Summer Block Party

Thursday, July 30, 2020 • 7:00 PM

Welcome to the 2020 Hamilton Families Benefit
I am honored to welcome you to the 2020 Hamilton Families Benefit, honoring The Hamlin School and Wanda M. Holland Greene.

Each year, Hamilton Families gathers our community partners to celebrate and honor your investment to the critical work we do that provides long-term solutions to family homelessness.

As an essential service provider, these past several months have been especially challenging for both our participant families and our staff. We have been supporting families through the deep financial uncertainties of a pandemic, focusing our efforts on ensuring that both staff and families are safe and healthy as well as continuing to build better racial equity in our community.

We do so much more than simply help families move into housing. Hamilton Families is committed to breaking the cycle of poverty by supporting families as they move beyond homelessness toward long-term stability.

The Hamlin School and Wanda M. Holland Greene have been tremendous partners over many years in helping highlight the inequities in our community and working to make a difference for all our families. We are deeply grateful for your commitment and partnership. Everyone attending tonight has a role to play in providing access and opportunity for all families in our community.

WE ARE COMMUNITY STRONG!

In partnership,

Jason Mandell
Chief Executive Officer (interim)
Hamilton Families is thrilled to honor The Hamlin School and Wanda M. Holland Greene at our 2020 Benefit: Virtual Summer Block Party. The Hamlin School educates girls to meet the challenges of their time and inspires them to become extraordinary thinkers and innovators, courageous leaders, and women of integrity. As Head of School for twelve years, Wanda M. Holland Greene’s leadership in the communities is far reaching.

Over the past 20 years the Hamlin community has played a crucial role in helping us in our mission to end family homelessness in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Hamlin community continues to donate books and holiday gifts to families in our programs, cook and provide meals at our residential programs, create community and education events, and donate to support our services.

Through Wanda’s inspirational leadership and commitment to service learning, Hamlin girls have established a long legacy of hands-on contributions to those less fortunate, which has been deeply felt at Hamilton Families. Hamlin girls learn at an early age that they are powerful contributors and can make a difference in the lives of those experiencing housing insecurity. We see this as a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our shared work and the Hamlin community over the years.
VIP Cocktail Party - 6:30pm
Hosted by Jason Mandell and Isaiah Johnson
Zoom link sent separately to Sponsor and VIP Guests

Virtual Summer Block Party - 7:00pm
Join us online at youtube.com/hamiltonfamilies

Sponsor Stories

Welcome
Hamilton Families Executive Team

Quinn DeVeaux
“Good Times Roll”

Hamilton Families Staff Video

Robin Hodge Williams, Jacqueline Sanders, LaQuanda Wafer & Bahate Pickens
“Total Praise”

Hamilton Families Participant Speaker
Blaire Jahn

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Honorees Highlight

Honorary Presentation
Wanda M. Holland Greene, on behalf of The Hamlin School

Isaiah Johnson
“Rediscovering Humanity”

Live Auction

Bisi
“Language”

Alphabet Rockers
“You’re Not Alone”

Closing Remarks
Hamilton Families Board of Directors
ARTIST BIOS

Alphabet Rockers performing You’re Not Alone
Alphabet Rockers make music that makes change, creating brave spaces for children and families to stand up to hate and be their courageous, beautiful selves. Led by Kaitlin McGaw (she/her) and Tommy Shepherd (he/him/they), Alphabet Rockers gets young people to talk about self-love and justice while living it. Their GRAMMY-nominated albums, multimedia, & curricula empower youth to embody change, advocate for others, & imagine a world they can both be seen in and thrive in. Alphabet Rockers are based in Oakland, CA, on the unceded land of the Chochenyo Ohlone people. [https://alphabetrockers.com](https://alphabetrockers.com) | Photo Credit: Nino Fernandez.

Bisi performing Language
Adebisi Obateru AKA Bisi is the globetrotting & exploring performer using his music as the intersection for compassion, equity & unconditional love. His music is a unique blend of folk, reggae, soul, rock, r&b, world beats, and afro beats. Bisi brings his own personal experiences into his songs making them soulful and engaging. His performances create unique moments for the audience. Bisi was born and raised in Lagos, Nigeria and now lives in San Francisco. [www.busybisi.com](http://www.busybisi.com)

