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"a place to grow"



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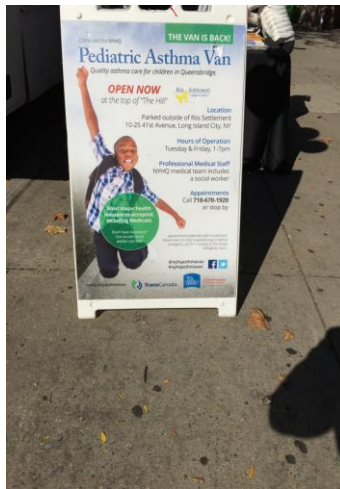
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"Not just a place to go, but a place to grow"

Sixth Annual Asthma Education and Screening Day

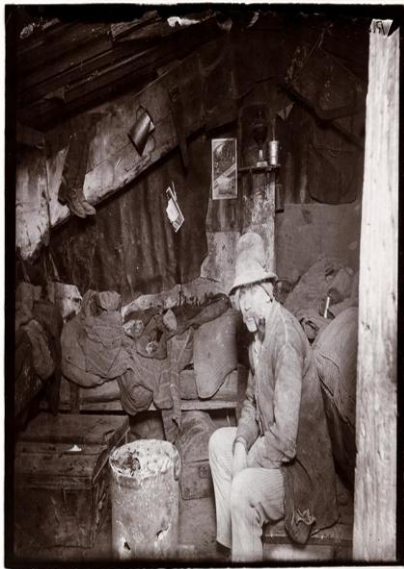
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On Saturday October 17, 2015, Jacob A Riis Neighborhood Settlement, along with its sponsors TransCanada and New York Hospital Queens hosted its sixth annual Asthma Education and Screening Day. Over 100 children and adults participated in a day filled with fun activities, education about asthma and most importantly free food. Volunteers contributed greatly by helping out in activities such as preparing "goodie bags" for participants who were screened in the mobile asthma bus. Each goodie bag had a flashlight, a sponge ball and a peak flow meter.



There was even a clown on hand entertaining children with balloons and fun arts and crafts activities. There were also attendees from other boroughs who had heard of our event through ads. We thank all those who made this event a successful one.



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Inside the mobile asthma van

It was a beautiful autumn day

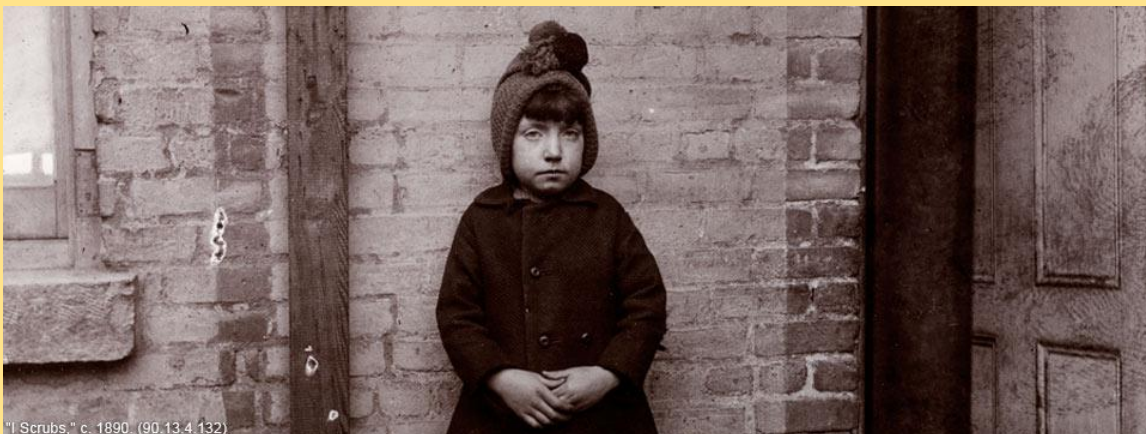
It's that time of the year again! Our annual Fall Family Feast



On November 14, 2015 from noon to 4 p.m., Citibank and Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement will present their Tenth Annual Fall Family Feast at Riis Settlement's Queensbridge site. Riis Settlement and Citibank will team up once again to bring the Fall Family Feast event to the Queensbridge community. Over 1,000 local community members will be served a holiday meal, and 150 home-bound meals will be delivered to those community members who are physically unable to attend or live in shelters. The nutritious meals will be served free of charge.

Please do volunteer at this event if you can. We will need help cleaning up after the event as well as help keeping the event running smoothly.

Jacob A Riis: Revealing New York's Other Half Exhibition



"I Scrubs," c. 1890 (90.13.4.132)

The Museum of the City of New York is currently running an exhibition of Jacob Riis' photographs as well as his handwritten journals and personal correspondence. The photos are an incredible reminder of the poverty that existed in New York City and remind us of urban poverty issues we still face today. We encourage you to take a look at the amazing photos taken by the social reformer and be inspired in catalyzing change through your volunteering efforts. The exhibition will end March 20, 2016. The Museum of the City of New York is located at 1220 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10029 open daily from 10 AM to 6 PM.



Volunteer Spotlight

Juan Manzano has been volunteering with Riis Settlement for two years now as an English Conversation tutor. Juan came to the United States at the age of 15 from El Salvador. He graduated from St. John's University with a degree in marketing.

1. What interested you in volunteering as an English Conversation Tutor?

I became interested in volunteering as an English Conversation Tutor because I would be able to learn about other languages and cultures. I wanted to also teach a language that I myself had learned.

2. What do you enjoy the most about your volunteer work?

Interacting with people from different backgrounds and different ages. Helping someone learn something new.

3. What is your favorite memory from your volunteer experience at Riis?

The classroom activities, for example when the teacher gave me pictures to help the students build a story.

4. What is something you have learned through volunteering?

You have to tailor your teaching methods according to the students' needs and level of proficiency.

5. What advice do you have for other volunteers?

Be yourself; be open to learning new things.

6. Do you have anything else you would like to share?

The English program should be expanded to eastern Queens as well.

7. Future Plans?

Become a TESOL teacher

Volunteer Opportunities

Title: Volunteer Group Leader

Time: Fridays 2:30pm-5:00-pm,
(6 Positions Need To Be Filled)

Location: P.S. 171Q

Address: 14-14 29th Ave, Astoria, NY 11102

Program Director: Nicole Kom

Title: Work Readiness Workshop Facilitator

(2 Positions Need To Be Filled A.S.A.P!)

Time: Tuesday-Thursday 3pm-6pm

Location: Information Technology High School

Address: 21-16 44th Road, Long Island City, NY 11101

Program Director: Sheirly Rinchere

Title: After School and Teen Tutor

(5 Positions Need To Be Filled)

Time: Monday-Thursday 2:30pm-6:00pm, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Ravenswood Community Center

Address: 35-40 21st Street, Astoria, NY 11106

Program Director: Lavern Maison

Title: Senior Services Volunteer

Volunteers Needed: 6

Time: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Location: 10-25 41st Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101

Program Director: Robert Madison

Title: Volunteer Model United Nations Instructor

Volunteers Needed: 2

Time: Wednesdays-Thursdays 4:30pm-5:30pm (can be changed to Fridays depending on availability)

Location: 37-15 13th Street Long Island City, NY 11101

Program Director: Jamie Corrodus

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