The 2016–2017 NYU Community Fund Committee Report

Thirty-five years ago, members of the faculty, staff, and administration of New York University came together to form the NYU Community Fund as a way to assist organizations serving our larger community. Since that first year, the NYU Combined Campaign, raising money for both the NYU Community Fund and the United Way of NYC, has continued as a vital source of support to organizations collectively helping tens of thousands of New Yorkers.

Last year, New York University employees contributed over $35,250 to the NYU Community Fund which awarded grants to 70 community-based organizations in Lower Manhattan. With the unwavering support of full-time employees last year, we were able to bring our grand total of money raised to nearly $32,000. Moreover, employee contributions to the United Way of NYC last year set an all-time record with over $32,700 being raised for programs across the city.

According to Lynne F. Brown, Senior Vice President for University Relations and Public Affairs, “The university feels special pride in making these awards because they mark a very personal initiative by NYU employees to benefit our community and our neighbors. Our collective resources are shared to focus on specific needs on an every day basis, and the results are evident and rewarding to us all.”

Using these funds, the NYU Community Fund Committee has been able to award thousands of grants to neighborhood groups since the Fund began. These organizations are dedicated to such purposes as encouraging at-risk young people to stay in school, providing services for the elderly, feeding the hungry, sustaining local arts and cultural programs, and supporting projects for the visually impaired, persons with terminal illness and other health problems.

The NYU Community Fund distinguishes itself from other fundraising drives by incurring no overhead costs, all administrative expenses are covered by NYU, and every dollar contributed by employees goes directly to neighborhood organizations. Any surplus of the NYU Community Fund, one organization to another each year with the Thorne Hudson Award, named after the late Staff Director of the Fund. This year, UniCure, Inc. was chosen to receive a $5,000 grant to help support their “Graspar onto Collaborative Project,” which assists New York City’s immigrant communities in mobile, community-based presentations and legal consultations on immigration law.

In addition to the NYU Community Fund Awards, 14 organizations serving children and youth in Greenwich Village are the recipients of $22,550 in grants as part of the T.G. White Fund. Among the groups receiving these awards are recreation centers, settlement houses, and community service organizations. The T.G. White Fund was established by long-time Greenwich Village resident, Theodore G. White, who died in 1952. He left his estate to NYU for the support of charitable Greenwich Village organizations that aid young people. NYU’s Combined Campaign begins the first week of November and concludes the third week of January. Community groups may apply for grants beginning December 1. The Community Fund Selection Committee reviews requests and makes decisions by the end of April, when recipients are notified.

On the following pages, please find a list of award recipients from the 2016-2017 NYU Community Fund and the T.G. White Fund that YOU made possible!
2016–2017 NYU Community Fund Award Recipients

Bronx with college preparatory

A Fair Start for Youth, Inc.
To help the incarcerated and transitioning individuals gain the life skills and career training that enable them to secure 400 jobs.

Academy of Medical and Public Health Services
To support the training and capacity of the “Healthcare Hero” program, providing quality clinical, teaching, and volunteer education.

ArtsPlace
To support the “Graphics” programs, which provide opportunities for at-risk, low-income New York City youth to learn about and appreciate the hard work and contributions of NYC’s arts and culture.

Community Health Project, Inc.
To support the “Build Your Resilience” program, which provides weekly group and individual sessions for children and youth.

Community Health of the Bronx
To support the “Family, Forward” program, which provides a comprehensive range of services to at-risk families.

NYU Child Study Center
To support the “Linguistic Skills” program, which provides language intervention for children ages 4 to 8.

Children’s Aid Society
To support the “Stepping Stone” program, which provides early childhood education for children ages 2 to 5.

Children’s Trust
To support the “Healthy Families, Healthy Communities” program, which provides comprehensive support to families with young children.

Church of St. Luke in the Fields
To support the “Adult Education” and “Saturday Morning Music” programs, which provide educational opportunities for adults.

CityParks Foundation
To support the “Charlie Parker Jazz Festival,” the largest jazz festival in the world.

Community Foundation for New York
To support the “Music Therapy Services” program, which provides therapeutic music services to children and youth.

Community Services
To support the “Community for Living” program, which provides community living opportunities for adults with disabilities.

Connecticut Coalition on Family Violence
To support the “Domestic Violence Services” program, which provides support and advocacy for victims of domestic violence.

Covenant House New York
To support the “Covenant House” program, which provides emergency shelter and support services to homeless youth.

Covens Center for the Family
To support the “Covens Center for the Family” program, which provides support and resources to families.

Dance for a Variable Population
To support the “Summer Dance Institute” program, which provides dance instruction to people of all ages.

Fordham University
To support the “Fordham University” program, which provides educational opportunities for local students.

God’s Love We Deliver
To support the “God’s Love We Deliver” program, which provides nutritious meals to people living with HIV/AIDS.

John Jay College of Criminal Justice
To support the “John Jay College of Criminal Justice” program, which provides educational opportunities for students.

John D. Easton Academy
To support the “John D. Easton Academy” program, which provides educational opportunities for students.

Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen
To support the “Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen” program, which provides food and services to those in need.

LEAP, Inc. (c/o Brooklyn Workforce Innovation)
To support the “LEAP, Inc.” program, which provides workforce development services.

New Women New York
To support the “New Women New York” program, which provides support and resources to women.

New York City Bureau of Community Development
To support the “New York City Bureau of Community Development” program, which provides support and resources to communities.

Project Renewal
To support the “Project Renewal” program, which provides educational opportunities for adults.

Phoenix Theatre Ensemble
To support the “Phoenix Theatre Ensemble” program, which provides support and resources to theater professionals.

Phoenix House
To support the “Phoenix House” program, which provides support and resources to young adults.

Rachel’s Challenge
To support the “Rachel’s Challenge” program, which provides support and resources to students.

Singers for Kids
To support the “Singers for Kids” program, which provides support and resources to children.

St. Joseph’s Soup Kitchen
To support the “St. Joseph’s Soup Kitchen” program, which provides support and resources to individuals.

Tompkins Square Park
To support the “Tompkins Square Park” program, which provides support and resources to local residents.

T.G. White Fund
To support the “T.G. White Fund” program, which provides support and resources to individuals.

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Urban Justice Center (Peter Torenson Memorial Fund)
To support the “Urban Justice Center (Peter Torenson Memorial Fund)” program, which provides support and resources to individuals.

Visiting Neighbors, Inc.
To support the “Visiting Neighbors, Inc.” program, which provides support and resources to individuals.

Widows' Woof Fund
To support the “Widows' Woof Fund” program, which provides support and resources to individuals.

Young People’s Chorus of New York City
To support the “Young People’s Chorus of New York City” program, which provides support and resources to individuals.

Yuvalim, Inc.
To support the “Yuvalim, Inc.” program, which provides support and resources to individuals.