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7:00pm.

Cocktail Reception

8:00pm.

National Anthems

Gianeé Martinez
US National Anthem

Kristina Alexandra Gliklad
French National Anthem

WELCOME BY

Marguerite Mangin
President
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Tanya Rivero
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"Children Come First Award" Presentation to



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Tanya Rivero,

News Anchor and Host of “Lunch Break” on Wall Street Journal Live

Previously she was an anchor/correspondent at ABC News, where she anchored “ABC News Now”; “ABC World News Now”; “America This Morning and “Good Morning America Health”.

She filed reports for “Good Morning America”; “Nightline”; “World News with Diane Sawyer”; “Weekend World News with David Muir” and filled-in as anchor on GMA.

Before joining ABC News, Ms. Rivero was a reporter and fill-in anchor for WCBS-TV, and began her journalism career as a “one man band” at News 12 The Bronx and News 12 Brooklyn.

She is a graduate of Yale University and the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism. Before becoming a journalist, she was a member of the New York City Ballet’s corps de ballet. She lives in Manhattan with her husband and two children.



In life, there are essential encounters. The one that concerns us involves trust and fidelity.

5,839 km separate us but our partnership is true. Teams turn over, children grow up, but we know your support remains constant.

On your end, you know that somewhere near Paris, a lot of very engaged professionals are doing their best to improve the daily lives of children who are less fortunate than others. You know that in France, every day and for the past 70 years, someone is thinking about protecting more vulnerable children and supporting teens for a better tomorrow.

Over several decades, the French American Aid For Children has shown confidence in the French Centre for the Protection of Childhood (CFPE), which became France Parrainages in 2012, and we deeply thank you for it. This THANK YOU is not only a term. This is the expression of our most sincere appreciation to all the members of your honorable institution.

Thanks to your efforts, your unwavering commitment to be at our side, we can be consistent in our efforts, to act for future generations, and to act now. In an era where everything moves so fast, where information and mobility have revolutionized the entire world, to have a friend, a beacon in the darkness, is a relief. It guides us, and gives us confidence.

Friendship is at the root of this fabulous story, one that's been going strong for 30 years. Your generosity and your well-meaning demands push us to give our best, every day, to serve the children.

In France and in 16 developing countries, the gamble France Parrainages took to link the destiny of a godfather or a godmother to that of a child has been a winning one. Our association believes that it is the adults' role to ensure the future of youth and that everyone, at any level, can contribute to creating a more welcoming world for the future generations.

When we are building a school in Madagascar, when we are training young girls for a job in the slums of Pune in India, or when we choose to re-examine the benefits of mentoring unaccompanied migrant children without family who have arrived in France, we feel that our actions contribute to improve the situation of these beneficiary children.

The task is huge. But you give us the courage. You give us the means. For 30 years and tomorrow, we will ensure we are worthy of your trust.

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MENU

FOR THE 76TH ANNUAL BALL DES BERCEAUX

FIRST COURSE

Asparagus & Spring Onion Risotto

ENTRÉE

Pan Seared Branzino
Rosemary Crushed Potatoes, Slow Roasted Shallots,
Raisin & Caper Vinaigrette

DESSERT

Meyer Lemon Tart
Orange Gelee, Grapefruit,
Torched Lime Marshmallow & Lemon Sorbet

Pear Tart Tatin
Manjari Cream & Softed Caramel with Caramel Sauce

DINNER WINE SERVICE

Domaine Paul Buisse Sauvignon Blanc
Touraine, Loire Valley

Bacchus "Ginger's Cuvee" Pinot Noir
California

COFFEE

Vegetarian Option Available on Request

A woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a black headband, a black blazer with a textured pattern, a black silk bow tie, and a necklace with a diamond and sapphire pattern. She is also wearing several rings on her fingers. The background is a plain, light gray.

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NECKLACE IN WHITE GOLD, SAPPHIRE AND DIAMONDS

Message from our President, Marguerite Mangin

Welcome to the French-American Aid for Children 2017 Gala! Your presence tonight is a testimony to your interest in supporting children's causes and celebrating French-American friendship. Your generosity will improve the lives of innumerable youngsters here and in France.

Founded in 1939 as a war-relief effort, the Bal des Berceaux began as a small dinner organized by French and American women volunteers to raise funds for children in need. Decades later, we are proud to say that our volunteer members are still helping underprivileged children and that our annual ball is a large and exciting fundraiser.

On behalf of our chairmen, our volunteers and the charities we support, I want to thank all our donors, guests and FA AFC members who have helped make this evening a great success. We are thrilled to be in the Rainbow Room again and surrounded by the New York skyline. We are not only celebrating our 76th Bal des Berceaux, we are also commemorating the 70th anniversary of France-Parrainages, a charity we recognize for its impact on local sponsoring of underprivileged children who are matched with caring adult mentors.

We aim to create an event to not only entertain but to also illustrate the work of the French-American Aid for Children. Your financial support provides critical funding for specific projects that we monitor very closely. In the following pages, the editorials coordinated by Liane McAllister showcase the seven handpicked organizations FA AFC currently supports, and new programs in health, education, and social services. Please review these articles to learn about the charities' impactful activities and to better understand where your money goes.

I know I can count on you to strengthen our mission "Children Come First". Thank you for your generosity. Merci de tout cœur et passez une très bonne soirée!



Marguerite Mangin with her grandsons, Lucas & Léopold, I-r

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'Children Come First'

WHO WE ARE

AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION BENEFITTING DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN

French-American Aid for Children is composed of a hundred Foreign and American members who carry forward a 78-year-old tradition of supporting underprivileged children in both the US and France. Our all-volunteer organization was originally dedicated to helping French orphans and families of prisoners of war. After World War II, the focus of this New York-based, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization became children's welfare, with aid extended to American and French charities. The longevity of the organization is a testimony to the friendship and cooperation between France and America, to the devotion of its all-volunteer membership, and to the loyalty of outstanding corporate supporters over the many decades. A Board of Directors governs the organization whose current President is Mrs. Marguerite Mangin. Every fundraiser is produced entirely by our volunteers and all Officers and Directors serve part-time, without compensation.