Quinn DeVeaux performing Good Times Roll
Drawing from his roots in the church choir, Gary, IN born Quinn DeVeaux is the originator of blue beat soul, a rapturous blend of early blues, old-school country and soul. His songwriting is at times uplifting, rapturous and healing with a focus on modern storytelling. Channeling artists such as Sam Cooke, Bill Withers, Otis Redding, Ray Charles, and Leon Bridges, Quinn weaves a rich tapestry of sound that evokes and pays homage to his forebears all while keeping his finger on the pulse with his contemporaries. “For fun I would change the lyrics to songs as a kid. Ultimately I wanted the songs to reflect more clearly the world I was in.” [www.quinndeveaux.com](http://www.quinndeveaux.com)

Isaiah Johnson
Isaiah Johnson has appeared on and off Broadway, working with Al Pacino and Daniel Sullivan in The Merchant of Venice, Kevin Spacey and Sam Mendes in Richard III, Kelli O’Hara and Michael Grell in Far From Heaven, Roger Rees and Alex Timbers in Peter and the Starcatcher, Lin-Manuel Miranda and Thomas Kail in Hamilton (lab production), John Doyle, Cynthia Erivo, Jennifer Hudson and Danielle Brooks in “Color Purple” and on various other projects with Norm Lewis, Bill Condon and Randy Newman to name a few. He has also been a guest star on “Person of Interest” (CBS), “The Knick.” (Cinemax), and the new Peabody Award Winning Drama “David Makes Man” (HBO MAX). Isaiah earned a BFA from Howard University and an MFA from NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts. Isaiah Johnson performing Rediscovering Humanity. [www.legomyankles.com](http://www.legomyankles.com)

Jacqueline Sanders & Robin Hodge Williams with LaQuanda Wafer & Bahate Pickens performing Total Praise

Robin Hodge-Williams
As an anointed singer, songwriter, actress and composer, Robin has performed in the plays, “Momma I want to Sing”, “Gospel at Colonus” with Clarence Fountain and the Five Blind Boys of Alabama and “Sing Out Sweet Gospel”, “Graffiti Blues by Bob Dylan”, “The Many Faces of Robin Hodge-Williams” and “Somebody Ought to Tell God Thank You” featuring Vicki Winans. Robin has performed with noted greats including Daryl Coley, the Hawkins Family, Shirley Caesar and Lawrence Matthews. Robin has received the “Best Female Vocalist of the Year” award from the Bay Area Gospel Academy Awards twice. Billboard Magazine recognized her in August 2000 as one of Gospel’s “Hottest New Upcoming Artists.” Robin recently became a member of the New Edwin Hawkins Singer and has completed her fifth CD entitled “New Journey”. She is also a Residential Counselor at Hamilton Families Shelter in San Francisco. [robinhodgewilliams.com](http://robinhodgewilliams.com)

Jacqueline Sanders
I am a sixty-eight year old mother of five children, a grandmother of nine grandchildren and great-grandmother of one great granddaughter. Born in Oakland, California, I spent my life in Berkeley where I graduated from Berkeley High. I started singing at an very early age in church. I started playing the piano by ear at the age of six. I love music but Gospel music is my choice of music. I believe that through my personal life experience that God placed me at Hamilton Families to support those that are trying to find their way. I started working at the shelter in 2016 as an On-Call Residential Counselor, but through promotions and hard work I am now a Shift Coordinator. I feel so blessed to be singing with Robin and her daughters as we share our gift of song with my Hamilton Families family.
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As of July 28, 2020
Greg Quiroga,  
*Stellar Fundraising Auctions*

Greg Quiroga is the San Francisco Bay Area’s premiere fundraising auctioneer and has been conducting fundraising auctions for non-profit organizations across the United States since 2004. In a normal year he works with over 50 non-profits, schools, foundations, arts organizations, and charities to help raise over $15 million.

Since early March he has helped non-profits raise over $1.4 million from his home office. His virtual events have included donors from San Francisco, Texas, New York, London, Beirut, and Hong Kong.

The founder of Stellar Fundraising Auctions [www.StellarSF.com](http://www.StellarSF.com), Greg and his wife live in San Francisco with their teenage son.
For over 35 years, Hamilton Families has been creating innovative solutions toward ending family homelessness. This past year alone, Hamilton Families has helped over 700 families toward housing and stability.

We’re proud to say we’re not just aiming to end homelessness for families in the San Francisco Bay Area—we’re actually doing it. When families become stably housed, they become change agents in their communities. Like us, you believed in the potential of our programs and services to break the cycle of poverty.

Our collective efforts make us stronger. Stand up with us for equity and give every child in our community mobility and a future of their dreams. Together, we can end family homelessness in what San Francisco Bay Area.

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