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Mayor Mike Spano Celebrates 59 Graduates from Greyston's Workforce Development Program

Yonkers, NY, November 22 – On Friday, November 22nd at 12:00pm Mayor Mike Spano and elected officials from the State, County and local level will join together to celebrate the graduates from Greyston's Workforce Development Program at the Yonkers Public Library Riverfront Branch (1 Larkin Center).

"This graduation celebrates the completion of the program by a hard-working and deserving class of individuals," said Steven Brown, President and CEO of Greyston Foundation. "We look forward to their graduation, and, more importantly, to when we can celebrate them in their new jobs."

Through support from Yonkers Workforce Investment Board and New York State Supportive Housing Program and other private funders, Greyston's innovative program provides training and job placement for low-income and under-employed individuals in Yonkers. Career training paths include: Culinary Arts, Certified Nursing Aide & Home Health Aide, Building Maintenance, Security Guard, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Coding/Billing, Office Aide, Customer Service, and Phlebotomy & EKG.

In addition to technical learning, Greyston's participants receive employee readiness training to ensure that they have the personal and professional tools required to obtain and, most importantly, retain employment.

Greyston has been a leader in providing job skills and training since it first opened the Greyston Bakery 30 years ago. In the Workforce Development program, Greyston has refined its programs and offers skills based and supplemental education to individuals who may need an extra hand to move forward on their way to self-sufficiency. "What started as a place of employment for the homeless and jobless has grown into a diverse group of programs that serve the multi-faceted needs of the Yonkers community," said Steven Brown. "With this program, Greyston is able to answer the call from a population that needs us."

About Greyston Foundation

Grounded in a whole-person approach, which we call PathMaking, Greyston Foundation, a pioneer in social enterprise, creates jobs and provides integrated programs for individuals and their families to move forward on their path to self-sufficiency. Located in the heart of Yonkers, Greyston is a national model for comprehensive community development and reaches 2,500 individuals and their families every year through a wide array of programs including: affordable housing, a nationally accredited Child Care Center, the Greyston Bakery, Community Gardens, HIV services and much more.

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