Restored Stage to Bring Expanded Arts Programming to Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center

Event Details:
Date: Friday, March 4th at 12:30 pm
Location: Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center
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Plays and musical performances are set to return to Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center thanks to the generosity of Lowe’s of Upper West Side at Broadway and West 68th St.

Lowe’s provided a $50,000 grant, along with Lowe’s product and the skills and expertise from its Lowe’s Heroes employee volunteers who removed the old stage flooring -- which was badly warped due to a leaky roof -- and installed a beautiful new surface.

The neighborhood center is in the process of merging with Goddard Riverside Community Center, which runs a successful Community Arts program in the Bernie Wohl Center at 91st St. and Columbus Ave.

“We’re grateful to Lowe’s for their generosity,” said Goddard Riverside Executive Director Stephan Russo. “The new stage will strengthen and expand the offerings at Lincoln Square, and we look forward to seeing the children’s and youth programs and Senior Center at Lincoln Square use it, as well as professional performers.”

Lincoln Square board member Janice Sweeting recalled the excitement of seeing her daughter appear on the stage before it fell into disrepair. At age 14, her daughter was invited to come from the Bronx to perform in a talent show.

“We thought it was at THE Lincoln Center, proper,” Sweeting recalled. “On the evening of the contest, we walked and we walked and it seemed like we passed Lincoln Center.”

When they arrived at the neighborhood center, Sweeting said, they weren’t disappointed. “For us, that stage was important, because to come so far from the Bronx and to be a competitor with a mention of Lincoln Center in Manhattan was the excitement. There was a big crowd, and some of her friends showed up. We have happy memories of my daughter performing on that stage.” Her daughter went on to become a professional singer.

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Goddard Riverside Community Center is one of New York City’s leading human service organizations, assisting more than 17,000 people each year on the Upper West Side and throughout New York City. Goddard Riverside builds community and changes lives with vital services including early childhood and youth programs, college counseling, supportive housing, employment readiness, older adult services and outreach to homeless people.

The Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center provides support to multiple generations living in the Amsterdam Houses and Amsterdam Addition through programs such as daycare, after-school activities, summer camp, teen programs and senior services. The Center helps residents live full, dynamic and rewarding lives.