

# GRAND STREET SETTLEMENT

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## CONNECTION TO SOCIOLOGY

- This agency plays a major role within society, they offer many programs to benefit everyone within the community. They have work ready programs that can help adults and young adults with continuing their education and finding a job. The more educated people within the community less violence will occur, which will result in better structure of a community. The program also provides childcare which is one of the main reasons mothers do not continue their education, parents without education tend to raise children with limited education. Grand Street Settlement is a chance to end many family cycles within low income communities, giving hope to a better functioning society.

## WHO? WHERE? WHY?

Grand Street Settlement is a non-profit social service institution on the Lower East Side in New York City and was founded in 1916 in response to the needs of waves of immigrants from Eastern and Southern Europe who were settling in the area. Today, over 10,000 children, youth, families and older adults residing on the Lower East Side and Brooklyn are served through Grand Street Settlement's community-based programs.



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# BARUCH HOUSES COMMUNITY CENTER

## LOCATION

- Address: 605 FDR Drive New York, NY 10002
- Hours of operation:  
Weekdays: 2:00pm - 10:00pm  
Saturday: 10:00am - 5:00pm  
Summer: 8:00am - 11:00pm

## PROGRAMS

- Afterschool program ages 7-12 providing snack, homework help, and hands on stem units.
- Young adult program ages 13-21 providing snack, homework help, work readiness, counseling, sex education, cooking classes, stem units.

## COOKING WITH JAYJAY

Every Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Baruch Houses Community Center at 6:45p.m Jajuan Pinckney a graduate of Culinary Institute of America teaches young adults how to cook a variety of different dishes, kitchen safety and healthy cooking habits.





## MAKING BAKED MAC AND CHEESE

Jajuan allowing the children to take control in the kitchen.



# PERSONAL CONNECTION

Grand Street Settlement has been a great help to my family and the families within the community. My son attended their early head start program from the ages one to three, this allowed me to work and attend school. The program enabled my son to walk more and speak. My seventeen year old brother whom I have custody of attended the young adults program which allowed him to build relationships with people of his age, and the program provided me with a peace of mind knowing that he is in a safe place and out of trouble.

## QUESTIONS WITH JAJUAN PINCKNEY

Michelle: What is your role within the center?

*Jajuan: My job title is Activity Specialist, but I pretty much play the big brother role of the children.*

Michelle: Tell me a little bit about the program.

*Jajuan: The program is great, we are a non-profit organization in areas where there are families with low income. The Baruch center is one of the many center within Manhattan and Brooklyn. Here at the Baruch center we offer late hours for young adults in hopes to keep them off the streets.*

Michelle: What do you love most about your job?

*Jajuan: What I love most about my job is knowing that every day I am helping guide a young man or woman closer to their dreams, and providing them with a safe haven where they can enhance their skills and prepare for life as an adult.*



# REFERENCES

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## SUMMARY

Grand Street Settlement is a non-profit organization founded in the Lower East Side in 1961. The organization has multiple centers throughout the Manhattan and Brooklyn area which cater to the needs of different age groups. They work closely with children, youth, seniors, families and individuals. The organization offers resources such as daycare, after school programs, work readiness, summer youth jobs, and counseling these are just to name a few. They even offer GED course, computer certification courses and job placement.

## SUMMARY

The Baruch Houses Center in my neighborhood has been around since I was a child, they were open during the school year as well as during the summer break. I visited the center for this project and so many memories came back to me from my childhood, like playing with my friends, doing fun projects and going on adventurous trips. During my visit I interviewed one of the counselors Jajuan Pinckney he has been working on and off for the organization for a total of 12 years, he started working as a teenager within the summer youth program and well into his twenties he became one of the head counselors. He recently returned after culinary school and presented a cooking unit to the program director, the classes were granted and has been a success since. He explains how much support and great feedback he has gotten from the children's parents, and most importantly how much the young adults enjoy cooking in the kitchen and being hands on.

## SUMMARY

The center provides an after school program for boys and girls from 3-6pm for ages 7-12, and a young adults program from 6-10pm for ages 13-21, they provide snack, homework help, and hands on stem units. “The young adults program provides a place for the community youth to chill and be themselves, a safe place to hangout and interact with people their age.” states Mr. Pinckney

“Our main goal is to keep the children off the streets and doing something positive.” “Although we are an educational program this is not a place of mandatory attendance, they are allow to come and leave during anytime between the hours of operation, most times every child stays all day” Mr. Pinckney continues to explain the importance of the program, mentioning that it helps parents who work late, single parents and even parents who are having trouble getting through to their children when involves their behavior and academics. The programs location is in the middle of a low income housing development and a shelter, and is essential to the community. “Children are our future, and if there weren't any programs like the Grand Street Settlement program we will have no future, violence will increase, as well as poverty. The cycle within these housing developments will continue.” Jaquan Pinckney.