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Good Shepherd Services & Groundwork Complete Merger



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The merger between Good Shepherd Services and Groundwork Inc. is official. On January 1, 2012, Groundwork came under the management of Good Shepherd Services, combining Groundwork's network of programs with the deep youth and family development expertise and strong organizational and management supports of Good Shepherd Services. The final merger was effective on September 12th.

In its nearly 10 years as a standalone entity, Groundwork developed and provided after-school programs, college preparation, family counseling and Single Stop services to thousands of children and families in the very high poverty Brooklyn communities of East New York and Bedford-Stuyvesant. The overall goal of Good Shepherd Services' acquisition of Groundwork was to integrate these vital programs with Good Shepherd Services' comprehensive model and management capabilities, allowing deeper and expanded services within these two communities.

The merged agency, which continues to be known as Good Shepherd Services, is maintaining and building upon the programs and services that children and families in central and eastern Brooklyn have come to trust and rely on. In the past 18 months, Good Shepherd Services has secured greater funding for after-school programs, including slots for an additional 273 students and staff to provide targeted family-centric interventions in East New York. The agency has also expanded its programming for students at Boys and Girls High School in Bedford-Stuyvesant and launched several new programs for youth who are involved with the justice system in East New York.

"We are proud to not only continue but to expand services in East New York and Bedford-Stuyvesant," said Sr. Paulette LoMonaco, Executive Director of Good Shepherd Services. "We are very grateful to the Groundwork Board who identified Good Shepherd Services to merge with and to our attorneys at Shearman and Sterling who handled the filing. We also deeply appreciate the many funders who invested in the success of this venture."

"We are very pleased that Groundwork is now officially a part of Good Shepherd Services," said Matthew Klein, Chair of Groundwork's Board of Directors. "Already we've seen that the union is allowing more comprehensive services for children and families, in communities where they are most needed. This is an example of a successful nonprofit acquisition, and we are grateful to all of the staff, funders and partners who helped make it happen, and who continue to work to expand opportunities for young people every day."