WHAT WE DO

FUND AND MONITOR PROJECTS PROVIDING TOOLS TO HELP CHILDREN

Our fundamental mission is funding and monitoring specific projects undertaken by hand-selected American and French children's charities to address issues in health care, education and the prevention of child abuse. Each charity we assist is dedicated to helping children heal, regain hope and confidence, and get a fresh start in life. We always ensure that funds we donate are earmarked for designated projects that must provide aid to children and not be heavily subsidized by public funds. We are pleased to state that we distribute 100% of our net proceeds every year. The Bal des Berceaux is our main fundraiser. Dating back to 1942, this elegant benefit originally raised funds for a children's orphanage named Les Berceaux de Rouen and later on for the orphanage Le Refuge des Petits. We also organize a festive Holiday Cocktail party at the French Consulate that features a Silent Auction.

WHO BENEFITS

INSTITUTIONS CARING FOR CHILDREN IN NEED, AT RISK OR IN TROUBLE

In the U.S. we currently support:

Storefront Academy Harlem: a private, tuition-free school in Harlem with programs from pre-school through eighth grade.

The Children's Village: a residential care and treatment center for neglected, battered and abused children in judicial care, educating families to help reintegrate children back into a safe home life.

Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club: an after-school activity center in the Bronx where teens and youngsters learn to recognize and develop their potential.

And in France:

France Parrainages: an organization entirely dedicated to the sponsoring of children in need. It places children currently at risk in their fragile environment, with host families who help mentor these children.

La Société de Charité Maternelle de Paris: an organization that supports a children's hospital specialized in Pediatric Cardiology.

A.L.P.C.: an association that fights social exclusion of deaf children by making oral and written French language through a cued speech method.

Tête en l'Air: a parents association that counsels families whose children have been operated on and monitored in neurosurgery.



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Henri Matisse (after), *Bal de l'École des Arts Décoratifs* (detail), lithograph, 1951.

History and Purpose of French-American Aid for Children

Today, French-American Aid for Children (FAAFC) celebrates 78 years of international charitable work. Founded in 1939 by Mrs. Leonard B. Smith, the Committee of French-American Wives was composed of French women living in New York married to American citizens and women supporting French war relief efforts.

Through Simone Smith's friendship with Anne Morgan, chairman of the Coordinating Council of War Relief Agencies, a Francophile and daughter of J. P. Morgan, Mrs. Smith was able to establish contact with the Quakers (American Friends Service Committee) and the American Red Cross working in Europe.

The group sent over 1,000 war relief parcels to French prisoners of war. With the Liberation, thousands more packages were sent to Europe. A mobile x-ray machine was bought and sent to Europe. During that time, a number of organizations seeking funds for charitable purposes to France and England used the Committee as a resource. For her remarkable efforts, in 1950, France decorated Mrs. Smith with the insignia of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

Loyal to their adopted country and concerned about the ravages of war, the committee was granted license no.184 by President Franklin Roosevelt's War Relief Control Board, and operated under strict government control.



1939-40
Simone Smith,
Henriette
Hollander and
Martha Baldwin



FAAFC Founder,
Mrs. Leonard Smith

After the war, the group recognized a continuing need to raise money for relief organizations through private, volunteer efforts. Its aim was always to aid well-established relief organizations and to answer appeals, wherever they might

come from, in times of emergency. In 1988, the Committee was renamed the French-American Aid for Children, and continued to pursue its charitable goals. Over the last 78 years, FAAFC has donated several million dollars to either French or American organizations dedicated to children.

Today, FAAFC is composed of one hundred foreign and American members, who take great pride in helping to support thousands of underprivileged children both in the US and in France. The group is still in operation as a tax-exempt organization. Many officers and past presidents of FAAFC have been awarded the insignia of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. The Bal des Berceaux, created in the 1940's, is the group's major annual fund raising event.

While offering ongoing support to seven highly respected French and American children's charities, FAAFC has also contributed to emergency causes, including recently children affected by Hurricane Sandy and by Haiti's earthquake. In 2017, we made a special donation to 'Ecole d'Art au Village' partnering with Château de Versailles and The New York Public Library 'Draw Me Liberty' project.



FAAFC Thanks its Children's Charities for the Incredible Work they are Doing!

FAAFC Funds are Always Earmarked. In 2017 We Supported the Following Projects:

Storefront Academy Harlem: Middle School Core Curriculum and Enrichment Programs

Children's Village: Project Impact Expansion of Parent training Visitation & Fatherhood Programs, use of newer digital technologies including video conferencing and webinars to reach parents in their homes.

Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club: New teen programming at the Coudert Clubhouse: current emphasis on immigrant children outreach; career mentoring, job shadowing, college visits, and civic and leadership club.

France Parrainages: Proximity Sponsorships for Single Parents in the Nord and Seine-St-Denis Regions

Charité Maternelle: Purchase of new Central Monitoring System for Older Children's Unit, 7-18-year-olds

Tête en l'air: Expanding distribution of hydrocephalus emergency guide, including increased outreach to hospitals outside Paris, attendance at annual neurosurgery conferences

A.L.P.C.: Cued speech training with native English speakers; summer camp with activities for deaf children; workshop against illiteracy of deaf children, weekend coding project; symposium for families and professionals

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Middle School Education:

Empowering Students for High School



For 50 years, Storefront Academy Harlem has served students in Harlem as the only tuition-free independent school in New York State, and educates nearly 200 children ages four to fourteen.

Critical core curriculum:

Storefront Academy provides a strong middle school education to its students. The curriculum blends traditional and project-based learning to provide direct observational instruction, small group language and math enrichment, and cross-instruction in math and science to reinforce learning.

Enrichment Programs:

In addition to rigorous academics, middle schoolers participate in enrichment programming (including dance, music, mentoring, cooking classes and field trips) that strengthens academic skills while building self-confidence and background knowledge.

