DEAR BROOKLYN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PARTNERS,

INSIGHTS TO IMPACT celebrates our firm belief that when we are equipped with direct insights from Brooklyn’s communities we can make a significant impact on Brooklyn’s most pressing challenges.

We started this process with Brooklyn Insights—a six month project dedicated to learning from nearly 1,000 Brooklyn residents—and we’ve continued by lifting up the leadership and expertise of residents and nonprofits through our new strategy.

This approach garnered the prestigious Impact Award from the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy and inspired donors to give over $1 million to our Community Fund last year.

We know that Brooklyn’s challenges are great. Nearly 40% of our neighbors live in or near poverty; structural and institutional barriers devastate our communities of color; and young people are growing up in rapidly changing neighborhoods that are increasingly unaffordable for their families.

We envision a better future. One that is fair and just, in which everyone who calls Brooklyn home can participate and prosper.

To achieve this vision, we’ve created a strategy that helps young people of color to realize their potential and power; lifts up local leaders in under-resourced communities; and channels greater resources to nonprofits that give Brooklynites the tools to thrive.

A better future also starts by positioning Racial Justice at the core of this strategy so that all people are equally seen, valued, and respected. And I’m pleased to share we will be launching a Racial Justice Fund this year to give donors a direct way to participate in this critical work.

In 2015 we deployed more than $4.2 million through our Community Fund and growing Donor Advised Fund program. In this report, we provide an overview of our funding areas and showcase our partners who are lending us their INSIGHTS and propelling us towards IMPACT. We’ve also included a section on INFLUENCE, showing how our efforts for justice and equity are resounding not only in Brooklyn but far beyond.

We are deeply grateful for your generosity and support and look forward to continuing our work together to spark lasting change.

Cecilia C. Clarke
President & CEO
BROOKLYN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IS ON A MISSION TO SPARK LASTING SOCIAL CHANGE, MOBILIZING PEOPLE, CAPITAL, AND EXPERTISE FOR A FAIR AND JUST BROOKLYN.

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**Invest in Youth**

**INSIGHT**

More than 100,000 Brooklyn youth age 16 to 24 live in poverty, the vast majority of whom are growing up in communities of color. One in four incarcerated youth in New York City come from just six Brooklyn neighborhoods. And more and more Brooklyn youth are from immigrant families, which account for one-third of all New York City households.

Brooklyn is teeming with new development and new businesses, yet offers few entryways for local youth to take part or have a voice in the borough’s future.

**INVESTMENT**

Invest in Youth is Brooklyn Community Foundation’s most significant initiative to date. At its launch, we made a **10-year, $25 million** commitment to supporting nonprofits that transform the lives of young people of color and create solutions for dismantling the cycle of poverty, unemployment, incarceration, and disconnection confronting our next generation. We believe this investment is the key to creating equity of opportunity and outcomes across Brooklyn’s communities.

In 2015, our first year of Invest in Youth, we launched a new **Grantmaking Program** focused on 1) Youth Development and Leadership, 2) Youth Justice, and 3) Immigrant Youth and Families; a new leadership initiative—the **Brooklyn Restorative Justice Project**—to halt the school-to-prison pipeline by providing powerful disciplinary alternatives in Brooklyn public schools; and the **Brooklyn Youth Fellowship**, the Foundation’s first-ever youth-led grantmaking program to support youth-led neighborhood and school-based projects through the **Youth Voice Awards**.

**By The Numbers**

- **$1.54 Million to 54 Nonprofits** – With a priority of funding neighborhood-based organizations, 50% of grantees have budgets under $1 million.
- **$30,000 Average Grant** – The Foundation increased its average grant size threefold in 2015, with a focus on multi-year general operating support.
- **70% to Highest Need Neighborhoods** – While many grants serve youth living throughout Brooklyn, the vast majority are targeted to programs based in high poverty areas led by members of the impacted community.

