



# *Social Justice Never Sleeps* *2023 Bash*

**October 4, 2023**

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**Hooray to Goddard Riverside  
and the fight for the  
dignity and well-being  
of all people.**

*The Workman Family*

**Dear Friends,**

Good evening and welcome to our annual Bash! This is one of my favorite nights of the year, when we come together to celebrate the work of the past year and get inspired to face the challenges ahead.

Goddard Riverside continues to expand its services to meet the evolving needs of our community. We are growing our mental health outreach programs and opening more supportive housing in the coming months. We also continue to advocate for systemic and policy change to raise the voices of our neighbors seeking affordable housing, supports for older adults and educational equity.

I'm excited by the powerful books on the shortlist for the seventh annual Goddard Riverside Stephan Russo Book Prize for Social Justice. The ideas and actions in these books inspire me, and I hope they inspire you too. 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.

Grown-ups aren't the only ones who need inspiration. The fourth annual CBC Youth Book Prize for Social Justice in partnership with the Children's Book Council has once again recognized a dynamic crop of books. I hope these books ignite the spark of justice in the next generation of leaders.

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



Rod Jones  
President

## **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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### **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 Goddard Riverside's  
Performing Arts Conservatory**

**Goddard Riverside's Impact**  
Rod Jones

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

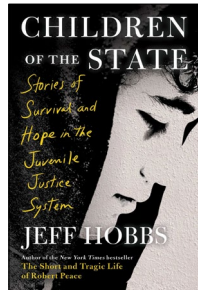
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**Call to Action**  
Angela Henry & John Del Vecchio

## The Goddard Riverside Stephan Russo Book Prize for Social Justice

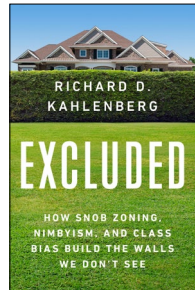
The prize celebrates the power of the written word to create change in the name of justice for all people — a value shared by the publishing community and Goddard Riverside. It is named for Stephan Russo, executive director of Goddard Riverside from 1998 to 2017.

### 2023 short list



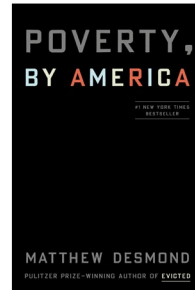
**Children of the State: Stories of Survival and Hope in the Juvenile Justice System**, by Jeff Hobbs (Scribner)

Jeff Hobbs challenges any preconceived perceptions about how the juvenile justice system works—and demonstrates that no one so young should ever be considered irredeemable.



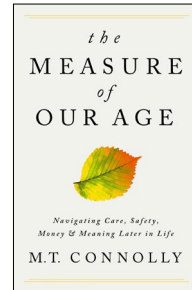
**Excluded: How Snob Zoning, NIMBYism, and Class Bias Build the Walls We Don't See**, by Richard D. Kahlenberg (PublicAffairs/Hachette)

An indictment of America's housing policy that reveals the social engineering underlying our segregation by economic class, the social and political fallout that result, and what we can do about it.



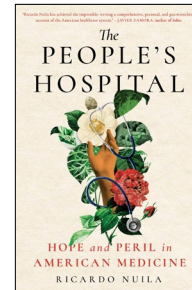
**Poverty, By America**, by Matthew Desmond (Crown/Penguin Random House)

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Evicted* reimagines the debate on poverty, making a “provocative and compelling” (NPR) argument about why it persists in America: because the rest of us benefit from it.



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

An expert on elder justice maps the challenges of aging, how things go wrong, and presents powerful tools we can use to forge better long lives for ourselves, our families, and our communities.



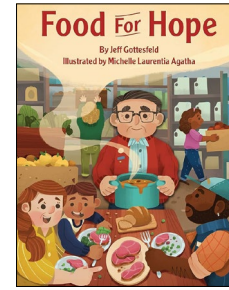
**The People's Hospital: Hope and Peril in American Medicine**, by Ricardo Nuila (Scribner)

This “compelling mixture of health care policy and gripping stories from the frontlines of medicine” (The Guardian) explores the question: where does an uninsured person go when turned away by hospitals, clinics, and doctors?