Skillful high school placement:

Beginning in sixth grade, students benefit from a robust high school placement program, which supports every middle school student in applying for admissions to high-performing private, parochial and public high schools, and determines each student's "best-fit" school options upon acceptance. This preparation is crucial to the success of our graduates, as students who attend high-performing high schools are more likely to graduate from high school and attend college.

Successful graduates:

At Storefront Academy Harlem, 100% of our graduates attend private, parochial or selective public high schools, and 95% of our students graduate from high school compared to 73% City-wide. Our students have among the highest reading proficiency levels in Harlem: 88% versus the New York statewide average of 48%, and achieve an impressive 94% proficiency in math. We serve a community that truly needs us as 80% of our students qualify for free- or reduced-price lunch, and 50% require extra learning supports.

Ms. Trayshia Rogers, 8th Grade Homeroom and Humanities teacher, has taught Storefront Academy Harlem's middle school students since 2014. She understands the importance of this stage in their educational and personal development and makes sure to pay critical attention to both areas, creating strong and confident young leaders.

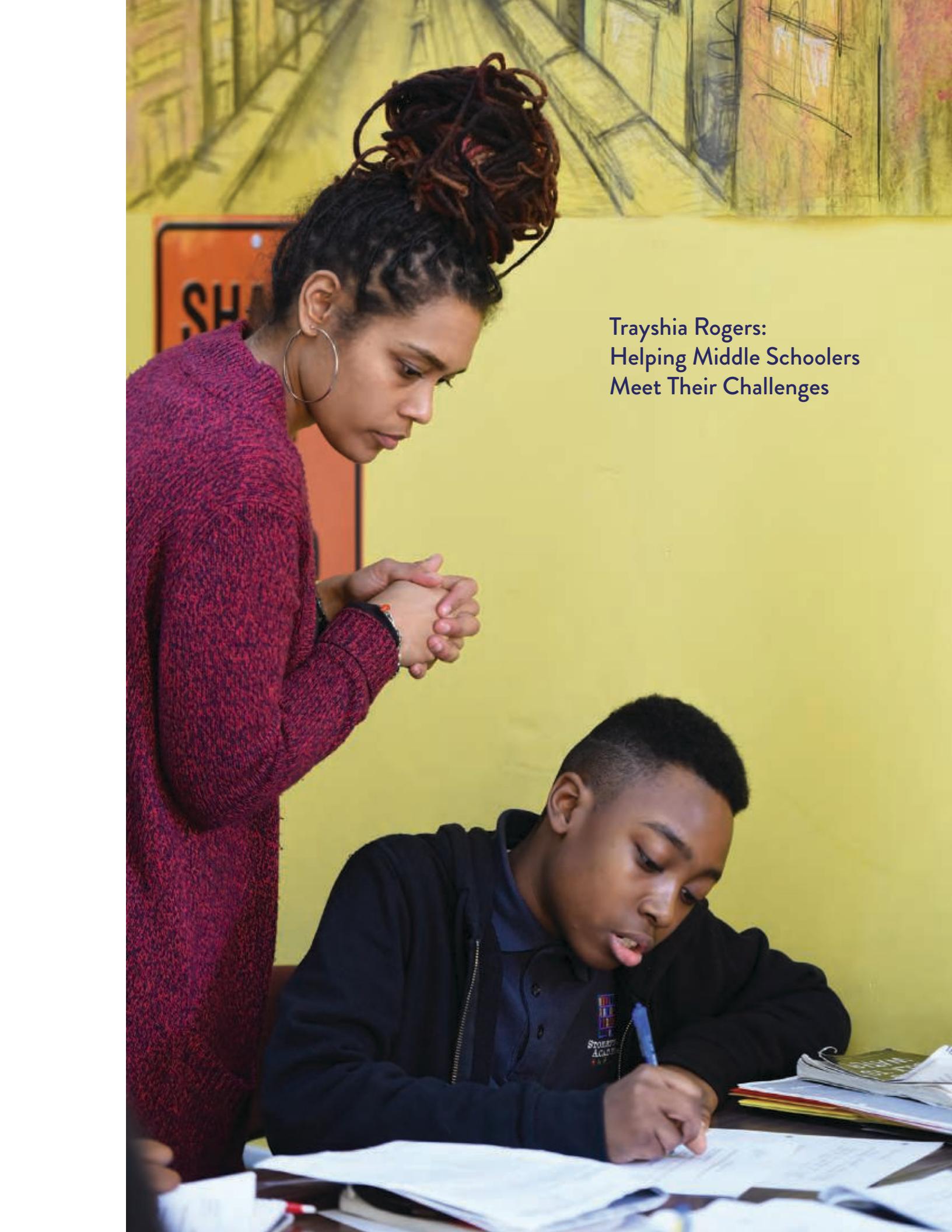
"Part of them seeing themselves as leaders is being accountable to themselves and to each other," Ms. Rogers said. "This accountability helps them encourage each other and learn to work with each other. They've learned that this is like a business and they're all here for the same reason: to learn."

Ms. Rogers' dedication to the success of the middle schoolers runs deep. Her day starts on campus as early as 7:00 a.m. and typically ends around 5:30 p.m. when she is finished tutoring those who need the extra support. "I know that not every student is going to get the same lesson at the same time using the same methods," Ms. Rogers explained.

"It's inspiring to see them try really hard to get to understand what is being taught and doing whatever it takes to understand. They understand that their education is a partnership with me as their teacher and they really do what it takes to play their part."



Math teacher Mr. Ucioli working with sixth graders

A photograph of Trayshia Rogers, a woman with dark hair in a bun and large hoop earrings, wearing a red sweater. She is standing and looking down at a young Black male student who is sitting at a desk, writing in a notebook. The student is wearing a dark blue jacket with a logo that says "STONY BROOK ACADEMY". The background is a yellow wall with a large abstract painting. An orange sign with the letters "SH" is partially visible behind the woman.