"With seed-funding from the Brooklyn Community Foundation, JustLeadershipUSA was not only able to launch our #CLOSErikers Campaign on January 1, 2016, but the Foundation’s repeated ‘stamp of approval’ was key in helping JLUSA to secure an additional $500,000 to help repair the harm done to young people on Rikers."

GLENN E. MARTIN, FOUNDER
JUST LEADERSHIP USA (JLUSA)
IMPACT

2015-16 GRANTEES

$25,000
This century-old institution’s Garden Apprentice Program engages teen apprentices to work under the guidance of skilled professionals and receive mentorship from top horticulturalists and environmental educators.

$35,000
This unique food truck employment model for formerly incarcerated youth is building a commissary and garage in Central Brooklyn to attract other food trucks to hire young people from its program.

$25,000
This advocacy agency empowers the people most affected by incarceration to drive policy reform. JLUSA is leading a comprehensive multiyear campaign to close Rikers Detention Center, which includes the immediate removal of all 16 and 17-year-olds.

$20,000
This Sunset Park-based Mexican and Latin American immigrant organization is expanding to balance critical service provision with immigrant advocacy work, community building, and organizing.

Youth Development & Leadership
- Active Citizen Project
- Added Value
- Black Women’s Blueprint
- Bridge Street Development Corporation
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Brooklyn Children’s Museum
- Brooklyn Community Services
- Brooklyn Workforce Innovations
- Center for Anti-Violence Education
- Dance Theatre Etcetera
- EcoStation:NY
- Footsteps
- FUREE/Fifth Avenue Committee
- Girls for Gender Equity
- Green City Force
- Groundswell Community Mural Project
- Laundromat Project
- Ifetayo Cultural Arts Academy
- New York City Urban Debate League
- Red Hook Initiative
- Sadie Nash Leadership Project
- Theatre of the Oppressed NYC
- Turning Point Brooklyn
- United Community Centers
- University Settlement Society of NY
- UPROSE

Youth Justice
- Brooklyn Community Bail Fund
- Brooklyn Defender Services
- CASES
- Center for Court Innovation
- Center for NuLeadership
- Common Justice
- Cypress Hills Local Development Corp.
- Drive Change
- exalt
- JustLeadershipUSA
- Teachers Unite
- Urban Youth Collaborative
- Vernon Avenue Project/Reconnect
- Young New Yorkers

Immigrant Youth & Families
- Arab American Association of NY
- Arab-American Family Support Center
- Atlas: DIY
- Bangladeshi American Community Development & Youth Services
- Black Alliance for Just Immigration
- Center for Family Life
- Council of Peoples Organization
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- United Chinese Association of Brooklyn
Brooklyn Restorative Justice Project

**INSIGHT**

In New York City schools, disciplinary tactics disproportionately and unfairly impact young people of color and students with special needs. Black and Hispanic youth account for 70% of students yet represent over 90% of all suspensions.

Suspensions and in-school arrests do not just take students out of the classroom—they factor strongly into dropout rates, unemployment, and future involvement in the criminal justice system, with an estimated economic cost of over $35 billion nationally each year.

To confront these challenges, last year we launched the Brooklyn Restorative Justice Project in partnership with the NYC Department of Education and the Mayor’s Leadership Team on School Climate and Discipline.

**What is restorative justice?** Restorative justice encompasses a variety of practices that empower all affected by a harmful incident to decide collectively how to repair harm, restore trust, and build a sense of community. In school districts across the country, restorative justice programs have helped dramatically reduce suspensions, arrests, and overall incidents of violence while improving student attendance and graduation rates.

**Our Schools and Partners**

- **Rachel Carson High School for Coastal Studies + New York Peace Institute** (Coney Island)
- **School for Democracy and Leadership + Good Shepherd Services** (East Flatbush)
- **Ebbets Field Middle School + Partnership with Children** (Crown Heights)
- **Science Skills Center High School + Sweet River Consulting** (Downtown Brooklyn)

In 2016, we selected Dr. Anne Gregory of Rutgers University to be the project’s evaluator, helping to establish benchmarks, monitor outcomes, and measure success to influence future investments in restorative justice.

