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May 22, 2025

Honorable City Council
Through the office of the Mayor
1 Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Re: Partnership Artwork with New York Presbyterian

Honorable City Council Members,

This partnership, which unites the Office of the Mayor, the Commissioner of Recreation of the City of Mount Vernon, NY and the New York Presbyterian Division of Community and Population Health (NYP), is seeking your esteemed support and sponsorship for community revitalization activities. The purpose of the partnership is to advance youth engagement in public health, nutrition education, and food access. This partnership enables the Mount Vernon Department of Recreation to host NYP Youth Market interns for a summer program. Interns will gain hands-on experience with the city's playground activation program. The Mount Vernon Department of Recreation will provide space and support, while NYP leads training and supervision. This collaboration empowers youth as wellness ambassadors, building job skills and strengthening community health through education and exposure to careers in public service.

Mount Vernon Department of Recreation will:

- Participate in at least two planning meetings with Youth Market team for the duration of program term (June 1 – August 15, 2025)
- Host the Youth Market team once weekly July 10 – August 14: Thursdays to support playground activation programming hosted by Mount Vernon Department of Recreation

The Hospital will:

- Provide guided public health work experience under the supervision of the CHALK team
- Supervise intern implementation of playground activations in Mount Vernon
- Document the time and attendance of interns, and provide this information to the CBO partners who recruited interns
- Provide onboarding training for interns under NYP's SYE program
- Providing for Co-branding with Mount Vernon Department of Recreation on Youth Market promotional materials and reports

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Program Term: June 1, 2025 – August 15, 2025

Schedule of Events:

- June 2025: Planning and coordination of collaboration
- July 10 – August 14, 2025: Youth Market programming runs, including 1 day per week with Mount Vernon Department of Recreation

This event is at no cost to the City of Mount Vernon, NY, and NYP will provide all supplies. Thank you in advance for your careful consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

André Early
Deputy Commissioner