Trayshia Rogers:
Helping Middle Schoolers
Meet Their Challenges



Outreach 2017:

Bringing Immigrants into the Boys & Girls Club



Since 2013 Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club has made a focused effort to reach out to the Bronx's growing immigrant communities. **Our interest was piqued by the U.S. Census Bureau's 2010 statement that "the Bronx is the most diverse county in America"**, and by observing the rapid growth of Muslim communities in the Bronx, especially in the nearby Parkchester section.

Our strategy has been twofold: One is **seeking out Latin American immigrant children** by inviting local youth soccer academies into Kips Bay. The use of Kips Bay's facilities free of charge is much needed because these grass roots programs lack dedicated playing facilities (and funds). The Liga Sport HondurBronx soccer academy is led by Javier Valeriano, from Honduras, who has organized soccer tournaments at Kips Bay for more than 300 youngsters representing 18-20 academies.

Our second strategy has been **initiating Muslim outreach** through Sheikh Moussa Drammeh, from Ghana, who is the leader of the Al-Iman Mosque in Parkchester. Affiliated with the Al-Iman Mosque is the Islamic Leadership School, led by Guyana-born Shireena Drammeh, whose students make regular field day visits to the flagship Palmaro Clubhouse.

Immigrant outreach in 2017 continues twofold: 1) encouraging movement of "soccer youngsters" into additional activities, especially education, and tracking their progress; and 2) continuing Muslim engagement by working with Islamic Leadership School and also Al Ihsan Academy in Queens, whose principal, Fareek Mohamed, is president of the NYC Muslim Schools



Pizza party - children from Islamic Leadership School and Salomon Schechter School in Manhattan share kosher pizza at an inter-faith field day in the flagship Palmaro Clubhouse.

Association. A highlight of Muslim engagement in 2017 will be an all-day Saturday Interfaith Youth Conference at the Palmaro Clubhouse.

Kip Bay Boys & Girls Club's mission is to reach all children, with none left out. No project could be more topical, more timely, or indeed more important for our nation than reaching out to the Bronx's newest residents and their children. We thank our wonderful friends at French-American Aid for Children for their support of Outreach 2017.



Here: Liga Sport HondurBronx Soccer Clinic
Opposite page: Kips Bay teens on a college visit

Teen mother loses her child custody.

Jessica was just out of her teenage years when she found herself alone in New York City with her infant son, Azariel. She was grateful to be in a homeless shelter for families, but still struggling with the challenges of caring for her son without family support. One bitterly cold winter day, Azariel started crying inconsolably, so Jessica bundled him up in the warmest clothes he had and prepared to take him to a doctor. Wary of the stares she was getting in the shelter's lobby, she repeatedly tried to quiet Azariel with a pacifier, but his cries grew more insistent and her frustration grew. This drew the attention of the social worker on duty, who interpreted Jessica's actions and Azariel's limited clothing as indicators of child abuse. Azariel was removed from her custody that day and placed in foster care.



Jessica and Azariel, reunited - thanks to IMPACT and FAAFC support

The Children's Village Intervenes. As part of the process of regaining custody, Jessica was assigned to work with The Children's Village's parenting program, IMPACT (Intervention to Maintain Parents And Children Together), and specifically with Parent Advocate Maria Centeno. Jessica's case was particularly challenging for Maria because Jessica was now without any shelter – losing custody of Azariel meant that Jessica was ineligible to stay in the family homeless shelter. She moved around constantly, staying in adult homeless shelters when she was able or with friends throughout the five boroughs, and working odd jobs when she could find them, at all hours of the day. It quickly became apparent that Jessica wouldn't be able to attend IMPACT classes regularly, so Maria brought the curriculum

to Jessica. They met wherever Jessica was, most often in Maria's car, where Maria utilized her iPad – and the videos, slide shows, and other materials it contained – to instruct her. Maria's mobile classroom made it possible for Jessica to complete the required 12 sessions, a critically important milestone toward regaining custody of Azariel.

Graduation from parent training; launching a new life for mother and child.

Jessica eventually completed all of the requirements, including landing a steady job and finding stable housing, and has been reunited with Azariel. She still attends the IMPACT support group for parents whenever she's able.

IMPACT's Success. For over 16 years, CV's IMPACT program, with generous funding from French-American Aid for Children, has supported parents like Jessica with classes, workshops, support groups, special events, and trips. The program served 179 parents in 2016, with an extraordinary 97% of the parents who entered classes receiving certification, which is an important step in the process of reunification. This year, French-American Aid for Children's support will enable CV to include elements of the Parenting Support through Video program, which uses videotaping to provide positive parenting skills training, promote healthy parent-child attachment, and reduce the risk of child maltreatment.



Parenting Support Video Program:
 Records and Critiques parent-child play sessions





Godmother and Godson:

Sharing new worlds together



“Partagez leurs rêves”

Adam is an 11-year-old boy growing up in a single-parent family with only his mother, Hariette.

Alone? Not anymore.

For over a year now, Adam has been mentored by his ‘godmother’ Stéphanie, who spends time with him frequently each month. Stéphanie was an active volunteer for various causes until the birth of her own son. She recently wanted to participate in service again, but wondered “How do I become a volunteer and still be available for my son?”

Stéphanie turned to Proximity Sponsorship,

France-Parrainages’ new single parent program that combines volunteering with motherhood. She also wanted to help her own son “open himself up to new people, other worlds, and to learn to adapt through sharing”.

Hariette, Adam’s mother, found out about mentoring through friends

whose children had been mentored and had benefited greatly from the experience. Hariette appreciates the positive impact that Proximity Sponsorship has had on her own daily life “Mentoring is an opportunity for my son. It is also some ‘time off’ for myself. In the process, I have developed meaningful relationships with his mentors, and I can trust them.”

Stéphanie and Adam enjoy outdoor activities.

Stéphanie explains, “as soon as the mentoring began, we told Adam that we were really keen about nature activities and outdoor excursions. We try to have new experiences every time. We’ve participated in a treetop adventure course and gone to football games at the stadium. This weekend we are going hiking for the first time! We enjoy different activities, and we share these moments together. Adam particularly like eating at our place.”

