Social Justice Never Sleeps
2023 Bash
October 4, 2023

Goddard Riverside
INVESTING IN PEOPLE, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY
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This Evening’s Program

Welcome
G. Angela Henry

Performance by Goddard Riverside’s Performing Arts Conservatory

Goddard Riverside’s Impact
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Goddard Riverside Stephan Russo Book Prize for Social Justice Award Presentation

Goddard Riverside CBC Youth Book Prize for Social Justice Award Presentation

Call to Action
Angela Henry & John Del Vecchio

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.

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 a rise in homelessness, and particularly in people with mental illness living on the streets. A board member reached out to a publishing executive for help supporting Goddard’s homeless outreach—and the Book Fair was born. The Fair continued for more than 36 years, and the partnership it created lives on in many ways.

In 2002, Goddard Riverside’s Book Fair Committee held the first annual Book Fair Gala, which evolved into the Bash. Past honorees have included Len Riggio, Dick Robinson and Carolyn Reidy. The publishing community has raised millions of dollars for Goddard, and 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.

In 2017 we awarded the first Goddard Riverside Stephan Russo Book Prize for Social Justice. Named for a book-loving former Executive Director, the prize honors the power of the written word to create a more just society. We’ve since added the Goddard Riverside CBC Youth Book Prize for Social Justice to honor books for children and youth.

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2023 short list

Children of the State: Hope in the Juvenile Justice System, by Jeff Hobbs (Simon & Schuster)

Excluded: How Snob Zoning, NIMBYism, and Class Bias Build the Walls We Don’t See, by Richard D. Kahlenberg (PublicAffairs/Hachette)

Food for Hope: How John van Hengel Invented Food Banks for the Hungry, by Jeff Gottesfeld, illustrated by Michelle Laurentia Agatha (Creston Books)

The Mother of a Movement: Jeanne Manford—Ally, Activist, and Founder of PFLAG, by Rob Sanders, illustrated by Sam Kalda (Magination Press)

The Measure of our Age: Navigating Care, Safety, Money, and Meaning Later in Life, by M. T. Connolly (PublicAffairs/Hachette)

The People’s Hospital: Hope and Peril in American Medicine, by Ricardo Nuila (Scribner)

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The first biography of Jane Jacobs for young people, the visionary activist, urbanist, and thinker who transformed the way we inhabit and develop our cities.

Building a Better World: Jane Jacobs championed young people, the visionary activist, urbanist, and thinker who transformed the way we inhabit and develop our cities.

The Gluten-Free Life in American Medicine, by Michelle Santella Agatha (Creston Books)

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Goddard Riverside Invests In People to Strengthen Community

Goddard Riverside and the Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center, our strategic partners on the Upper East Side, work together to provide comprehensive programs for all ages.

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, Summer Camps and Beacon Programs, 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. The Rise Youth Center provides a friendly and enriching space for children and teens. #DegreesNYC is co-leading a movement to break down barriers to higher education.

Supporting Self-Sufficiency and Financial Independence

Our Education and Workforce programs provide training to help people launch steady and well-paid careers. The Options Center helps young people get into, and complete, college, while the Options Institute trains professionals in college access and success counseling. Learning to Work helps high schoolers finish school and move on to a job or further education.

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, older adult housing, nutrition programs 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, which 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.
We envision a world where communities are fair and just and people have the resources and tools to create healthy, safe and thriving lives.

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. Advocacy and Organizing supports people to advocate for a more just society. Our innovative Soup’s Up program fights hunger while providing culinary training to young people.

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Goddard Riverside Community Center is proud to join Goddard Riverside Social Justice Never Sleeps 2023 Bash in celebrating the Goddard Riverside Book Prize Nominees!

Excluded
Richard D. Kahlenberg

The Measure of Our Age
M.T. Connolly

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Congratulations to
all the short listed
nominees!

-Judith Curr &
Ken Kennedy
Congratulations to the nominees of The Stephan Russo Book Prize for Social Justice and The CBC Youth Book Prize for Social Justice.

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We are not just a printing company dedicated to innovation and technology in publishing, but enjoy working closely together with leading publishers to enable them to spread ideas that make life more fair and beautiful for everyone. Cheers to another gala with our friends!

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

-Betsy Newell
Bess and Greg Goldstein are honored to be able to support Goddard Riverside!

Ellen and J.P. Leventhal Celebrate Goddard Riverside

for its support of 20,000+ New York children, students, adults, and seniors who are in need of Support, Shelter, Food, Education, Community Service, Medical Monitoring, Companionship and Love.

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

-Marcia Bystryn
Goddard Development Council

We raise awareness of Goddard Riverside, help engage the next generation of donors and corporate partners, help support the work of Goddard Riverside to build a fair and just society, by identifying resources, establishing partnerships and bringing a more modern perspective.

Stay and chat with us after the Bash to learn more about the Goddard Development Council or email ekennedy@goddard.org for more information!

Thanks to YOU,
We accomplished all of this and more...

- 336,000+ meals were delivered to older adults
- 1,460 families were able to get benefits with help from the Resource Center
- 32 people hired to be Green Keepers
- 82% of Options Center students entered college
- 97% of Star Learning Center students moved to the next grade
- 400+ people were placed in permanent housing
- 6,000+ older adults received healthcare assistance
- 919 children and teens provided with after-school care
- 986 students received arts education through Community Arts
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