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Good Neighbor Gala



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Welcome to our 44th Anniversary Good Neighbor Gala! We are delighted you can join us in honoring award-winning actor and author **Gabourey Sidibe** as our Mental Health Advocate of the Year.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Gabourey made her film debut in 2009's ***Precious***, in which she delivered an Oscar-nominated performance in the starring role. She has since been featured in a variety of roles in films and hit TV shows, including ***Empire*** (Fox), ***Difficult People*** (Hulu), ***The Big C*** (HBO), and ***American Horror Story*** (FX).

In her recent memoir ***This Is Just My Face: Try Not to Stare***, Gabourey candidly discusses the mental health struggles she has faced and overcome throughout her life. Her warmth, humor, and resiliency shine through on every page and her message of radical self-love has given others the hope that they can recover, too.

Gabourey is a creative, thoughtful advocate, and a true role model for so many people. We are grateful for her work to make the world a safer, more compassionate place for people with mental health concerns, and to encourage those still struggling to seek the support they need and deserve.

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There are more than 60,000 New Yorkers who are homeless. Gifts of \$50,000-100,000 will transform our ability to change that, by supercharging our real estate development capacity.

Transform Lives

East Village Access is our mental health treatment and recovery program. A gift of \$25,000 will help it to grow, so that hundreds more of our neighbors can build skills for goal-setting, growth, recovery, and self-directed living.

Provide a Haven with a Crisis Respite Center

Our Crisis Respite Center offers reprieve to hundreds of people in crisis every year. Ten gifts of \$10,000 will move us within striking distance of our goal to open a brand new Crisis Respite Center.

Train the NYPD. Save Lives.

Community Access leads a broad coalition of agencies in calling for more Crisis Intervention Team training for the NYPD. Ten gifts of \$5,000 will fund our efforts to push the NYPD to train 15,000 more officers.

Change the System. Launch Careers.

Thanks to the continuing generosity of individual donors, we've always honored our core commitment of offering our Howie the Harp job training program to participants for FREE. Fifteen gifts of \$2,500 will safeguard this commitment.

Unlock the Power of the Arts

Our Changing Minds storytelling initiative helps young people to better understand mental health — one person, one school, and one community at a time. Our Art Collective offers free instruction, art supplies, studio space, workshops, and field trips to museums and galleries. With gifts of \$1,000, these life-affirming programs can continue to thrive — and grow.

Give the Gift of Pet Ownership

Our Pet Access program enables our tenants to enjoy the love and companionship of pets. Gifts of \$500 make this possible by paying for pet insurance, vaccinations, and toys.

Help Tenants Pursue Their Dreams

Our tenant advisory group runs a scholarship program in support of the academic and professional goals of our tenants. Gifts of \$250 will help this vital program grow.

All Paddles Up!

Gifts of \$100 will go toward all the work we do for our fellow New Yorkers. Every dollar counts — we make sure of it.