In the words of Stéphanie for Adam, her ‘godchild’: “He is an energetic child so we never get bored. What is interesting with mentoring is that Adam challenges our perspective and has taught us to adapt ourselves to him, which is a real exchange.”

Editor’s Note: France Parrainages supports children and helps them grow through mentoring. An adult volunteer commits to spend time with a child from a vulnerable family (or sometimes without family) in order to provide him/her with emotional and educational support.

Today, France Parrainages assists 12,000 children in over 16 countries, including more than 800 children in many regions of France. About 10% of sponsorships in France are directly supported by FAAFC funding.



Left: Marie-Astrid, godmother of Fatima in Ile-de-France
Opposite Page: Godfather Serge and goddaughter Léa participate in the new Proximity Sponsorship Program for single parent families.

**The Infants' Unit Swimming Pool:
Vital for Therapy and Family Bonding**



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Early days: William's story began with a long journey between several hospitals in the Paris region. Mr. and Mrs. Lima Meira Vilas Boas were worried about their little baby of a few weeks old. William did not feel well, and did not grow as his older sister did a few years before. Finally, the situation deteriorated and William contracted several very serious illnesses that led him into intensive Care at the Robert Debre Children's Hospital in Paris.

Diagnosis and intensive care: The weeks seemed very long to William and his family, before the diagnosis came: he had a rare genetic disease that affected all of his muscles, including the respiratory muscles. Following this diagnosis, there were numerous examinations, the introduction of treatments to improve his muscle efficiency, and the establishment of a nutritional and mechanical respiratory aid needed for the long term. During these four months, William remained in intensive care in Paris and his parents came to visit him every day.

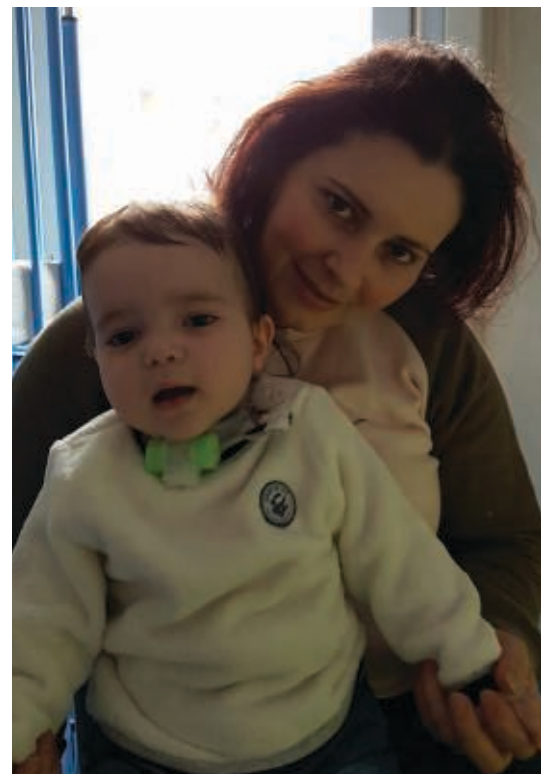
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When his state of health was judged stable, William was transferred to the Pediatric Centre des Cotes Infant Unit for his rehabilitation and the training of his parents in his daily care routine. Upon his arrival, at six months old, William conquered the heart of the staff by his calmness, his smile and his curiosity. He was very fortunate to be so well surrounded by his parents. For a few days, his parents stayed at the Parent's House, constructed several years ago with donations from Charité Maternelle. William's older sister, his uncles and his grandparents were also able to stay at the Parent's house, creating extra support. William had to remain under permanent surveillance by scope and capnography record and underwent an intensive rehabilitation program including psychomotricity, physiotherapy, speech therapy and more.

Coming home again. Thanks to the care given and increasing improvements, William was gradually able to spend a few days off of his respirator, which gave him the opportunity to walk in the park with his parents and to play with his little friends in the game room. William's parents were quickly trained in all types of care, which allowed the little guy to spend a few days at his home. Thanks to his family's steady involvement with the care given at the Centre des Cotes, William has made a lot of progress. As he celebrates his first birthday, he can definitely go back home now.

Nevertheless, he still suffers from respiratory deficiency and muscular disorders linked to his illness, which will require further management for several years. But William is so well supported that the whole team at Centre des Cotes is confident about his future and about his continued progress!

Editor's note: In 2016, 140 young patients, including 96 older children and 44 babies stayed at the Centre des Cotes, in addition to 105 patients sent by Chaîne de l'Espoir and Mecenat Chirurgie Cardiaque. The hospital treated 1,319 patients by day and performed 2,664 cardiological consultations and 4,486 echograms.



Lima Meira and her son William



Emergency Guide Gains Wide Support:

From Hospitals & Government Health Department

Over the last three years, Tête en l'Air has developed a dedicated action plan for hydrocephalus, a serious brain disease affecting over 150,000 patients annually in France. Tête en l'Air's "vital emergency treatment guide" and card identify the symptoms of a shunt malfunction and explain what to do in this critical situation, which untreated can result in death.

Growing Awareness amongst patients and their families

- People ask us every day for their card.
- The testimonies and the thanks of the parents have been multiplying.
- Some patients and relatives are now mobilizing by our side to spread the information in groups of word or on Internet via Facebook.

Gratitude from parents.

"My daughter is now 15 years old and she has had hydrocephalus since she was 4 months old. Living with this illness is difficult. She doesn't feel integrated and she doesn't have so many friends... It is very frustrating for the parents and even sometimes disturbing. We got the vital emergency card and we gave it to her. We calmly talked together about the situation and revealed some unsaid things. She realized she was not the only person in that situation. It is a first step, so thanks a lot and congratulations for your action." Maurine's mother, 15 years old

"My son was operated on at Necker hospital last year and we received a vital emergency card from his surgeon, upon our leaving the hospital. She took time to present it to us and asked us to reread it afterwards. She explained that one day, the shunt might not work properly so we should know how to react well. His dad and I have one card each in our wallet. And I made photocopies for his school. Thanks for all your help, and also many thanks for your breakfasts at the hospital. My mother - Niel's grandmother - was able to talk with your volunteers to better understood what Niel (our son) has lived through."