**IMPACT**

Brooklyn Community Foundation deserves a ton of credit. They were among the first to bring a plan for restorative justice to us, and kick started the Department of Education’s restorative justice pilot programs that will soon be introduced in 150 schools citywide. They led the way on a critical change for our schools and our students.

KENYATTE REID, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL CULTURE & CLIMATE, NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**INVESTMENT**

We have committed **$1.6 million over four years** to bring full-time expert restorative justice providers into four Brooklyn public schools, working closely with providers and school leaders to create a racially just and sustainable disciplinary model that can be scaled across the New York City school system.
Brooklyn Youth Fellowship

**INSIGHT**

We created the Brooklyn Youth Fellowship to center young leaders in our work. In the first year of the fellowship, we formed a cohort of 20 youth fellows who designed our first-ever youth-led grantmaking program.

Over eight months, the Fellows worked together to create and implement the Youth Voice Awards, soliciting projects from youth who are working in partnership with community organizations. The Fellows chose eight funding areas, including economic and housing justice, racial and gender justice, and public health and reproductive justice.

**INVESTMENT**

The Youth Fellows selected these six projects for funding at a total of $12,500:

- **Iyeshima Harris with Eco:StationNY** for “Farm to Cafeteria”
- **Shaqure Williams with Off the Page, Inc.** for “All American Boys”
- **The Brooklyn Free School Team** for “Let’s Talk About It! Housing Justice”
- **Sevonna Marie Brown with Ancient Song Doula Services** for “Reproductive Renaissance”
- **Yamil Torres with the Center for NuLeadership** for “Bridging the Healing Gap”
- **Hasiba Haq with Arts and Democracy** for “Sari Project”

**IMPACT**

“When I started, I knew I was part of a ‘youth grantmaking process,’ but I didn’t exactly know what those words meant together. In the end, it was a lot of hard work, reading, talking, more reading, and finally deciding on six projects that we could all be really proud of.”

**BROOKLYN YOUTH FELLOW**
“All American Boys” will bring black and white actors together to work on a play, adapted from the book of the same name, that addresses differences between black and white teenagers in a community and the way police officers approach them.

Shaqu Williams with Off the Page, Inc

“All American Boys” is a student-led outreach project that will use school lunch and culturally relevant food to teach youth how to prepare healthy and affordable meals they love.

Iyeshima Harris with Eco:StationNY

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Affordable housing preservation, respectful community policing, vibrant programs for youth, celebrations of culture and heritage—these are just a few of the things that residents have told us contribute to strong, stable neighborhoods. Yet, as unprecedented gentrification and development surge across Brooklyn, communities of color in particular are struggling more than ever with deeply entrenched inequities in the face of rapid neighborhood change.

Our Neighborhood Strength Model is designed to advance the leadership of residents in under-resourced communities. It relies on residents’ expertise to surface top challenges and guide us toward funding sustainable and effective local solutions.

We started this resident engagement and grantmaking work last year in Crown Heights—where the Foundation has been based since 2014—a neighborhood with a rich history and diverse population that is now at the center of Brooklyn’s struggle with gentrification and displacement.

With a fund of $100,000, we brought together a diverse group of religious leaders, business owners, activists, and youth to form the Crown Heights Advisory Council. Together, they determined priorities for the 2015-16 Neighborhood Strength grant program in Crown Heights, which included a focus on supporting organizations addressing tenants’ rights and homelessness, police relationships, youth development, and stronger bonds between Crown Heights’ distinct communities.

More than 50 nonprofits and residents applied and the Council selected 11 to receive grants ranging from $2,500 to $15,000.

