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HARTLEY HOUSE

SERVING AND STRENGTHENING THE HELL'S KITCHEN COMMUNITY

FEATURING:

FALL in LOVE with Hartley House



What FALL 2014 was made of...

NEW website, Fall Wine Tasting Benefit, After School field trips, Social Work and Art Therapy Interns...



Fall Wine Tasting



Community Social Work



GED

The BEST of HARTLEY HOUSE



From L-R: Nicole L. Cicogna, Alice Gainer and Steve Overmyer (CBS)



Tony Sclafani and Alan Steel of Javits Center with the After School kids



Art Exhibit "Art Through the Ages"

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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,
 Happiness resides at Hartley House; you can find it in every corner of the house. It is in the child who has proudly finished her Scooby doo costume for her upcoming performance. It is in the adult who is mastering the English language. It is in the mother who is working on a ceramics project with her six year old son. It is in the senior who has escaped eviction and homelessness thanks to her HOPE social worker. But how does one measure happiness? In this time of highly competitive funding and the shift towards “evidence-based practice with measurable outcomes,” this becomes very difficult. The word “happiness” may not appear in our mission statement, but—for both staff members and clients, it is an ever-present consequence of the work we do.

On October 2nd, Hartley House and our friends celebrated this happiness at our 24th annual fall benefit, the Wine Tasting. With a central theme of Heart and Wine, we highlighted wines from vineyards that care and give back to their communities. It was a night of celebration, love, and happiness – and we raised \$50,000! It was a really fun evening complete with George Shea (of Nathan’s hot dog eating contest fame), a performance by “Badlands” Booker, and guest appearances by Alice Gainer & Steve Overmyer (CBS), Tony Richardson (former NFL fullback), and Senator Brad Hoylman. Take a look at all the pictures on our NEW website: hartleyhouse.org! Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed. We could not have done it without the help of our friends.

With Gratitude,

Nicole L. Cicogna
 Nicole L. Cicogna



Steve Overmyer, Nicole L. Cicogna, Robert Costomiris & Tony Richardson



Kelly Simon, Val Weaver-Grosso & Diane Downs



George Truax



Rovika Rajkishun & Alice Truax



Giving Tree created by Maya Eilam



Patricia Peterson, Traci DiGesú, Fernando Gomez & Yesenia Zuniga



GED: Tamiko Shinn

by: Erik Ipsen

On November 1, 2013, Tamiko Shinn picked up a thin letter that had just arrived from the New York State Department of Education and said to herself: “That’s not the kind of envelope they use to tell you that you’ve passed.” She was wrong. At 44, after countless hours of study and toil, including two years of GED classes at Hartley House, she had at last earned her high school equivalency certificate, and with it a solid shot at a better life.

“People see you as a failure when you don’t have a diploma,” she said. “Now I feel good about myself because I can apply for all sorts of jobs that I couldn’t before, and also because I know that I have accomplished something.”

Growing up on 112th Street in West Harlem, she enjoyed reading, and loved to write poems and notes about the day’s happenings in the vinyl-clad lockable diaries her mother bought her. Math, on the other hand, always tormented her. In the end, she never got past the 9th grade. A series of jobs, from food prep at an Arby’s to soldering car speakers in a plant in Dayton--and later, minding her four young children--kept getting in the way.

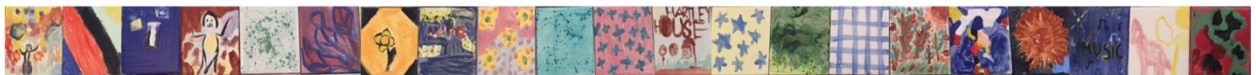
In 2012, four years deep into a spot in the printing department of a major oil company, and tired of not being able to land better jobs that she knew she could do if only she had the slip of paper--she vowed to do better. She found the Hartley House class via a Google search, came in two nights a week in neat business suits, and worked hard. She even convinced her employer that her department needed a white board, and then stayed two hours late many nights filling it with her math homework.

With her badge of achievement in hand she recently won promotion to head her four-person department. Today she is six-months into a year’s worth of Saturday, company-paid, computer graphics classes and is studying up to achieve her dream. “I’ve always wanted to own a day care center,” she says smiling.

With her two grown daughters, who are teachers, and a friend who is a nurse, she aims to fulfill her dream within two years.

Tiles created by the children of Hartley House

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Linda Chin
&
Nicole L. Cicogna



Dori Gurwitz
&
Deirdre Riou



Christopher Mitchell,
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&
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Charles Truax
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Senator Brad Hoylman
&
Nicole L. Cicogna

Community Social Work

by: Traci DiGesù, MSW, Director, External Affairs and Community Relations

Social Workers have been part of the structure and staffing of Hartley House since its doors opened in 1897. Community social workers serve their neighbors through a number of functions. They are an access point to help individuals, families, and groups utilize services and to gain knowledge about available resources in their community. They provide direct services to individuals, while providing advocacy, education, and social action to empower communities to work for change.

A cornerstone of the Community Social Work Program at Hartley House is Information and Referral - helping our neighbors find information about services and benefits through the referral process. We provide many services at Hartley House but our work also extends through a network of community service providers and partners. Through the Information and Referral process we endeavor to help provide helpful information and guidance.

A new program at Hartley House is a twice-weekly Social Work Walk-in Clinic. During this time members of the Hell's Kitchen Community are invited to meet with a generalist social worker, in person, on a first-come, first-serve basis to review and discuss their needs. We hope this open door policy will encourage our neighbors who need assistance to seek us out.

Clinic Hours:

Tuesdays- 12:00-2:30pm

Thursdays- 4:00pm-6:30pm

We are also developing workshops and clinics based on community needs. Recently, we held a workshop on SCRIE benefits to help local seniors know about important changes to this vital program and we also hosted a flu shot clinic with the help and support of Esco Pharmacy, a wonderful community supporter.



Francis Perkins, Resident
Social Worker at
Hartley House in 1911.



May Mathews,
a Hartley House
Social Worker for 50 years.



On September 26th, the children in our After School Program were hosted by our community partner, The Jacob Javits Convention Center, for a special career day including a behind-the-scenes tour, of their newly planted green roof - the largest in the city!

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Every neighborhood is like a complex web of connections among families, friends, neighbors, businesses and organizations. Strengthening these connections is our mission.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

AFTERSCHOOL

Saturday, November 1st - Haunted House
Wednesday, November 19th - Ogilvy visits
Friday, November 21st - Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

HOUSE CLOSINGS

November 11th - Veteran's Day
November 27th - 28th - Thanksgiving break
December 24th - January 5th - Holiday Break