## 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.

### 2023 short list



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

This true story of how one ordinary person did something extraordinary shows how everyone can do something to make a difference.



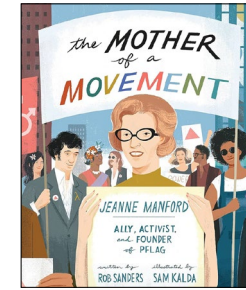
**Holding Her Own: The Exceptional Life of Jackie Ormes**, by Traci N. Todd, illustrated by Shannon Wright (Orchard Books)

An evocative picture book biography about the prolific life of Jackie Ormes, whose groundbreaking cartoons became some of the first empowering depictions of Black women in America!



**Jane Jacobs: Champion of Cities, Champion of People**, by Rebecca Pitt (Triangle Square Books)

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.



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

A true story of parental support and unconditional love — about Jeanne Manford, the founder of PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

Thank you to our 2023 judges panel: Douglas Bauer (Head Judge), Annie E. Minguez Garcia, Marcia Cantarella, Nancy Wackstein, & Christopher Watler.

Thank you to our 2023 judges panel: Beth Puffer, Katura Hudson, Nick Rodriguez and Tiffany Coelho.



# 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.



## 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.

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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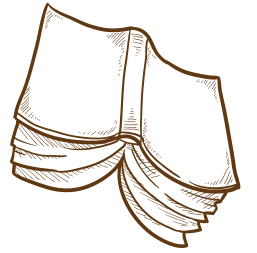
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*-Judith Curr &  
Ken Kennedy*





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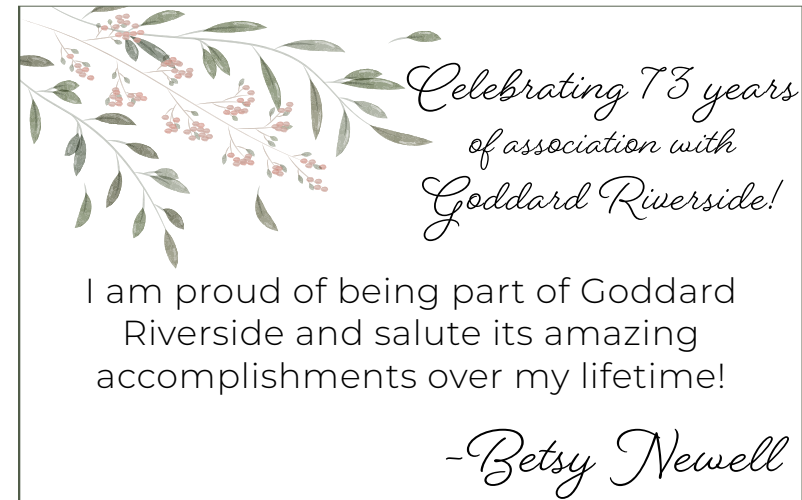
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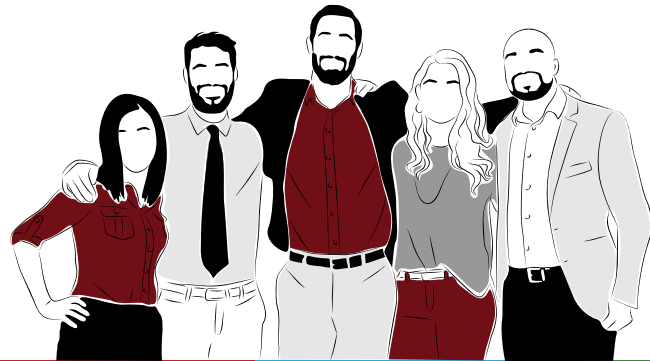
-Marcia Bystryn





# 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](mailto:ekennedy@goddard.org) for more information!

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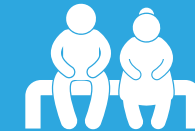
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400+  
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