

STRIVE Celebrates Dads With Comedy and Inspiration

Event Supports STRIVE's Fatherhood Initiative

November 18, 2016 – STRIVE International, a leading workforce development nonprofit based in New York City, entertained and inspired 250 guests at its first “STRIVE Celebrates Dads” event, held to support the organization’s Fatherhood Initiative.

The event, held November 17 at The Yale Club of New York City, honored Joe Abruzzese, President of Advertising Sales for Discovery Communications. The evening was hosted by Chuck Nice, an Actor and Comedian who is a regular contributor to the “Today Show.” Additional entertainment was provided by comedians Richie Byrne and Dion Flynn, as well as Willie Geist, host of NBC’s “Sunday TODAY with Willie Geist” and co-host of MSNBC’s “Morning Joe.”

Co-chairs of the event included Senator Charles Schumer, Marianne Gambelli, Chief Investment Officer at Horizon Media, Dina Habib Powell, head of Goldman Sachs’ Impact Investing business and president of the Goldman Sachs Foundation, and Keith Turner, president of Advertising Sales and Marketing at Univision Communications Inc.

STRIVE’s Fatherhood Initiative reinforces the values of engaged fatherhood and financial responsibility among the men who enroll in STRIVE’s training and employment programs.

“We were thrilled to see so many friends and supporters come together to celebrate STRIVE’s Fatherhood Initiative,” said Phil Weinberg, STRIVE President and CEO. “At STRIVE, we believe employment is a central organizing force for creating strong families and thriving communities. We’re deeply committed to helping our students become responsible and engaged fathers.”

STRIVE graduate Daniel Torres told the crowd that he was a single father living with his young son in the city’s shelter system when he came to STRIVE. He graduated in 2014, and now has a full-time job that’s enabled him to provide a home for his son.

“The most important thing STRIVE taught me is that to be a good dad you need to be a provider, both emotionally and financially,” he said. “Thanks to STRIVE, I stand here as a proud father...A father who is working and who is giving my son a loving home and a real future.”

For more information about STRIVE, please visit www.striveinternational.org.

About STRIVE: STRIVE is the country’s leading workforce development organization, operating in 19 cities throughout the United States. Founded 30 years ago in New York City, STRIVE’s employment and training model helps men and women permanently lift themselves and their families out of poverty through intensive attitudinal and skills training programs that lead to sustained living-wage employment. Since its founding in 1984, STRIVE has brought economic self-sufficiency, dignity, and a brighter future to over 65,000 individuals and their families.