Saskia and her grandmother carefully study the Emergency Guide.

Strong Endorsements for Tête en l'Air's Emergency Guide

- The card is given to patients by the neurosurgeons. Concerned families can ask for it in 20 different neurosurgery departments. Or request it directly from Tête en l'air.
- In 2016, Tête en l'air was nominated as "association of the year" by the Paris University Hospital for this action. This heartwarming recognition has very positively impacted Tête en l'Air's communications and partnerships. Now all the neurosurgery departments in France know about our guide and our hospital on-site family activities.
- The association has just received the official support of the two French learned societies of neurosurgery. These associations have permitted Tête en l'Air to use their logos on the "vital emergency guide".
- The association has also been hosted by members of the French Health Department to further explore a partnership concerning hydrocephalus.



Young mother with her child at the hospital, supported by Tête en l'air volunteers.

ALPC Teenager Camp:

Deaf & Hearing Share Unforgettable Moments Together



Founded in 2010, the ALPC Teenager Camp takes place at the same time as the ALPC Summer Camp, which is the most important event of the year for our organization and the biggest for deaf people in France. 2016 was our 30th edition. We usually welcome 20 boys and girls, from 14 to 17 years old, deaf children and their siblings, for a week. The management team consists of two Cued Speech encoders and one manager.



cued speech encoder

Goals:

Accessibility: Allow young deaf children to take part in activities that are usually not accessible to them because of their disability that creates communication issues. The presence of Cued Speech encoders ensures a smooth flow of activities in a user-friendly and secure environment. Encoders facilitate communication with hearing people, and understanding and respect for instructions.

Weaving strong links: Young deaf people express the need to meet all together during the annual ALPC summer camp, especially because most of the time they have no contact during the year with other young deaf people. The Teenager Camp allows them to meet while promoting self-empowerment and accountability.

Diversity and learning from the differences: Some children, with associated disabilities (visual impairment, balance disorders...) are welcomed and fully integrated during the Teenager Camp. Moreover, since the disability affects all social environments, deaf young people from various social

backgrounds meet and exchange ideas with each other during the summer camp. Notably, families with financial difficulties benefit from preferential rates or even free tuition to the Teenager Camp, upon review of their situation by ALPC. There is also geographical diversity as the camp receives teenagers from all regions of France, Corsica and DOM-TOM included. Finally, it should be stressed that the Teenager Camp not only serves deaf youths but also their hearing siblings, because it's very important that brothers and sisters have the opportunity to speak with other young people living in similar situations.

Transition and Access to Full Citizenship: Facilitators and Cued Speech encoders are deaf young people who had themselves participated in the camp few years ago. Their involvement in the Teenager Camp and more generally in the summer camp, followed by learning about community life and respect for others, speaking to parents or peers, commitment to promote Cued Speech are all strong foundations for a fully active, social and civic life.

The 2016 Teenager Camp (latest edition): Held in Brittany from July 8th to 16th, 2016. the week featured sports and cultural activities, always accessible through the Cued Speech encoders, and in connection with the camp location in Brittany.



Editor's Note: In 2016, there were 348 participants in the Summer Camp, including 59 new ALPC members: 168 children of whom 55% were deaf and 45% hearing, aged 0-17, including 16 in the teenager camp, 11 deaf and 5 hearing. There were 16 cued speech encoders to supervise the children, along with the village animators.

Jackie Pahle

-- Une Etoile

On December 9, 2016, Jacqueline Pahle, a FAAFC member since 1958 and its oldest member, celebrated her 100th birthday at the Mountain View Gardens Retirement Home in Sierra Vista, Arizona. There were children, grandchildren, and friends in attendance, a celebratory plaque and a glass of champagne. "At my age, one glass of champagne is enough!" she laughs. Jackie still does the New York Times crossword puzzle every day, enjoys good food, fine cheese, French wine and drinks champagne with relish. She lives near her son Ted Pahle, Jr., and his family, and arrived at the retirement home only recently.



Jackie and Ted Pahle, in Spain, 1950

Jackie misses the Bal des Berceaux having attended forty-five times without a break although she is sorry there are no more debutantes, a tradition she helped to establish with Bal co-chairman Joy Alcan around 1965. It was a big success at the time, she says. President in her own right between 1977 to 1982, with her organizational sense and ability to get along and motivate other people, it seems that Jackie held every responsible office that FAAFC had to offer: vice-president, treasurer for fifteen years, three times Bal chairman and Bal co-chairman. She also served on FAAFC's Board of Directors from about 1969-1999.

Jackie's late husband Ted Pahle accompanied her with gusto. A noted American cinematographer with some seventy-two movie credits, he is known for Marcel Pagnol's *Marius*, (photographie de Ted Pahle), one of the great classics of French cinema. In 1967, in his chambers, she was sworn in as an American citizen by Judge Edmund L. Palmieri, husband of FAAFC president Claude Palmieri from 1964 to 1970. Jackie wishes FAAFC all the best to keep going. She has enjoyed the friendship of so many people, both French and American, during that time. "It was like a family," she says.



Jackie celebrating her 100th birthday



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FRENCH AND AMERICAN CHILDREN SPEAK OUT FOR BRIGHTER FUTURES

French and American boys and girls, aged 6-14, share their optimistic goals and dreams for the future. Each child interviewed represents one of FAAFC's respected charities. Remarkably, despite facing difficult social, economic and health challenges, these young people remain determined to develop their talents, to live a full life and to give back to society. Their resilience will truly help to build a brighter future for themselves and for others.

Passion and Diversity in Careers — Fashion, Arts, Entertainment

Oceane, 10, Tête en l'air: "When I grow up, I want to be a stylist. I love fashion! But my friends tell me that working in fashion can be very difficult, so I think I will be a doctor half the week. I will be very funny and a nice doctor for hospitalized children."

Emma, 5, Association Pour La Langue Parlee Completee, A.L.P.C.: "I want to be a dancer, a master cook, a fairy...I want to be a mother and a psychiatrist." (Emma's mother is a psychiatrist).