2015-16 GRANTEES

Nonprofits & Community Associations

- Brooklyn Movement Center for Community Organizing around Policing
- Crown Heights Tenant Union (UHAB) for Tenant Organizing and Advocacy
- Brooklyn Clergy Action Network for Gun Violence Prevention Program
- Global Kids for Human Rights Activist Project with Local High Schools
- NYC Coalition for Educational Justice for Parent Organizing around Community Schools
- The Youth Farm for Student Farmers at Wingate High School Campus
- Weeksville Heritage Center for Crown Heights Riots Anniversary Events

 Resident-led Projects

- Brooklyn Hi-Art! Machine for Tenants’ Rights Guide
- Progress Playbook for Youth Entrepreneur Training Program
- Simone Leigh for Drumming Classes for Black Women and Girls
- Young Movement for Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship Program in Weeksville
Crown Heights Advisory Council members Keith White (top), attorney and small business owner, and Rabbi Eli Cohen (bottom), Executive Director of Crown Heights Central.
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NEIGHBORHOOD STRENGTH

NEXT STEPS

In order to continue to build an effective resident-led grantmaking model, we are committed to engaging a broader representation of neighborhood residents in Crown Heights to develop a larger community vision and solutions for greater impact.

In 2016, we are also beginning to expand the model in one additional neighborhood—Sunset Park—where we will focus first on building relationships with residents and community leaders and getting their feedback on how to shape the program to their unique needs going forward.

IMPACT

“As a Crown Heights homeowner and business owner, I’m excited to partner with members of my community to take a comprehensive look at issues of sustainability, growth and progress. Because many of the issues of underserved communities like Crown Heights are systemic and institutionalized, it will take bold and brave new ideas to problem-solve them. I applaud the Brooklyn Community Foundation for being brave enough, and having enough faith in Crown Heights, to vanguard this moment.”

KEITH WHITE, CROWN HEIGHTS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER AND LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER

Brooklyn Hi-Art! Machine | $5,000

This collaborative public art project explores art-making as a community-building tool. Funds will be used to create and distribute an accessible guide to tenants’ rights to assist long-time residents being pushed out of their homes.

Brooklyn Movement Center | $15,000

This Black-led organizing nonprofit trains and mobilizes Central Brooklynites to lead local and citywide policy campaigns to end abusive policing. Funds will be used for police accountability organizing and legislative advocacy in Crown Heights that mobilizes local stakeholders, creates alternative community safety approaches, and conducts know-your-rights and leadership trainings.
Neighborhood Strength grantees Brooklyn Hi-Art Machine (top) founders Mildred Beltre and Oasa Duverney with their installation "See the Unseen" at the Brooklyn Children's Museum, and Brooklyn Movement Center (bottom) staff Veralyn Williams, Anthonine Pierre, Mark Winston Griffith, Sabrina Bazile, and Z Bell.
Brooklyn Accelerator

INSIGHT
As New York City’s largest borough (and the nation’s 4th largest city if it were independent), Brooklyn boasts over 2,500 nonprofit organizations, yet they receive a mere 4% of funds distributed by New York City foundations.

INVESTMENT
As Brooklyn’s community foundation, we’re bringing together organizations and donors in much-needed new ways to build capacity in our nonprofit sector. Our Brooklyn Accelerator is quickly becoming the go-to resource for Brooklyn nonprofits—a hub both online and from our home base in Crown Heights. Programs include:

• Spark Prize for Brooklyn Nonprofits
• Incubator Project
• Free Training and Support Programs for Nonprofits and Donors
• E-Newsletter with Funding Opportunities, Events, and Job Listings
• Brooklyn Nonprofit Directory for Donors
• Free Community Space Rentals

IMPACT
In the last year, more than 100 groups have used our Community Space and over 300 individuals and nonprofits have registered for our free workshops and trainings. And our signature Incubator Project and Spark Prize are not only putting the spotlight on local changemakers, they’re putting Brooklyn nonprofits at the forefront in New York City.

