If there is one thing these past eighteen months have taught us it is that we are stronger together.

Goddard Riverside has kept community whether it required us to be on the streets with people experiencing homelessness, on the phone with our older adults missing personal connection, or on the screens with young people helping them navigate schoolwork.

We also worked to expand our community: we opened new transitional housing in Queens and launched a partnership with the Isaacs Center on the Upper East Side. Goddard Riverside’s community impact is greater than the sum of our individual programs.

Now more than ever, we need the ideas and action inspired by the powerful crop of books on the shortlist for the fifth annual Goddard Riverside Stephan Russo Book Prize for Social Justice tonight. Books like the ones we honor with this Prize help us do our work better – and inspire us to do it with even greater commitment.

I’m also looking forward to our second annual CBC Youth Book Prize for Social Justice in partnership with the Children’s Book Council. We need to raise future generations with a deep understanding of social justice. We are thrilled to recognize these books for the powerful way they make community, caring and equality real for young people.

I look forward to connecting with you tonight. You make us stronger. It is your support and commitment that makes an impact, that builds community – and gives us all hope.

Rod Jones
Executive Director
Goddard Riverside and the Publishing Community: A Short History

The publishing connection to Goddard Riverside dates back to 1987, when New York was struggling with deinstitutionalization of individuals living with mental illness and a rise in homelessness. A board member reached out to a publishing executive for help supporting Goddard’s homeless outreach and the Book Fair was born. In its first year, the Book Fair brought in $40,000. Soon, publishing leadership from across the industry came aboard, bringing their houses with them. Today, the industry brings in around $500,000 annually to Goddard.

In 2002, Goddard Riverside's Book Fair Committee held the first annual Book Fair Gala, an event founded to honor the long-lasting relationship between the Goddard Riverside Community Center and the publishing industry. Past honorees have included Len Riggio, Dick Robinson and Carolyn Reidy.

The publishing industry has raised over $15 million for Goddard Riverside. In addition, many individuals from the industry have served on Goddard's board and committees. They have played, and continue to play, a huge role in shaping our evolution.

Supporting partners are numerous, including: Abrams, Hachette Book Group, HarperCollins, Ingram, Macmillan, W.W. Norton, Penguin Random House, Scholastic, Simon & Schuster and Workman. Esteemed writers such as Maya Angelou, Robert Caro, Mary Higgins Clark, and Paul Krugman have taken part in readings and private fund-raising dinners supporting Goddard Riverside programs. We hope this longstanding and very special relationship between publishing and Goddard Riverside will continue for years to come.

Goddard Riverside Book Fair Committee

This Evening’s Program

Welcome
G. Angela Henry

Performance by Young People’s Chorus
of New York City

Goddard Riverside’s Impact
Rod Jones

Goddard Riverside Stephan Russo Book Prize
for Social Justice Award Presentation

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G. Angela Henry

Some of you knew her as Angela Flemister, raised around the corner from the 92nd Street Goddard Riverside site, active participant in Goddard classes, and eager consumer at the book fairs. Some of you know her as G. Angela Henry, executive search consultant to the nonprofit sector for the last two decades. More recently she is known by her stage name, Grace Angela Henry, the voice actor lending her talent to audio books, films, and nonprofit galas and auctions. After college at Tufts, grad school at Harvard, experience in nonprofit administration at independent schools and in developing African countries, Angela is delighted to come home to Goddard.
The Goddard Riverside Stephan Russo Book Prize for Social Justice

The prize celebrates the power of the written word to create change in the name of justice for all people—a value shared by the publishing community and Goddard Riverside. It is named for Stephan Russo, executive director of Goddard Riverside from 1998 to 2017.

2021 short list


The co-hosts of the education podcast Have You Heard lay out the increasingly potent network of conservative elected officials, advocacy groups, funders, and think tanks that have aligned behind a radical vision to unmake public education.

