



What's Happening at Abbott House



On November 18th in honor of National Adoption Month, NYC Administration for Children's Services (ACS) recognized Sheron Halley and her husband, Corey Griffin- two of Abbott House's many amazing foster parents.

The couple have been Foster Parents with Abbott House for over 5 years. They have already adopted a sibling group of two and are currently in the process of adopting an additional sibling group of two along with a beautiful 8-year-old girl.

The family enjoys bowling, gardening, crafts, playing in their backyard, traveling, and going to restaurants (which they miss doing due to COVID!).

Ms. Halley and Mr. Griffin have formed meaningful connections with every child they have welcomed into their home, and always remain in contact long after they leave. They have even taken on the meaningful role of grandparents to the children of a former youth in their care. Adoption Supervisor Jacqueline Joseph describes the couple as embodying the saying, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Congratulations Sheron and Corey! You are true heroes.

Once again the generous volunteers working with the **Martin E. Bancroft Community Dinner** have supplied numerous Abbott House families with Thanksgiving turkeys and grocery store gift cards.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, our usual list of families in need of Thanksgiving meal assistance nearly tripled in size this year. We were truly in awe when our friends at the Martin Bancroft Community Dinner stepped forward to say they would still be able to help everyone who needed it! **On Monday, staff picked up 7 turkeys and 117 gift cards to Key Foods and Stop 'N Shop to distribute to our foster and group home families.**



Volunteer and gifted Artist Robyn Ellenbogen has been working with TRC staff on projects to help them manage trauma and anxiety during the pandemic. The sessions of art, poetry, and meditation are designed to teach them a way of caring for themselves through mindfulness practice and creativity. Recently, they created beautiful self-portraits on paper plates, a simple art therapy exercise designed to help people think about how they truly see themselves. [Click here to see a slideshow of their amazing work.](#)

Robyn, who has been a volunteer with Abbott House for close to two years, says these sessions have been "the highpoint of the week for me."

The 2020 Abbott House Holiday Gift Drive has officially started! Please help us collect 1,500 gifts this year.

You can participate by [purchasing gifts from our Amazon Wish List](#), making a donation towards the drive on our [website](#), or by collecting gifts with a group and delivering them to us. If you're interested in learning more about our Holiday Gift Drive, email development@abbotthouse.net

Thank you to our friends at Irvington Hardware (81 Main Street, Irvington, NY 10533) for hosting a collection box this year.



**We hope you are remaining safe and healthy, and as always,
thank you for continuing to support Abbott House.**



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