“The training inspired me to have a conversation with our executive leadership and we have decided to make racial equity a higher priority in our organization. We are planning an all-staff retreat on the topic as well as extensive training this summer. This will be the start of an organizational commitment.”

PARTICIPANT, ADVANCING RACIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP

TRAINING AND SUPPORT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Advancing Racial Justice for Nonprofit Managers
Full day workshop on racial equity tools and protocols, successful models, and operational next steps

Board Training and Matchmaking
For Brooklynites interested in joining a Board of Directors, an overview of governance best practices followed by a “matchmaking” event with carefully vetted local nonprofits looking to strengthen their Boards

Executive Director Connection
Quarterly support network for Brooklyn’s nonprofit leaders to share advice, challenges, and triumphs in a candid and confidential space
Brooklyn Accelerator Incubator Project members from Domestic Workers United (from left): Patricia Francois, Christine Lewis, and Althia Haynes.
Incubator Project

**INSIGHT**
Brooklyn is known around the world for its creativity, innovation, and risk-taking—an ethos we are committed to fostering among the borough’s nonprofit sector. When designing our Crown Heights headquarters, we created a space to host a cohort of emerging organizations and provide 360-degree support tailored to their unique needs.

**INVESTMENT**
Three organizations were selected through a competitive application process for the first year of our Incubator Project. In addition to an 18-month space residency, they each received $5,000 to cover operating costs and gained access to customized trainings and pro bono support.

**Be More America** trains mission-driven businesses and organizations to understand unconscious bias, its causes, its impact on decision-making, and specific tools to reduce it. Since joining the Incubator, Founder Anurag Gupta was named a Nathan Cummings Foundation Fellow and 2016 Echoing Green Public Health Fellow.

**The Precedential Group** is working to reduce gun violence in Brooklyn neighborhoods by engaging young people, local police, schools, and residents. Founder Marlon Peterson was named to *Ebony*’s Power 100 List and the 2016 Aspen Ideas Festival.

**Domestic Workers United** organizes to end the exploitation of home-based workers who are not protected by most labor laws. After passing the Domestic Workers’ Bill of Rights in New York State, they are now focusing on organizing in Flatbush and Crown Heights.

**IMPACT**
Being part of the Incubator was the initial spark we needed to have the gravity and importance of our work be recognized locally and nationally! Brooklyn Community Foundation was the first philanthropic entity to invest in our idea, enough for other funders to notice. Now we are speaking about #BreakingBias and #BeMoreAmerica on a national scale, but we remain rooted in Brooklyn.

ANURAG GUPTA, FOUNDER
BE MORE AMERICA
Incubator Project members Marlon Peterson (top), founder of the Precedential Group, and Vasuda Gupta and Anurag Gupta (bottom), founders of Be More America.
Spark Prize

**INSIGHT**

New in 2016, the Spark Prize is the first and only honor of its kind to celebrate Brooklyn’s nonprofit changemakers—organizations that have a deep history in our borough, strong values, a commitment to equity and racial justice, and a clear vision for their future in Brooklyn and beyond.

**INVESTMENT**

Five organizations will each receive the $100,000 prize annually. They will be selected through a competitive application process by a Committee of distinguished civic, business, and neighborhood leaders all from Brooklyn.

In May, 150 nonprofits submitted 1,000-word essays during our open application. The top 20 finalists will be announced this fall in time for a boroughwide Giving Tuesday fundraising drive—the annual national day of giving observed the Tuesday after Thanksgiving—during which we will offer each finalist up to $5,000 in matching funds. The five winning organizations will be announced in January 2017. We are pleased to have the support of Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce in this inaugural year.

**IMPACT**

"Since 2009, Brooklyn Community Foundation has been an integral part of our nonprofit community, directing resources to some of the most innovative social service organizations in Brooklyn. I’m proud to partner on this prize that will continue that valuable legacy and showcase our thriving nonprofit sector to the world."

BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT ERIC ADAMS
Influence

Here is a snapshot of how Brooklyn Community Foundation’s work is influencing the conversation on critical issues locally and nationwide.

“The greatest reason for gentrification is also the worst outcome of it...the availability of inexpensive housing and therefore driving housing prices up,” said Cecilia Clarke, president of The Brooklyn Community Foundation. “Who benefits from gentrification and who takes advantage of gentrification? They’re divided, and they’re often divided along racial lines, which is one of the reasons we have an overarching focus on racial justice. It’s not a surprise—we know what the color of gentrification looks like.”

“The Atlantic

“4 CORNERS OF MYRTLE, BROADWAY EVOLVE FROM HORROR TO HIPSTER HAVEN,” NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, JULY 2016

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Donors help us spark lasting change in two ways: by co-investing in our Community Fund to fuel our strategic grants and leadership initiatives and by establishing Donor Advised Funds to increase the impact of their personal giving to vital nonprofits in Brooklyn and beyond.

In 2015, donors contributed over $2.8 million to the Foundation, including $1 million to our Community Fund.

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COMMUNITY FUND: YOUTH JUSTICE FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE

In 2015, we formed the Youth Justice Funders Collaborative comprised of family and private foundations to support our youth justice work through the Invest in Youth initiative and to serve as a learning community informing future philanthropic investments.

• Fishman Family Fund
• JM Kaplan Fund
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Donor Advised Funds

**INSIGHT**
The Foundation’s Donor Advised Fund program provides donors with a vehicle for supporting organizations they care about in Brooklyn and beyond while their charitable assets are invested and can grow tax-free.

**INVESTMENT**
Our Donor Advised Fund Program has expanded 300% in the last two years. In 2015, we issued **$1.8 million in donor directed grants**—nearly 80% of which went to Brooklyn nonprofits.

**IMPACT**
Every Fund at Brooklyn Community Foundation supports our overall mission for a fair and just Brooklyn. Through our simple low-fee structure, 1% of Fund balances goes directly back to Brooklyn’s communities through the grantmaking and special initiatives of our Community Fund.

**DONOR SPOTLIGHT: BOB CATELL**
Donor Advisor, Catell Family Fund
Chairman, Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center at Stony Brook University
Former U.S. Chairman, National Grid

“Brooklyn is where I grew up, spent my business career, and learned the importance of giving back. So it’s important to me that I keep my philanthropy rooted here. With my Fund at Brooklyn Community Foundation, I am able to support both the local and national causes I care about—plus the ease of giving through my Fund allows me to focus more fully on my personal approach to philanthropy.”
DONOR SPOTLIGHT: ELIZA WINANS ROSSMAN

Donor Advisor, Rossman Family Fund
Founder, ALLINBKLYN

ALLINBKLYN is a women’s philanthropic initiative loosely modeled on the traditional giving circle, for which the Foundation provides oversight and administrative support on all grantmaking activities.

In 2014, Eliza Winans Rossman recruited 41 like-minded women to form a grantmaking community that benefits from a level of impact most donors cannot achieve on their own. Over the past two years, ALLINBKLYN members have awarded nearly $450,000 to nonprofits throughout Brooklyn.

Eliza also has her own Donor Advised Fund, through which she supports the charities she and her family care about, like Heights and Hills, a service provider for older adults living in Brooklyn.

ALLINBKLYN is committed to advancing philanthropy in Brooklyn in a way that we feel is greater than the sum of its parts—a mission we share with Brooklyn Community Foundation. It is incredibly rewarding to be part of this hard working, successful group of women, all of whom are showing such generosity and passion for supporting local nonprofits. Our model of collective leadership truly represents the generosity and strength of our borough, and the Foundation makes it all possible by providing the critical administrative support we need to focus our efforts 100% on effective grantmaking.