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Annual Report 2009







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The images on the cover are some of the "faces" of Henry Street — clients, staff, performers and community members.



Message from the Executive Director

As many of you know, this is my last letter from Henry Street. After serving 38 years at the Settlement, seven of them as Executive Director, I am retiring on June 30, 2010.

In so many ways, I wish my final year had been one of abundance and expansion instead of one marked by diminished resources and contraction. The world economic collapse came crashing at the door of 265 Henry Street and entered our agency as it entered the homes of our clients.

The economic recession has been felt at every level: Our ability to deliver services was challenged at the very moment an increasing number of disenfranchised New Yorkers needed our help.

But the very bright light that emerged — and the reason I can pass the torch with confidence — is that in the face of these challenges, Henry Street has been able to continue to serve our clients, providing opportunities — social services, health care and arts programs — for those less fortunate.

So it is with a debt of gratitude to our staff, our Board, our funders, our clients and our community that I bid farewell to my "home" of nearly four decades. I am very proud to have been a part of the enduring and dynamic institution that is Henry Street Settlement and, even in my retirement, will continue to be involved.

Verone Middleton Set

Verona Middleton-Jeter Executive Director



Message from the Board of Directors

Each year, on behalf of the Board of Directors, we proudly share the accomplishments of Henry Street Settlement. This year is no exception.

The recession has affected every aspect of our agency, but the Settlement has maintained the integrity of its core programs and has touched the lives of more than 50,000 individuals during the past year.

This has not been an easy task. Our long-time clients, among the city's most vulnerable, were particularly hard hit by the economic downturn. Added to these numbers were hundreds of newly poor individuals who suddenly found themselves in need at a time when Henry Street's own resources were diminished.

As a Board, we have been committed to protecting our programs and, ultimately, our clients through vigilant oversight of the management of our endowment in very difficult markets and aggressive fundraising in a challenging year for philanthropy.

In the midst of an earlier economic crisis, the Great Depression, Henry Street's founder, Lillian Wald, wrote, "Never in all the years have we on Henry Street doubted

... the obligations of each generation to do better for the oncoming generation."

It is that sense of obligation, along with the commitment and leadership of our Board members, that has enabled Henry Street to continue to provide the same level of excellent service to our community during this extraordinary year.

Dale J. Burch

President

Robert S. Harrison Chairman

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In 2009, Henry Street Settlement touched the lives of more than 50,000 individuals in fulfilling its mission to open doors of opportunity to enrich lives and enhance human progress for Lower East Side residents and all New Yorkers through social services, arts and health care programs. Here are just a few of the highlights during the past year.

The Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC),

a walk-in gateway to agency programs, provided case management, short-term counseling, legal assistance, financial counseling, benefits screening and access to affordable health insurance to individuals and families. Last year, Henry Street helped clients to receive more than \$1 million in total cash and non-cash benefits. **The Parent Center**, part of the NRC, offered educational and supportive services to more than 100 parents.



Can an after-school program create a better student? That's exactly what it did for fifth grader **Brianna Paulino**. Since she got involved with sports in Henry Street's after-school program at P.S. 20, Brianna's grades have improved and she's hardly been absent this year — mostly because she doesn't want to miss after-school. "Even when I can pick her up at 3 p.m., she tells me to wait until 5:30," said Jasmine Guzman, her mother, adding that the program has improved Brianna's confidence. "I love it here," said Brianna.

Youth Services

Approximately 3,000 young people ages two to 24 were involved in youth programs last year. These include **early** childhood education programs (two day care centers and Universal Pre-Kindergarten), after-school services (homework help, arts and recreation at Henry Street youth centers and local public schools), adolescent services (college prep services, year-round and summer employment opportunities and a peer-to-peer HIV prevention program), **Camp Henry** summer day camp, and the Boys and Girls Republic (after-school and evening youth development programs).



"I give thanks every day that I found Henry Street," said **Nelson Feliciano**, 55, a former factory worker. When Mr. Feliciano first came to the Community Consultation Center (CCC), he was suffering from depression and did not have a home of his own. With continuing treatment at CCC, his illness is under control and he recently moved into an apartment in one of Henry Street's supportive housing residences. "There are many angels at Henry Street," said Mr. Feliciano. "They really helped me."

Behavioral and Health Services/Community Consultation Center

Henry Street's Community Consultation Center (CCC) — which offers preventive, early intervention and treatment services for mental health, physical health and social functioning - helped approximately 2,000 New Yorkers manage their health, live independently, avoid hospitalization and (re)enter the workplace last year. Services include outpatient mental health counseling, psychiatric day treatment, vocational training, supportive housing for the mentally ill and individuals living with HIV/AIDS, the **Health Unlimited** primary care clinic and vocational rehabilitation.

Workforce Development Center

Henry Street provided **employment training**, **job placement** and **retention assistance**, and related **educational and social support services** to 1,700 individuals at the Workforce Development Center (WDC); nearly 600 were placed in jobs. Some 500 people took advantage of the **free tax preparation services**, which yielded \$918,358 in tax refunds. The WDC increased its trainings and classes to accommodate the influx of the newly unemployed caused by the recession last year.

