

Social Justice Never Sleeps

THE 2022 GODDARD RIVERSIDE BASH

September 28th, 2022

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celebrates Goddard Riverside

with gratitude and awe

for all the amazing work they do.

Dear Friends,

Good evening and welcome to our annual gala—which in honor of this festive rooftop location and the incredible books we celebrate tonight, we have renamed our *Social Justice Never Sleeps Bash*.

This is the first time in my tenure at Goddard Riverside that I have been unable to attend this annual event, and I miss being with you all. I am currently in Romania with our colleagues from the International Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers at our annual global conference. I am proud to serve as a board member there and have the incredible opportunity to share the work of Goddard Riverside on a global stage.

In these times of local, national and international strife, our work is more important than ever. The work of Social Justice really cannot sleep; we must continue fighting for equity of opportunity and justice for all. We need the ideas and action inspired by this powerful crop of books on the shortlist for the sixth annual Goddard Riverside Stephan Russo Book Prize for Social Justice tonight. Books like the ones we honor with this Prize give us insight to do our work more effectively – and inspire us to do it with even greater commitment.

And I cannot believe that it is already our third 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.

Although I am not able to be there in person, I am certainly there in spirit. Thank you for all that you do to help make Goddard Riverside and this city stronger. It is your support and commitment that makes an impact, that builds community - and gives us all hope.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rod Jones".

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. The Book Fair continued for more than 36 years, and the partnership lives on in many ways, including our Social Justice Book Prizes.

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.

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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.

This Evening's Program

Welcome
G. Angela Henry

**Performance by Young People's Chorus
of New York City**

Goddard Riverside's Impact
Rod Jones

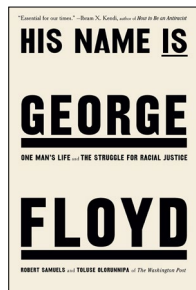
**Goddard Riverside Stephan Russo Book Prize
for Social Justice Award Presentation**

**Goddard Riverside CBC Youth Book Prize
for Social Justice Award Presentation**

The Goddard Riverside Stephan Russo Book Prize for Social Justice

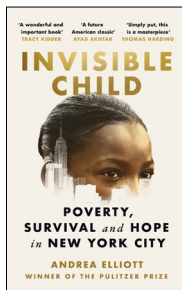
The prize celebrates the power of the written word to create change in the name of justice for all people—a value shared by the publishing community and Goddard Riverside. It is named for Stephan Russo, executive director of Goddard Riverside from 1998 to 2017.

2022 short list



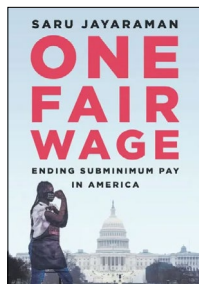
His Name Is George Floyd: One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice, by Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa (Viking).

This biography by two prizewinning Washington Post reporters reveals how systemic racism shaped George Floyd's life and legacy—from his family's roots in the tobacco fields of North Carolina, to ongoing inequality in housing, education, health care, criminal justice, and policing—telling the story of how one man's tragic experience brought about a global movement for change.



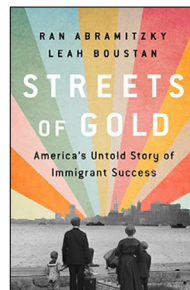
Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival & Hope in an American City, by Andrea Elliott (Random House).

Pulitzer Prize winner Andrea Elliott follows eight dramatic years in the life of Dasani, a girl whose imagination is as soaring as the skyscrapers near her Brooklyn shelter.



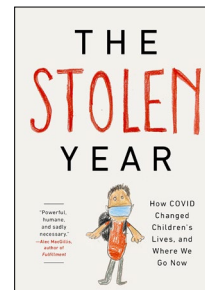
One Fair Wage: Ending Subminimum Pay in America, by Saru Jayaraman (The New Press).

The author of *Behind the Kitchen Door* examines how the subminimum wage and the tipping system exploit society's most vulnerable.



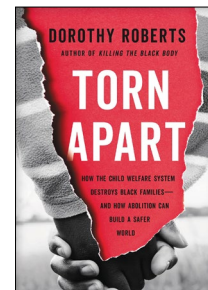
Streets of Gold: America's Untold Story of Immigrant Success, by Ran Abramitzky and Leah Boustan (Public Affairs).

Using the tools of modern data analysis and ten years of pioneering research, this book provides new evidence about the past and present of the American Dream—debunking myths fostered by political opportunism and sentimentalized in family histories, and drawing counterintuitive conclusions.



The Stolen Year: How COVID Changed Children's Lives, and Where We Go Now, by Anya Kamenetz (Public Affairs).

An NPR education reporter shows how the pandemic disrupted children's lives—and how our country has nearly always failed to put our children first.



Torn Apart: How the Child Welfare System Destroys Black Families—and How Abolition Can Build a Safer World, by Dorothy E. Roberts (Basic Books).

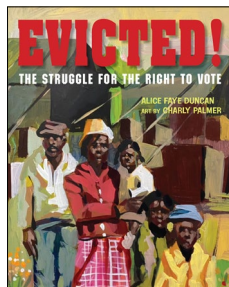
Drawing on decades of research, legal scholar and sociologist Dorothy Roberts reveals that the child welfare system is better understood as a “family policing system” that collaborates with law enforcement and prisons to oppress Black communities.