Oceane, 10

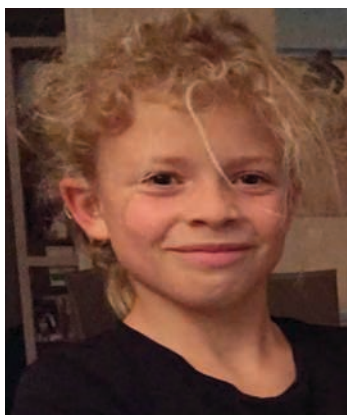


Ugonna Njoku, 9

Ugonna Njoku, 9, Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club: Born in Nigeria and coming to the U.S. at 1 years old, Ugonna wants to be an actress and a dancer when she grows up. After school, she likes to dance, swim, play football and ice skate, and loves to read and write in school.

Melanie, 9, ALPC, is aiming to become an architect because "this job works the imagination. I like drawing and inventing new things that sometimes look weird. In our imagination we can draw everything we want to make happen."

Helen Berrios, 9, Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club, wants to learn how to design her own websites, to illustrate clothing and create a "friend space" where anyone can exhibit their talents.



Melanie, 9



Helen, 9

Helping Others: Teachers, Doctors, Lawyers and Police Officers

Louise, 9, Tête en l'air, wants to be a schoolteacher "because I like my teacher a lot this year; she explains everything very clearly. Learning and teaching kids is a good move."

Adam, 11, France-Parrainages, would like to be a doctor because "I like to take care of people."

Clemence, 10, ALPC, wants to be a veterinarian and would like to work in a zoo or have her own veterinary practice. She knows the study is hard work but she's sure she will succeed!



Clemence, 10



Sohane, 13

Sohane, 13, La Charite Maternelle: "My dream is to become a lawyer or a judge, defending children's rights. It's very important that everyone in the world be protected, including children."

Becoming a police officer is the goal of Jameel, 8, The Children's Village, who says "I like to help people. I will be in the K9 unit with a police dog. K9 dogs are the coolest. And also I am a fast runner so I can run after the bad guys if they try to run away!"



Jameel, 8



Karl, 10

Budding Scientists: Making New Discoveries

Karl, age 10, Children's Village, wants to be a scientist because "scientists get to invent stuff. " He really likes math too and know it's important for science "like when people say 'that's off the charts' they are talking about math. And I think that's cool."



Ryleigh, 8th Grade

Aiming for the top: Politics and Psychology

Ryleigh St. Jean, 8th grader at Academy Storefront Harlem, has acquired many leadership skills at school. She wants to attend Harvard, earn her doctorate degree, become a lawyer and run for Congress representing New York. She aspires ultimately to become president of the United States.

Donovan Rivens, another 8th grader at the Academy hopes to become a renowned psychologist as assisting others is his passion. He aims to graduate from Stanford University, attend medical school and earn his PhD.



Donovan, 8th Grade

Fun and Fantasy

Daouda, 6 1/2, France-Parrainages, wants to perform rock 'n' roll, travel in a rocket, become a race car driver and "would love to be a super hero."

Emma, is eager to go skiing, to the restaurant, the circus, and the cinema and can't wait to "go on holiday."

Giving back: Family and Community

Louise wants to be part of an association for children and dreams that one day all children will be able to attend school and receive medical care.

Oceane, rather than having children of her own, would like to adopt at least three children. Realizing there are many children left without parents, she would like to help children in India or Africa.



Daouda, 6



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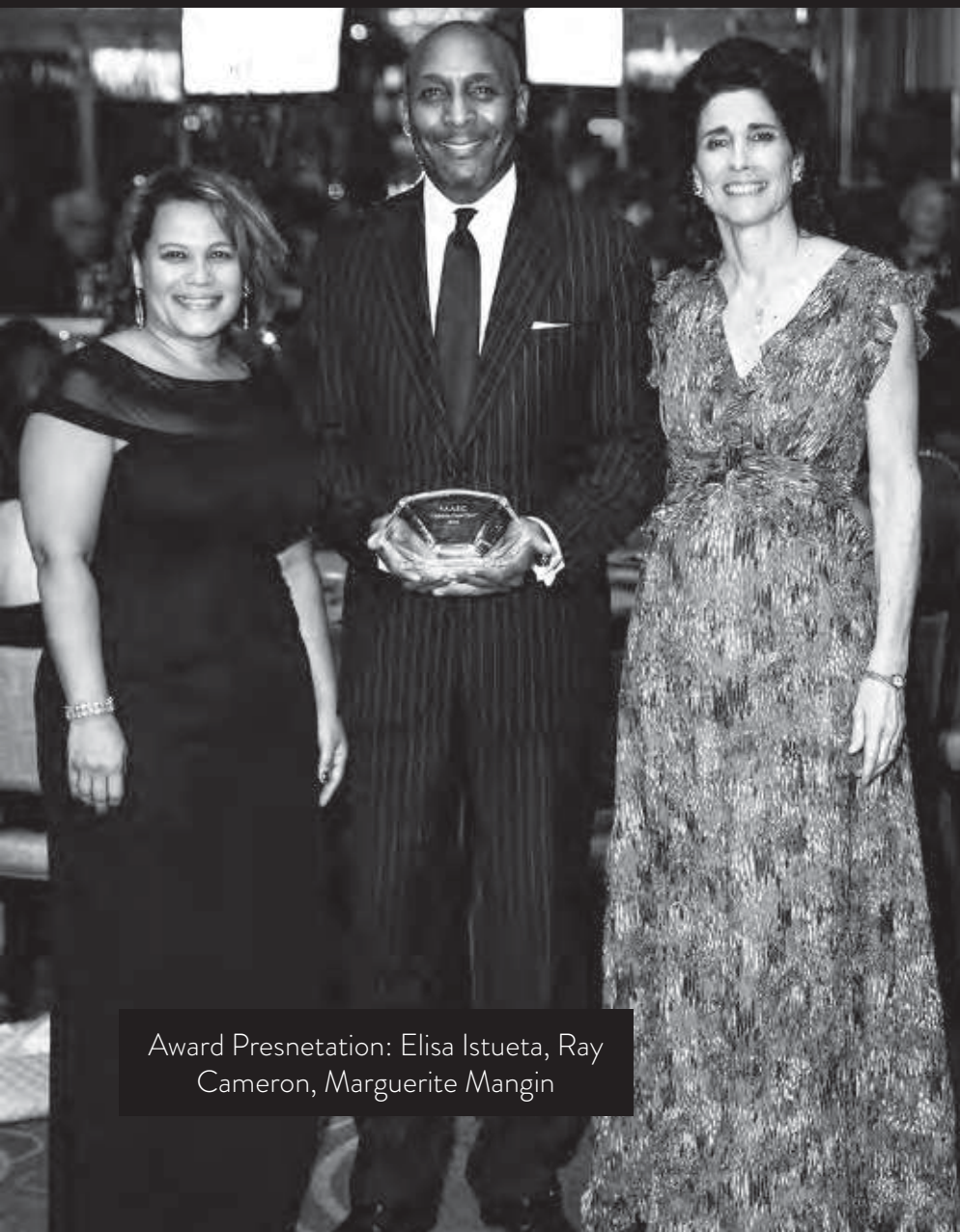
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Liz Lundqvist