Controlling Women: What We Must Do Now to Save Reproductive Freedom by Kathryn Kolbert & Julie F. Kay (Hachette Books).

This account of the battle for reproductive freedom includes a new strategy to safeguard reproductive rights, from two lawyers at the forefront of the movement.

In the Shadow Of the Ivory Tower by Davarian L. Baldwin (Bold Type Books/Hachette).

Across America, universities have become big businesses—and our cities their company towns. But there is a cost to those who live in their shadow.


An intimate account of the devastating effects of gun violence on our nation’s children, and a call to action for a new way forward.

The Hospital: Life, Death, and Dollars in A Small American Town by Brian Alexander (St. Martin’s Press/Macmillan).

By following the struggle for survival of one small-town hospital, and the patients who walk, or are carried, through its doors, The Hospital takes readers into the world of the American medical industry.

Undoing Drugs: The Untold Story of Harm Reduction and the Future of Addiction by Maia Szalavitz (Hachette Go).

The tale of a quirky political movement that has unexpectedly shaken the foundations of world drug policy.

Thank you to our 2021 judges panel: Douglas Bauer, Marcia Cantarella, Paul Krugman, Nancy Wackstein and Annie E. Mingeuz Garcia.
The Goddard Riverside CBC Youth Book Prize for Social Justice

The youth prize recognizes nonfiction books for children and teens related to urban life and issues that support values such as community, equality, opportunity, mutual understanding, respect, caring and justice – in accordance with Goddard Riverside’s mission.

2021 short list

**Art Of Protest: Creating, Discovering, and Activating Art For Your Revolution** by De Nichols (Candlewick Press).

> Discover the power of words and images in this thought-provoking look at protest art.

**Pocket Change Collective: Concrete Kids** by Amyra Leon, illus. by Ashley Lukashevsky (Penguin Workshop).

> Drawing on her personal experiences, León gives a voice to the foster care system, systematic racism, and what it means to be a Black girl moving through the world.

**Pura’s Cuentos: How Pura Belpré Reshaped Libraries with Her Stories** by Annette Bay Pimentel; illus. by Magaly Morales (Harry N. Abrams).

> Pura’s Cuentos captures the exuberant spirit and passion of Pura Belpré; celebrated storyteller, author, folklorist, and the first Latina librarian in New York City.

**Something Happened In Our Park: Standing Together After Gun Violence** by Ann Hazzard, Marietta Collins and Marianne Celano (Magination Press).

> When Miles’s cousin Keisha is injured in a shooting, he realizes people can work together to reduce the likelihood of violence in their community.


> The true story of Tani Adewumi, a Nigerian refugee who garnered international news coverage after winning the New York State Chess Championship at the age of eight.

**Without Separation: Prejudice, Segregation, and the Case of Roberto Alvare** by Larry Dane Brinner, illus. by Maya Gonzalez (Calkins Creek).

> Roberto Alvarez was a student whose 1931 court battle against racism and school segregation in Lemon Grove, California, is considered the first time an immigrant community used the courts to successfully fight injustice.

Thank you to our 2021 judges panel: Beth Puffer and Nick Rodriguez.
Goddard Riverside Invests In People to Strengthen Community

Our Partnership with the Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center
We’re thrilled about our strategic partnership with our neighbor across the park, the Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center! This alliance strengthens our advocacy for New Yorkers across Upper Manhattan and complements our existing programs. The Isaacs Center works in four major areas:

**Food and Nutrition**, including Meals on Wheels, a Community Kitchen, a culinary arts training program, and onsite hot meals for older adults; **Young Adults**, including High School Equivalency classes, case management, employment training, community healthcare, youth development, a scholarship program, and mentorship; **Older Adults**, including case management, a Senior Center, and Senior Suppers; and **School-Age Children and Adolescents**, which includes two Beacon Programs and an After School program.

Goddard’s programs range from Early Childhood Education to Older Adult Centers—and from a children’s arts conservatory to intensive mobile mental health care and homeless outreach. To make things a little simpler, we organize our work into the five cause areas below.

