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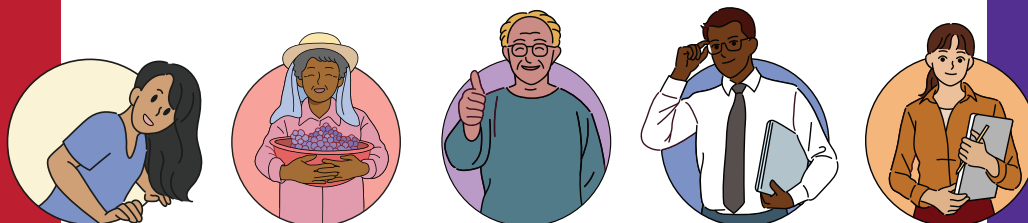
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Presenting the Good Neighbor Award

Neighbor to Neighbor Awards Ceremony



June 20, 2023

Celebrating those who are
creating a better community!



Past Winners

Visit our website for past winners.

www.goddard.org/goodneighborawards



Scan the QR code above to be taken directly to the web page!

To scan the QR code, open up your cell phones camera and hover over the QR code. Click the popup that appears.

Program

Reception	5:30 PM
Emcee	John Del Vecchio
Welcoming Remarks	Rod Jones <i>Executive Director</i>
Remarks	Rob Sweren <i>Representing committee and purpose of the award</i>

Presentation of Good Neighbor Awards

Awardee(s)	Presenter
Margarita Curet Osorio	Gail Brewer
Melissa Elstein	Gail Brewer
Wilma Lorraine Johnson	Maribel Mejia and Khristel Simmons
Carolyn Breidenbach	Jennifer Frisch
Dorothy Reiss	Diane LaRue
Emma Justus	Rachel Justus

About Goddard

For more than 100 years, Goddard Riverside has been committed to investing in people and strengthening community by meeting New Yorkers' most essential needs. Goddard Riverside provides comprehensive educational, cultural and recreational programs for New Yorker of all ages, including early childhood education, after school, employment support, college access, youth programs, homeless outreach, senior centers and legal assistance.

Preparing Children and Youth for Success

The goal of this program area is for children and youth to thrive, contribute positively, and successfully prepare for the next stages in their lives. This includes Early Childhood Education, Afterschool Programs, Summer Day Camps, Beacon Program, Performing Arts Conservatory, Star Learning Center, and Rise Youth Center.

Supporting Self-Sufficiency and Financial Independence

We work to help young adults secure education and employment opportunities toward meaningful career pathways. This includes Options Center, Options Institute, Learning to Work, Advance and Earn, and sector-based career training.

Enriching the Lives of Older Adults

Goddard Riverside is committed to helping older adults experience an optimal quality of life. This includes Senior Centers, NORCs (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community), Phelps House and Meals on Wheels.

Promoting Behavioral Health and Wellness

The goal of these programs is for each person to maximize their individual abilities and reach their fullest potential. This includes the ACT Team, TOP Clubhouse, TOP Opportunities and Green Keepers.

Fighting Homelessness and Supporting Housing for All

We believe all New Yorkers must have stable and affordable housing. We conduct homelessness prevention work and manage Supportive Housing. This includes Homeless Outreach, The Baxter Safe Haven, Capitol Hall, The Senate Residence, West 140th Street, Corner House, and the Law Project.

Strengthening Families & Communities

These programs support families and communities to be self-directed and thriving. This includes Community Arts, the Resource Center as well as Advocacy and Community Organizing.

For more detailed information on all our programs, please visit us at www.goddard.org.