When **Wei Kang Luo**, 58, was laid off last year, it was the first time he had been unemployed since moving to New York from China 25 years ago. "I was very worried," he said. "I looked for six months and couldn't find another job." A friend recommended Henry Street, where Mr. Luo enrolled in ESL classes to improve his English and worked with a job recruiter. Today, Mr. Luo has not one, but two jobs that he loves — one in a supermarket, the other as a cook. "I am so thankful to Henry Street," he said. "The people here gave me the confidence and skills I needed to find a job."



Visual and Performing Arts/ The Abrons Arts Center

The Abrons brought artistic excellence to the Lower East Side through **performances; exhibitions; artist residencies; classes,** including preprofessional training for youth; and **arts-in-education**. In 2009, the Abrons continued as an **incubator for the avantgarde**, presenting artists such as Laurie Anderson, Karole Armitage, Justin Bond, Philip Glass, John Kelly, Ute Lemper, Lou Reed and John Zorn. More than 30,000 individuals attended the 160 performances and exhibitions in the Abrons' theaters and galleries.

Approximately 1,000 adults and children took classes in visual arts, music, dance and theater. The arts-ineducation program, which promotes learning through the arts, reached more than 5,000 public school students, teachers and parents.



Heidi Latsky, a New York choreographer, credits the Abrons Arts Center for allowing her to create *Gimp,* a bold and acclaimed dance project featuring both able-bodied and disabled dancers. "Because the Abrons [through its Artists Workspace Program] gave me time and space — a total of one month in its Experimental Theater — I was able to develop the project," said Ms. Latsky. Gimp sold out when it was performed at the Abrons, and is now on an extended tour, playing such notable venues as the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and in theaters overseas.

Senior Services

Approximately 2,000 individuals benefited from Henry Street's programs for seniors. Programs include the **Naturally Occurring Retirement Community** (NORC), whose services allow seniors to age in their own homes; the **Good Companions Senior Center**, which provides meals, educational and recreational programs; the **Senior Companion Program**, in which senior volunteers provide assistance to the homebound; and **Meals-on-Wheels**, which was expanded to deliver 1,000 meals daily.



Frieda Meyerhoffer, 95, has attended Henry Street's Good Companions Senior Center for close to four decades. She enjoys lunch and dinner there, and activities like exercise classes, movies and bingo. As a resident of the Vladeck Houses, she is a member of Henry Street's Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC), which provides services to help seniors age in their own homes. Ms. Meyerhoffer's home attendant, Marie Gustav, who brings her to the Center said, "I hope when I'm older I have someplace that's just like this."

Transitional and Supportive Housing

Henry Street provided **safe**, **supportive housing** to nearly 1,700 women, men and children last year, in one of the agency's four facilities: **three family shelters**, including one for female domestic violence survivors and their children, and **a shelter for single adult women**. Each has onsite support services, case management, child care and housing relocation assistance. Last year, 634 individuals moved to permanent housing and 180 adults located and/or retained employment.



When **Vivian Green**, 50, entered Henry Street's East Third Street Women's Residence, she was "a college graduate, a domestic violence survivor and an unemployed homeless woman who had no idea what to do," she recalled. Today, she is about to move into her own apartment, is employed as a telephone surveyor, is active in her church (where she is a gospel singer) — and is very grateful to Henry Street for helping her achieve all of that. "Because of the guidance of the staff, I was able to regain my self-esteem and trust, and become strong and confident," said Ms. Green. Seventeen years ago, **Miriam Sepulveda**, a housekeeper employed by Henry Street, knocked on **Sarah Berman**'s door. Ms. Berman refused to open it. "She didn't want a housekeeper, but I came back the next day and have been here ever since!" said Ms. Sepulveda. Ms. Berman, who suffers from multiple illnesses, couldn't manage without Ms.



ge without Ms. Sepulveda's help with cleaning, shopping, cooking and more. "We feel like family," said Ms. Sepulveda. "She even calls me Mom." Ms. Berman beamed, and said, "I love her, heart and soul."

Home Care Services

Henry Street helped more than 900 elderly, disabled or ill individuals remain safe, secure and healthy in their own homes. Our housekeepers accomplished this by helping with grocery shopping, meal preparation, cleaning and bill paying.

ATTAIN Computer Lab: Approximately 1,000 individuals — both youth and adults — used the ATTAIN Computer Lab, which provides free internet access and computer training to members of the community.

HENRY STREET IN THE NEWS

Accolades for The Abrons

The New Yorker named two Abrons Arts Center productions — Justin Bond's *Christmas Spells* and Banana Bag & Bodice's *Beowulf: A Thousand Years of Baggage* — to its best theater of 2009 lists. Bond's show at the Abrons was among the year's top five "sensational moments." Beowulf made the magazine's list of 2009's 12 best Off Broadway shows, with its "brilliant" songs and "fresh insight."