![Preparation for Success](image)

**Preparing Children and Youth for Success**
Our programs for children support the whole family. When parents can rely on affordable, enriching environments for their children such as our **Early Childhood Centers, After School, the Beacon Program and Rise Youth Center**, they’re able to work and invest in their children’s futures. We’re also here for children who need a little extra support, such as tutoring at Star Learning Center. Learning to Work helps high schoolers finish school and move on to a job or further education, while our Options Center helps young people get into, and complete, college.

**Enriching the Lives of Older Adults**
Studies show that most older adults want to live in their own homes. We help people “age in community” to reduce the risk of isolation and loneliness. Our **Older Adult Centers**,
senior housing and Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCS) offer recreation, learning opportunities, meals and other support to help people stay active and healthy. Our programs help older adults experience an optimal quality of life and stay connected to the community.

Promoting Behavioral Health and Wellness

Due to the stigma they face in our society, many people living with mental illness tend to isolate themselves. Our programs help them break through that isolation and connect with community. The ACT Team is a mobile clinic that serves people with severe mental illness so that they can live and thrive in the community. The TOP Clubhouse, TOP Opportunities and Green Keepers help people move along a path to greater skills and stronger networks, eventually leading to full-time work and integration with the community.

Goddard Riverside supports Individuals experiencing behavioral health challenges to maximize their abilities and reach their fullest potential.

Supporting Housing for All and Fighting Homelessness

Goddard Riverside pioneered many of the most effective approaches to ending homelessness. We were among the first organizations to establish street outreach teams, who help people move from chronic homelessness to permanent housing. Today we are one of three nonprofits that work together to provide homeless outreach to all of Manhattan. We offer transitional and supportive housing to help people move from life on the street to living in their own permanent home. Our Law Project prevents homelessness by educating, organizing and representing tenants facing eviction or harassment.
Strengthening Families and Communities

These programs help people amplify their voices – to express themselves artistically, or to claim their rights. Our Community Arts program hosts an intensive summer performing arts conservatory for youth, plus a year-round schedule of arts performances and classes. The Resource Center helps people secure the government benefits they’re qualified for, and offers legal and financial counseling, referrals and more.

We envision a world where communities are fair and just and people have the resources and tools to create healthy, safe and thriving lives.

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AND

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CONGRATS! Goddard CBC
Social Justice Prize Shortlist

New York Times Bestseller
#1 IndieBound Bestseller
ALA Banned Book List
Minneapolis Children's Theatre Production

Coming soon
Realistic and empowering story about detained illegal immigrants, the toll on a family, and how communities can help.
Congratulations to all the short listed nominees!

- Judith Curr

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- Support the causes and communities you love (like Goddard Riverside)

For more information, visit www.goddard.org/goddardforever
Our community is healthier, safer, stronger, kinder and nicer because of Goddard Riverside.

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A Partnership Years in the Making: Goddard Riverside and Isaacs Center

Many hands make light work! Goddard Riverside and the Isaacs Center celebrate our strategic alignment: a partnership that combines our expertise and programming and strengthens our service to the community.

Rod Jones and Greg Morris
Together, Goddard & Isaacs Center served 25,000 individuals.

1,494 Families received case management at Goddard’s Resource Center.

Goddard opened a new safe haven in Queens called The Baxter.

132 Students were tutored one-on-one through the school year at Goddard’s Star Learning Center.

71% of TOPOP and Greenkeepers secured employment.

Together, Goddard & Isaacs Center served 1,002 school-aged youth through our Beacon educational programs.

Isaacs Center provided Education & Workforce Development support to 359 young adults.

Isaacs Center delivered 7 nutritious meals weekly to 2,063 seniors.
We Proudly Salute the Values & Voice Of Goddard Riverside & The Collective Power of Its Community

Congratulations to Tonight’s Winners