Thank you to our 2022 judges panel: Annie E. Minguez Garcia, Douglas Bauer, Marcia Cantarella, and Nancy Wackstein.

The Goddard Riverside CBC Youth Book Prize for Social Justice

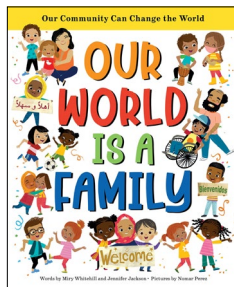
The youth prize recognizes nonfiction books for children and teens related to urban life and issues that support values such as community, equality, opportunity, mutual understanding, respect, caring and justice – in accordance with Goddard Riverside's mission.

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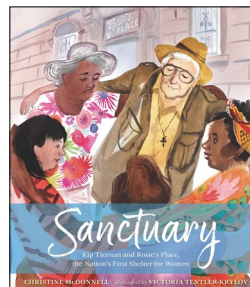
EVICTED! The Struggle for the Right to Vote, by Alice Faye Duncan, illustrated by Charly Palmer (Calkins Creek/Astra Books for Young Readers).

This civil rights book for middle-graders examines the little-known Tennessee's Fayette County Tent City Movement in the late 1950s and reveals what is possible when people unite and fight for the right to vote.



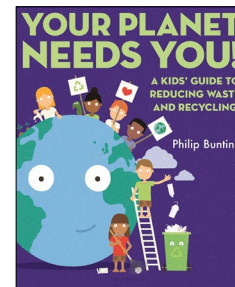
Our World is a Family, by Miry Whitehill and Jennifer Jackson, illustrated by Nomar Perez (Sourcebooks Explore).

From the creators of Miry's List, the nonprofit that has helped thousands of refugees, *Our World is a Family* is an all-ages picture book exploring the complicated topic of human migration in a gentle, loving, and affirming way.



Sanctuary: Kip Tiernan and Rosie's Place, the Nation's First Shelter for Women, by Christine McDonnell, illustrated by Victoria Tentler-Krylov (Candlewick Press).

The inspirational story of a singular woman and what her vision and compassion brought to life.



Your Planet Needs You: A Kids' Guide to Reducing Waste and Recycling, by Philip Bunting (Bloomsbury Children's).

Your Planet Needs You! is packed with simple explanations of how kids and their families can reduce, re-use, and recycle to help clean up our planet.

Thank you to our 2022 judges panel: Beth Puffer, Katura Hudson, Nick Rodriguez and Tiffany Coelho.

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 and Older Adult Centers; and **School-Age Children and Adolescents**, which includes two Beacon Programs.

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.



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. The **Options Center** helps young people get into, and complete, college, while the **Options Institute** trains professionals in college access and success counseling.

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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announcement of the 2022

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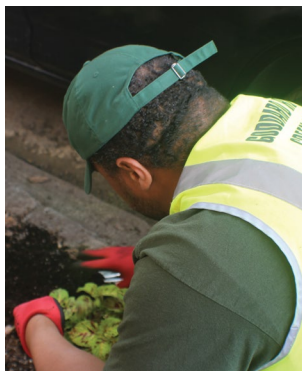


Matthijssen NYC would like to applaud Goddard Riverside for their tireless efforts in helping the community. We are proud to be a partner and hope you always continue to champion values of life-long learning, community, leadership, and innovation.

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Goddard Green Keepers



Keeping New York Beautiful
One Leaf ... & One Life at a Time.



*Celebrating 72 years
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From my first Goddard Gaieties in 1950,
to chair of the board and beyond....

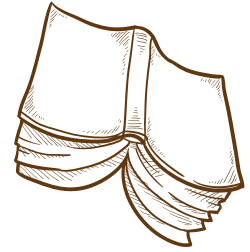
What a meaningful part of my life it
has been!

I am proud of being part of Goddard
Riverside and salute its amazing
accomplishments over my lifetime!

-Betsy Newell

Congratulations and Thank You to
Goddard Riverside for all its
achievements in advancing
social justice.

-Marcia Bystryn



Congratulations to
all the short listed
nominees!

*-Judith Curr &
Ken Kennedy*




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*Greetings from Oradea, Romania
where I am at the International
Federation of Settlements annual
board meeting.*

Wish I could be there in person!

Roel

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Community Arts Program



Goddard Riverside's **Community Arts Program** provides opportunities for people of all ages to experience and participate in the arts.

We invite you to join us for inclusive & inter-disciplinary arts events focused on the diversification, betterment and enrichment of our local community.

Visit our webpage to learn about our up-and-coming events!

Community Arts events take place at the Bernie Wohl Center,
at Columbus Avenue between W 91st and 92nd Street.



www.goddard.org/communityarts



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households assisted by
the Resource Center



5,000+

seniors engaged with Goddard
Riverside & Isaacs Center



Together, Goddard & Isaacs Center served over

20,000

Individuals



858

children provided with after school care



301

people placed into temporary or
permanent employment



5,174

seniors provided with meals



80

interns placed &

49

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scholarships given



people placed in temporary
or permanent housing



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