-- Une Très Grande Amie

Sadly, on December 4, 2016, President Marguerite Mangin announced that Elizabeth (Liz) Lundqvist had left us after a brave battle with cancer. She was “a pillar of FAAFC for many, many years,” known for her wit, intelligence and guidance. “Her two charming daughters Hanna and Sophie (Ann-Sophie) were debutantes at the Bal in 2004 and 2007 respectively and Liz was a critical member of the Board for many years, assuming important vice-presidencies for various terms (2008-2012).”

“She was generally very committed to charities if they involved the arts or children, those two things,” says her husband, Bertil Lundqvist. “She wanted to use her time and talents for organizations that made a difference,” says her daughter, Hanna Lundqvist Dameron. “She enjoyed working with French children, her time with FAAFC and her connection to France.” Liz was “very well organized in getting things done and in getting people to work together,” her husband remembers.

A graduate of New York University Law School, Liz and her husband met while he represented Volvo in Sweden and she worked for Shearman and Sterling, their New York counsel. He asked her to dinner and within six months had



Liz and Bertil Lundqvist, 2009

moved to New York City. A partner for Skadden Arps, he later became general counsel for Starr Insurance Holdings, building worldwide insurance and investment services for the Starr companies. Liz obtained an LLM in taxation. After the birth of their daughter, Hanna, she devoted herself to working with selected nonprofit organizations rather than a law firm. They were married for thirty-two years.



Hanna, Sophie and Liz Lundqvist, 2007

FAAFC member Jane Ross remembers working with Liz Lundqvist while she was co-chair of the debutante committee in 2006 and 2007. She remembers Liz as having “a terrific sense of humor, cheerful and helpful.” Her son Adrian escorted Sophie as a debutante and her own daughter Caroline became a debutante a year after Sophie. Caroline Ross went on to earn master’s degrees from Yale (oboe performance) and then Julliard (historical performance). Hanna Lundqvist Dameron earned a law degree from Georgetown and became an Assistant District Attorney with the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office, handling some 1,000 misdemeanor and felony cases. She is now home with her six-month daughter, Ewy Elizabeth. Sophie, with a master’s degree from Bank Street College, including a dual certification in general and special education for elementary school, works as a special education teacher at a Park Slope, Brooklyn, charter school and will soon be living in Santa Fe.

“Liz is deeply missed by her friends and colleagues,” says Jane Ross, a friend for over ten years since they first met as FAAFC volunteers.



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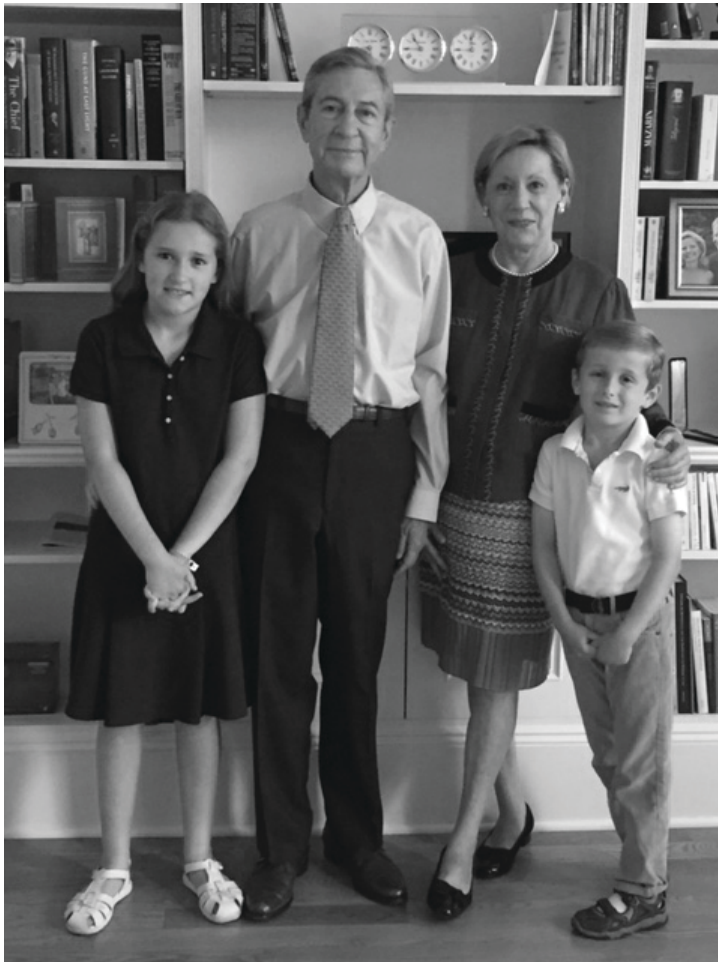
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