

# What's Happening At Abbott House



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## Enterprise ROAD Forward Grant Helping Youth Thrive

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Abbott House was recently awarded a \$7,500 grant from Enterprise Holdings Foundation through their **ROAD (Respect Opportunity Achievement Diversity) Forward** program. This is an employee-driven initiative focusing on the improvement of social and racial equity in our communities.

This funding will be used to create and expand education enrichment opportunities like tutoring, career coaching, college prep, and more for children and teens in care

Often, foster care youth struggle to overcome obstacles and family circumstances that are beyond their control, which can be detrimental to future success. Programs like ROAD Forward assist with Abbott House's long-term goal of helping all foster care youth graduate high school and attend college or a trade school. **Thank you Enterprise Holdings Foundation for this generous show of support!**

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## Foster Parent Appreciation Event Held in the Bronx

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Abbott House hosted 25 foster families at our Bronx campus last month for an evening of fun to show our appreciation for the loving homes they provide to our youth.

**Criminal Justice Advocate, Chef, and Mentor Roy Waterman III** was in attendance to honor these important members of the Abbott House family. Babysitting was provided by our generous Case Planners, and **Culture for One and Honeybee Arts** facilitated arts and crafts and salsa dancing!



The evening included a catered dinner and each family received a gift bag provided by the Family Development Unit.

**Thank you to all of our dedicated foster families! You are an indispensable part of Abbott House, and we appreciate you!** If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, [click here.](#)

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## **Volunteer Corner:** **Good Luck Mira!**

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The Wednesday evening art program had a big send-off for one of our dearest volunteers recently.

Mira Zaslow, recipient of the 2019 Joseph M. Pastore, Jr. Difference-Maker Award, said farewell (for now!) as she heads off to college. She graduated from The Hackley School this Spring and has been an integral part of our student volunteer team.

To show their appreciation, children in our TRC Program created a wall hanging for Mira to decorate her dorm room, and they also wrote touching good luck messages in a keepsake notebook. Cupcakes and lemonade were served to celebrate the occasion.

"Volunteering in the art program has been such an incredible part of my life these past five years, and I am so grateful to each person I've managed to connect with. I have grown so much as a person," says Mira. "I truly appreciate and believe in everything that Abbott House does."

Mira, we wish you the best of luck during this next exciting chapter of your life!



**Join us at the Loving Arms Gala on Tuesday, October 25th!  
Tickets are now available and pre-event bidding for the silent auction is now open!**

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