Just Kids from the Bronx Event, Huge Success!
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On Tuesday, October 23rd, Arlene Alda, author of "Just Kids From the Bronx: Telling It the Way It Was: An Oral History" recently paid a visit to The New Jewish Home's Kittay Senior Apartments, where she brought together young and old Bronxites for an exciting intergenerational panel discussion on what it means to be a "kid from the Bronx."

Hosted by The New Jewish Home, the event explored the connections that exist between these two generations by highlighting their shared Bronx experiences. The seniors on the panel were residents of The New Jewish Home's Kittay Senior Apartments, an independent living residence in the Bronx. The teenagers were GCD Participants, Erika Garcia, Mikyle Collins and Adamary Leal.

The panelists, though separated in age by as much as 70 years, found common ground in topics ranging from community safety, school and homework, memories of the front stoop, and home life. The discussion was followed by a spirited Q&A with the audience of more than 100 attendees.

College is in Session: Patient Care Technician Class (PCT) has Begun.
By Ramon Reeves, Program Manager at Manhattan

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On Thursday, October 25th, twenty-two GCD High School Seniors advanced into the Patient Care Technician (PCT) Class. The course is offered through a joint collaboration between GCD and Lehman College. Upon completing the course participants will be Certified Nursing Assistants & Patient Care Technicians with the ability to read EKG’s and practice phlebotomy (drawing blood).

c/o ‘20 Attends College Fair at American Museum of Natural History
By Lashima Goshine, Program Manager at Bronx

GCD Junior’s attended a College Fair at the Museum of Natural History on October 19, 2018. Prospective college students networked with college representatives including Syracuse, SUNY Oswego, Hunter, The City College of NY, & more.

“Try and fail, but never fail to try.” - Jared Leto
Student of the Month, **Hayda Ali** is a Senior attending Bronx Medical Science High School. Hayda always arrives early to GCD and helps whenever needed. She currently has two GCD Internships at The New Jewish Home; one in the Nursing Department and the other in the Physical Therapy Department. We thank her for her dedication, passion and for taking initiative while being an outstanding participant.

Student of the Month, **Najiyah Dorsey**, is a Senior attending A. Philip Randolph High School. She exemplifies dedication to the GCD Program by helping with tasks and activities as needed. Najiyah is currently a Nurse Intern at the Manhattan New Jewish Home location and was recently elected Chair for the GCD Student Leadership Committee.

Student of the Month, **Adamary Leal** is a Junior attending Marie Curie High School for Nursing. She shines as a star volunteer for every project, event and activity offered by the GCD program. No only is she a role model at GCD, Adamary also sets the bar high regarding her outstanding academics.

**GCD Goes Back to School**
By Tiffany Lee, Senior Program Manager, HS

HERO High School, located in the Bronx, and the GCD Program have partnered in a new initiative for the 2018/19 school year to add two Nursing Skills Classes to HERO’s academic curriculum. Alongside a DOE certified teacher, both classes are led by GCD staff member Richard Burgess. Students are taught critical nursing skills such as infection control, bed making, feeding and more. The class is offered on Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s and currently boasts an enrollment of 20 students.

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**Veterans Day**
**Nov. 12th**
Thank you for your service!

**GCD Students Accepted into CUNY HPREP Program**
By Lashima Goshine, Program Manager at Bronx

Madison Gil and Alimatu Salihu were accepted into the The Sophie Davis Biomedical Education Program/CUNY School of Medicine, Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure (HPREP) Program. With over 100 high school applicants, acceptance into the HPREP Program is a competitive and prestigious honor. During HPREP, Madison and Alimatu will be exposed to medicine and science through a variety of workshops and hands on activities. Congratulations Ladies!

“You find friends in many places but GCD is where you find family.”
- Hayda Ali

“GCD is a place where you meet as friends and then you become family.”
- Adamary Leal

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**Student of the Month**

**12/12th, GCD Spectacular Showcase**
**12/15th, SAT Prep Diagnostic (Juniors)**