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Dear Graham Community,

I hope you are having a restful and restorative summer! Here at Graham, fun activities have been heating up across all our innovative supports. While students are enjoying a break from their classrooms, we are thinking ahead about how to [ensure they are Ready to Learn](#) when school starts in a few short weeks. We recently launched our annual drive for school supplies and other items students need, in preparation for our back-to-school events across the Bronx, Harlem, and Brooklyn.

We are thrilled to [expand our innovative Graham SLAM education and career coaching initiative](#) and to

[develop the new Graham WORKS initiative](#), both of which will support young adults in entering a living-wage career path. I encourage you to read more about those exciting announcements below.

In all we do, we are continuing to move forward with our audacious [Vision 2029 strategy](#), as we work to:

- Develop alternatives to foster care that eliminate harm
- In partnership with community, provide support for family wellbeing
- Help youth and families lead healthy, prosperous lives
- Further advance our thriving OneGraham culture

As I think about the uncertainty of the current times, I am reassured by the fact that whatever challenges we face, we will face them together. With your generosity and your commitment, we can [continue to provide helpful help™](#) to those who face some of life's most difficult obstacles caused by poverty, racial injustice, and lack of access to education, living wage employment, quality healthcare, and affordable housing. Thank you for all you do for the children and families we support.

Onward,
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Graham SLAM Initiative Expands to Support Community Youth



Until this spring, the majority of youth in Graham SLAM had experienced foster care. [Thanks to a generous \\$1 million contribution from private donors](#), we are now expanding our reach to include more youth at our community centers, mental health clinics, and family support services who are seeking similar coaching to achieve their life goals. This year, we will reach 180 more youth to increase SLAM's total to 580 youth!

Since the launch of SLAM in 2014, the impact of this initiative has been profound. Our success at Graham and the success of Fair Futures throughout the city and now elsewhere in the state of New York, have proven what's possible when young adults are surrounded by consistent, caring support and life coaching.

Tremont Youth & Family Center Lower Level Grand Opening

On June 3, we held the [grand opening for the newly renovated lower level of our Tremont Youth & Family Center in the Bronx!](#)

Children, youth, and families have traditionally come here for family supports, health and wellness services, and SLAM coaching. Following our helpful help™ approach, we renovated the lower level to respond to what youth and families have asked for: a modern, beautiful space with a youth lounge, a kitchen and dining space, and more offerings. We plan to renovate the entire four-floor building in the welcoming style of the lower level to offer more community-focused supports as part of Vision 2029.



Abundant thanks to Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, the Clark Foundation, the Renate, Hans, and Maria Hofmann Trust, and supporters of the Eliza Hamilton Legacy Campaign for funding this renovation!

New Graham WORKS Pilot Initiative Announced at 219th Annual Meeting



Through the exciting tradition of Graham's Annual Meeting, we invite members of our wider community to a meeting with our Board of Directors to hear an update on the organization and a presentation on an important topic. This year we were pleased to [unveil our newest innovative pilot concept: Graham WORKS!](#)

Graham WORKS (Workforce Opportunities, Readiness, Knowledge, & Skills) is a critical part of our Vision 2029 strategic plan to help young adults reach a living wage career path by age 26. Graham WORKS will collaborate with our signature Graham SLAM youth coaching initiative as well as with employers and workforce partners to provide young adults with hands-on workforce experience, professional mentoring, and connections to quality internships and jobs. We can't wait to officially launch the pilot of this new innovation!

2025 Gala Benefit Raises \$2.6 Million

Graham's 2025 Annual Gala benefit was truly sensational! With full Board support and generous contributions from so many caring New Yorkers, [we raised over \\$2.6 million to help Graham's children and families](#) achieve their education, work, and life goals.

Our distinguished guests and invited speakers helped us honor Debevoise & Plimpton LLP with the Champions for Children Award, recognizing their 20-year pro bono partnership with Graham. We are grateful for everyone who attended and supported this year's Gala!