Two performances hosted by the Abrons — Mark Leckey's *In the Long Tail* and John Kelly's homage *Paved Paradise: The Art of Joni Mitchell* — were named to *Artforum*'s Best of 2009 lists. Leckey was featured on the magazine's cover.

On WNYC, dance critic Claudia La Rocco called the Abrons Arts Center "a new, stealth force for presenting challenging work."

In *The New York Times*, columnist Susan Dominus wrote that the "Abrons Arts Center . . . is gaining a reputation as one of the last standing locations for avant-garde performance downtown."



From top: Scene from *Beowulf*; Justin Bond in *Christmas Spells*



Since 1966, Ruth Taube (honored here by FIT) has taught thousands of people to sew, knit and crochet at Henry Street's Home Planning Workshop.

Bill Blass, Calvin Klein and ... Henry Street's Ruth Taube!

Ruth Taube, director of Henry Street's Home Planning Workshop, received the President's Lifetime Achievement Award from the Fashion Institute of Technology in 2009. The honor has been bestowed on only four other people: *Vogue* editor Anna Wintour and designers Bill Blass, Calvin Klein and Oscar de la Renta. "This past winter, we learned of the extraordinary work that Ruth Taube performs at Henry Street Settlement," Dr. Joyce Brown, president of FIT, said at the school's commencement. "The award is rarely bestowed but richly deserved by Mrs. Taube."



Shaquana Gardner, Henry Street youth client, with Sheldon Silver, State Assembly Speaker.

Mayor Bloomberg Lauds Henry Street

"We talk about Wall Street and Main Street," said Mayor Michael Bloomberg. "But what we should be talking about is Henry Street." Mayor Bloomberg made his remarks at the Settlement's 2009 Spring Gala, held at the Plaza Hotel, where he praised the Settlement's accomplishments, noting that its work with the disenfranchised continues to make the city a better place. The gala honoree was Tatiana von Furstenberg, a filmmaker and philanthropist, and the first Lower East Side resident to receive this award.

Robert Harrison, Chairman of Henry Street's Board of Directors, with Mayor Michael Bloomberg.



Our Youth, Our Scholars

Through the generosity of the Abrons/Aranow Scholarship Fund and Trinity Wall Street, Henry Street awarded scholarships to 71 college students at the 2009 **Youth Scholarship Awards Ceremony**. The students received a total of \$56,600 in awards, ranging from \$600 to \$1,100. Recipient Shaquana Gardner's moving essay (submitted for the scholarship) resulted in her getting tickets to hear President Obama speak, a two-page spread in the *New York Daily News* and a proclamation from State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver.



The Art Show

The Art Show — one of New York City's most exciting annual events — raises essential funds for Henry Street through a gala preview and ticket sales to the five-day show held at the Park Avenue Armory.

Described last year by Roberta Smith in *The New York Times* as "a fair loaded with work that you will be grateful to see," the Art Show is organized annually by the Art Dealers Association of America to benefit Henry Street Settlement. Seventy of the nation's leading art dealers present an outstanding exhibition of museum-quality works for sale.

FINANCIAL REPORT FY 2009

Public and Private Support	2008	2009
Contributions	1,316,319	1,519,472
Foundations	3,095,250	2,869,625
Special Events	1,848,129	1,062,526
Legacies and Bequests	150,827	4,050,000
United Way	16,712	10,781
Government Contracts	29,366,422	30,708,720
TOTAL SUPPORT	35,793,659	40,221,124
Other Revenue		
Investment Income	(900,811)	(3,004,954)
Program Activities	940,544	907,579
Rental and Other Income	806,574	775,236
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	36,639,966	38,898,985
Expenses		
Social Participation Programs	23,574,498	25,239,843
Arts Programs	2,853,662	2,407,407
Youth Programs	5,812,994	4,982,349
Employment Training	2,182,033	2,349,704
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	34,423,187	34,979,303
Management and General	4,138,473	3,926,769
Fundraising	441,186	414,000
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	4,579,659	4,340,769
TOTAL EXPENSES	39,002,846	39,320,072
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		
BEFORE OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	(2,362,880)	(421,087)
Other Adjustments:	a	
Change in Accounting Principle-Defined Benefit Pension Plan Cost		(1248 020)
	(1,501,043)	
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(3,863,923)	(1,769,326)

The Settlement maintains a Defined Benefit Pension Plan which was frozen to new participants as of October 31, 2005. As of June 30, 2009, the Plan was fully funded in accordance with ERISA requirements. In conformity with Financial Accounting Standards 158 in accounting for Defined Benefit plans, the Settlement recognized an additional cost of pension expense associated with the Additional Minimum Pension Liability in the amount of \$1,501,043 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. In the current fiscal year the Settlement has further recognized an additional cost in the amount of \$1,348,239. These are extraordinary adjustments and may not repeat in future years.



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