

## Dear STRIVE Friends and Supporters,

This has been a busy season for STRIVE New York. From helping our clients advance along career pathways, to engaging new supporters, to expanding our highly successful Fatherhood program, STRIVE continues to better the lives of underserved New Yorkers through employment.

Please read on and learn more about STRIVE's achievements and plans. As always, thank you for your partnership and support.

- The STRIVE Team

## STRIVE Graduates Poised to MOVE UP

STRIVE's Retention and Advancement initiative continues to make great strides in helping our graduates move along a career pathway. This October, the first cohort of our [W.K. Kellogg Foundation-funded MOVE UP program](#) completed 6-month trainings in two



different career tracks: Human Resources and Medical Billing & Coding. Ten graduates are now trained for middle-skills positions, and are undergoing interview preparation. Three additional MOVE UP cohorts are in various stages of the program.

Mount Sinai Health System has been invaluable to this program's success, supporting STRIVE's successful application to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and then working with STRIVE to identify pathways for our graduates to advance

their careers through training. STRIVE nominated Mount Sinai for the [Outstanding Employer Award](#) from the New York City Employment and Training Coalition, and is thrilled that Mount Sinai was chosen to receive the award on [November 16](#).

## STRIVE Supporters Launch Young Professionals Committee

STRIVE is happy to announce the formation of a new committee dedicated to building an engaged network of STRIVE ambassadors who will spread the word about our transformational work.

The Young Professionals Committee, formed and chaired by finance professionals Krystle Manuel-Countee and Carla Basil, has drawn the attention of young leaders from across New York. The Committee held their inaugural meeting on October 26 at STRIVE, and is

developing an exciting list of initiatives.

If you are interested in getting involved in STRIVE's Young Professionals Committee, or would like some additional information, please contact Meredith Sheakh at [msheakh@striveinternational.org](mailto:msheakh@striveinternational.org)



## As Kids Return to School, Parents Head to STRIVE's Fatherhood Program

STRIVE's Fatherhood program, Strong Fathers, Stronger Families, welcomed children and parents back to school this autumn with gifts of backpacks, books, and toys, thanks to a generous donation from the program's longtime partner, the [Good+ Foundation](#). This was



*STRIVE Graduate Daniel Torres and STRIVE Fatherhood Coordinator Derek Silvers at the Good+ New York Fatherhood Lunch*

only one of the events that STRIVE's Fatherhood program has been busy with in recent months. The program has served more than 250 parents since July. On October 18, STRIVE Fatherhood graduate Daniel Torres was invited to be a STRIVE ambassador at the Good+ Foundation's 2016 New York Fatherhood Lunch, hosted by Jerry Seinfeld and sponsored by Ralph Lauren and Johnson & Johnson.

Health and Human Services via a subgrant from our partner [Seedco](#). It consists of a 3-week curriculum centered on economic stability, responsible parenting, and healthy relationships, and aims to help fathers and mothers increase the stability and economic success needed to create strong relationships with their children.

Strong Fathers, Stronger Families is funded by the U.S. Dept. of

## Spotlight on STRIVE's Corporate Partners: AIG

STRIVE is grateful for our corporate partners and the valuable time they spend volunteering with STRIVE participants. AIG has hosted two groups of STRIVE CORE participants at their Water Street offices for Corporate Volunteer Days this year. These sessions involved mock interviews, a panel on professionalism and applying for jobs, and a presentation on personal branding.


One STRIVE participant, Migdalia, said of her experience: "The event was a great learning experience. The staff at AIG made me feel very comfortable. It didn't matter that we were at different levels of life."



For more information on Volunteering, and how to host your own Corporate Volunteer Day with STRIVE, contact Meredith Sheakh at [msheakh@striveinternational.org](mailto:msheakh@striveinternational.org)

## Upcoming Event: STRIVE Celebrates Dads

On November 17, STRIVE is hosting a night of comedy and cocktails at The Yale Club in New York City. This inspirational evening features Willie Geist of MSNBC, comedians Chuck Nice, Dion Flynn, and Ritchie Byrne, and honors Joe Abruzzese of Discovery Communications. You won't want to miss this exciting evening. Tickets are going fast. [Click here for ticketing and sponsorship information.](#)



**STRIVE  
CELEBRATES  
DADS**

**A NIGHT OF LAUGHTER  
AND INSPIRATION**

**Honoring**  
Joe Abruzzese, Discovery Communications

**Event Co-Chairs**  
Senator Charles Schumer • Marianne Gambelli  
Dina Habib Powell • Keith Turner

**Benefit Committee**  
George Brooks • Chris Bradley • Roy Castro • Carlo Crudele • Mel Epstein  
Peter Fitzpatrick • Jeffrey McElnea • David McManus • Ray Mirza  
Laura Slutsky • Randy Zeno

**Emcee** Chuck Nice  
**Featuring** Willie Geist • Dion Flynn • Ritchie Byrne

Thursday, November 17, 2016  
Reception 6pm – 8pm  
The Yale Club Rooftop, 50 Vanderbilt Ave, New York, NY 10017

This inspirational evening will allow STRIVE to train over 600 fathers per year for employment while instilling parenting skills that will improve their children's lives.

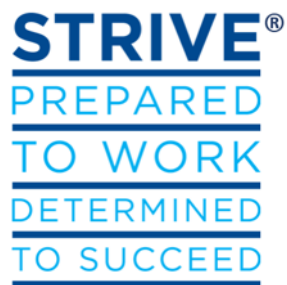
[Help us change future generations!](#)

## STRIVE Graduate Profile: Building a Brighter Future

2014 STRIVE graduate Alfred Miller came from a home with a single mother and an addict father, and struggled to find guidance in his adolescent years. After he was released from incarceration, Alfred decided that he needed to make a change and start more actively supporting his three children. A friend told him about STRIVE, and after completing the CORE program he felt more confident and prepared to both be an engaged dad and enter the workforce.



Alfred graduated in 2014, found great success in construction, and has been working for nine months at Crestwood Mech Co. He was recently promoted to the position Project Supervisor after reaching 270 days of job retention. Alfred says, "The greatest lesson STRIVE taught me was how to be heard. I know now that I bring great value to the table now that I have my certifications, and I have to put aside my youthful stubbornness, and, ultimately, listen to be heard. This is what has helped me find success on all the job sites I've been lucky enough to work on." Congratulations Alfred!



**STRIVE** needs your help to continue providing at-risk individuals with long-term professional and social services. With your generous support, we can continue to transform lives through employment and strengthen families and communities.

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