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**GE FUND COLLABORATES WITH PARTNERSHIP WITH CHILDREN
TO HELP DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS DEVELOP SKILLS TO
SUCCEED IN SCHOOL, CAREER AND LIFE**

Fort Greene, Brooklyn – The GE Fund today announced its collaboration with Partnership with Children at the unveiling of PS 67's commUNITY Garden at the Fort Greene school where GE volunteers worked with the students to plant the garden. Partnership with Children is a nonprofit social service agency serving 4,300 of New York City's at-risk children, teens and their families.

At the event, representatives of the GE Fund announced a three-year grant of \$405,000 to support the expansion of Partnership with Children's Open Heart – Open Mind school-based program in School District 13. A number of dignitaries including Superintendent Dr. Lester Young, Assemblyman Roger L. Green and Borough President Marty Markowitz joined the GE volunteers, the Partnership with Children's social workers and the P.S. 67 student garden group to plant its commUNITY Garden. The group worked to clean-up the lots, prepare and plant them. The students have been researching and planning the garden as a beautification project for their school and received guidance from a horticulturist from Prospect Park.

"Everywhere you go in GE, you'll find employees eager to lend their time and talents to make a difference in the community and in the lives of children and their families," said Thong Nguyen, senior vice president, GE Card Services. "As a long-time board member of Partnership of Children, I am particularly pleased of the GE Fund's investment in helping kids reach their potential and build a better future."

The GE fund, the philanthropic foundation of General Electric Company, invests over \$50 million annually to improve educational quality and access and to strengthen community organizations in GE Communities around the world. These grants are frequently leveraged by the efforts of GE volunteers. www.gefund.org

"The GE Fund is proud to support Partnership with Children's Open Heart - Open Mind program," said Joyce Hergenhan, president of the GE Fund. "This program is the latest initiative in the GE Fund's efforts to help disadvantaged students develop the skills they will need to succeed in school, career and life."

The students created the Garden to promote peace and commemorate those who lost their lives on September 11. Responding to the tragedy, the GE Fund led the charge for corporate donations with a \$10 million pledge to the Twin Tower Fund on September 12.

"This grant from the GE Fund is critical to the Partnership with Children's efforts to expand our program designed to strengthen the emotional, social and cognitive skills of at-risk children in New York," said Michelle Sidrane, Executive Director of Partnership with Children. "The GE Fund is the first to participate in our initiative to seek support from corporations to serve more children."

Founded in 1908 and formerly known as Big Sisters, Partnership with Children provides early intervention, preventive care services and counseling to children and youth at risk of failing in school, dropping out or being removed from their families. Open Heart-Open Mind – its school-based program – and Life Steps – its preventative program – provide emotional and social support as well as skills to improve academic performance to help at risk children not only to survive but also to thrive in school and life. www.partnershipwithchildren.org

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