Upcoming Events



The poster for the Isaacs Center Community Fair features a vibrant orange background with colorful triangular bunting flags at the top. At the top left, the Goddard Riverside logo is displayed with the tagline 'INVESTING IN PEOPLE, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY'. To its right is the Isaacs Center logo, which includes a stylized building icon. The central focus is a large, yellow, rounded rectangular sign with a red border and yellow dots, containing the text 'Isaacs Center Community Fair' in a bold, blue, serif font, with 'FOOD, GAMES, FUN & MUCH MORE!' written below it in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of this sign is a blue starburst graphic with the word 'FREE' in white. Below the sign, the text 'Join us for a community celebration to kick off summer with food, games and fun with neighbors!' is written in a yellow, sans-serif font. Further down, the word 'WHEN' is in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, followed by 'June 26, 2023 from 3 to 7 PM' in a yellow, sans-serif font. To the right of this text are illustrations of a red and white striped popcorn bucket, a pink cotton candy, and a cluster of colorful balloons (pink, blue, yellow, green, and orange). Below the 'WHEN' section, the word 'WHERE' is in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, followed by 'Asphalt Green 555 East 90th St. NY, NY 10128' in a yellow, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, the text 'RSVPS ENCOURAGED!' is in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, followed by the URL 'isaacsfair2023.eventbrite.com' in a yellow, sans-serif font. To the right of this text is a QR code. The bottom of the poster is decorated with a row of yellow and white dots.

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Isaacs Center

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Good Neighbor Awards 2023

The Good Neighbor Awards are being presented to the following in recognition of their extraordinary work as volunteers in helping build a better community.

Emma Justus for her commitment to helping families facing cancer. While in the sixth grade at Wagner Middle School, Emma cofounded the charity organization Club Care, after her father was diagnosed with terminal glioblastoma brain cancer. Club Care's mission is to support children and families dealing with cancer, and Club Care has created care packages for pediatric oncology patients at a local hospital, hand delivered staff appreciation gifts for the oncology team, created room makeovers for pediatric cancer patients, and more. Emma has worked throughout her time in middle school and high school to expand Club Care, and is working to open chapters across the country.

Melissa Elstein for her volunteer work with housing, education and environmental advocacy on the Upper West Side. Melissa has been involved in community organizing for over 20 years, starting when she and several neighbors started the West 80s Neighborhood Association, which protected numerous historic brownstones and saved their tenants from eviction. In addition to serving as secretary of the West 80s Neighborhood Association, she is the cofounder/lead organizer of Love Your Street Tree Day, and is the board chair and secretary of Stop the Chop NY/NJ, whose mission is to address the air and noise pollution caused by nonessential helicopters in the NY metropolitan area.

Dorothy Reiss for her work with New York libraries and bookstores. Dorothy is one of the founding members of the Friends of Webster Library, which worked to get the library designated landmark status. In 2004, the Friends opened the Book Cellar, a used bookstore in the basement of the Webster Library, which collects and sells donated books from community members. Dorothy has been there for over 19 years, and can still be found behind the cash register. Through the Book Cellar, she helped to raise over \$1 million for branch libraries of the NYPL. That money has funded special projects at the libraries, buying computers, books, and most recently a selection of books called the Harlem Collection.



Carolyn Breidenback for her longtime volunteer work with her local elementary school, PS 198. Carolyn has been volunteering at PS 198 for twenty years, coming in four days a week to serve as an assistant teacher, helper, and overall positive presence. She helps the PTA with fundraising and obtaining items for the school auction, encourages her friends and family to donate to the school, and, at 94 years old, she has seen four principals come and go during her time volunteering. Carolyn has a close relationship with the teachers, students, and school community, and is constantly trying to find ways to improve the school.

Wilma Lorraine Johnson for her volunteer work and community leadership. Lorraine has volunteered with the Stanley M. Isaacs Center at the Older Adult Center, After School Program, and Beacon for over 23 years. She is the President of the Stanley Isaacs Older Adult Center, and is currently serving on the advisory board of Metropolitan Hospital. At the Stanley Isaacs Center, she regularly coordinates and leads free art events for all age groups, including art lessons, crochet activities, and making flowers out of recycled materials. She donates art materials, and has always been available to assist during community events. She is a community activist who continues to put her best foot forward and is involved in all aspects of the community.

Margarita Curet Osorio for her work representing the residents of Amsterdam Houses. Margarita held the position of president of the Amsterdam Houses Residents Association for over 16 years, and went above and beyond while representing over 2000 tenants who live in the development. She advocated for maintaining safety and cleanliness of the facilities, and held monthly meetings with presentations from local organizations. She also facilitated family days which, in addition to barbecuing and entertainment, included tabling by cultural and health organizations that presented information and sign-ups for residents, making programs and services more accessible to residents, and organized educational activities such as computer classes for tenants.