

## **COMMUNITY OVERVIEW**



#### **MISSION**

Guided by the Quaker belief that there is a Divine Light in everyone, Brooklyn Friends School cultivates an intellectually ambitious and diverse community that celebrates each individual's gifts. We challenge our students to value and embrace difference as they develop critical thinking skills and apply their knowledge and intelligence both in and out of the classroom. In this rich learning environment, we inspire all members of our community to voice their convictions, to discover and pursue their passions, and to seek truth. Our graduates are compassionate, curious, and confident global citizens who let their lives speak in the spirit of leadership and service.

### **COMMUNITY**



Brooklyn Friends School is a thriving Preschool-12 grade school located in vibrant Downtown Brooklyn. Founded in 1867, Brooklyn Friends School's pillars of social justice, service learning/civic engagement, and Quakerism, serve as guideposts for our action-oriented collective work. Our school's history has been illustrious and reflective of the expansive nature of human experiences. Guided by our mission, BFS provides a dynamic, diverse, and robust social/emotional environment and academic program that cultivates compassionate, intellectually curious, and confident changemakers. As a school, we affirm that human diversity includes, but is not limited to: race, ethnicity, culture, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic class, family structure and physical ability, as well as diversity of thought, talents, and learning style.

#### **BFS AT-A-GLANCE**

Please visit the <u>BFS website</u> for a deeper dive into our community, history, core values, and program



157 years as a Quaker school in Downtown Brooklyn



#### **700 STUDENTS**

Representing all five boroughs of New York City and beyond.



## A DIVERSE COMMUNITY

39% of BFS students identify as people of color



#### **ACCESS**

25% of BFS students receive tuition assistance grants



#### SERVICE

BFS students are agents of change who respond to ethical and social inquities.

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# QUAKERISM & PILLARS

Grounded in the belief in the Inner Light of every person, BFS centers its Quaker identity in all we do. The six testimonies of Quakerism - Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality, and Stewardship - provide the foundation of a BFS education and inform the three pillars of our school.

# **01.** Diversity, Equity & Belonging

The DEB office explores various aspects of diversity through three different lenses: <u>Comprehensive</u>, <u>Intersectional</u>, and <u>Power & Privilege</u>. The values of equity, community, wholeness, imagination, learning, and justice are centered in the work of collective responsibility throughout our community and beyond.

## **02.** Global Civic Engagement & Social Impact

As a private school with a public purpose, BFS' approach to social impact on a local and global scale is grounded in <u>Care</u>, <u>Accountability</u>, <u>Reciprocity and Equity</u> (CARE). This approach encourages students to see themselves as agents of change, partner with organizations and leaders in the community, and use the experience of service and civic engagement to respond to inequities and injustice impacting our local and global communities.

## 03. Wholeness Wellbeing

Recognizing the everchanging and unique challenges our students face in society, BFS added a third pillar in 2023 to center the dignity and wellbeing of each person in our community. A data-informed approach to mental health and tools for resilience animate this critical new pillar.

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From BFS, I will take the Quaker values of inclusivity and compassion. **These ideals are now rooted in my being**. This has empowered me to take action on social justice issues. I absolutely plan on continuing my involvement in social justice issues after high school, and BFS taught me that value.

BFS Alum, Class of 2022



### ABOUT BFS ADVANCEMENT

The Advancement team is responsible for all forms of philanthropic engagement of the Brooklyn Friends School community. The team develops and implements key strategies and programs to raise funds in support of the school's annual operating expenses, endowment, and capital projects by cultivating and stewarding relationships with current families, grandparents, alumni, alumni families, colleagues and friends. The Advancement team fully participates in the life of the school, and works in close partnership with the Communications & Marketing teams.

## POSITION OVERVIEW

# ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR of ANNUAL GIVING



### **The Position**

An adept fundraiser and community building leadership professional who will plan, coordinate and execute the Fund for Brooklyn Friends School and the annual Spring Gala, and, in doing so, manage the cultivation, solicitation and stewardship of annual donors. This person will also serve as one of the primary liaisons to the Brooklyn Friends and Families (Family and Parent organization) for all of their events, committee work and overall support system. Specific capacities and responsibilities are as follows:



# BROOKLYN FRIENDS & FAMILY

- In partnership with the Associate Director of Digital Content and All School Events, lead family volunteers in creating and executing existing and new Brooklyn Friends and Families (BFF) events from small committee meetings to larger internal and external events (i.e., WinterFest, SpringFest,)
- Serve as a school-wide liaison for the (BFF) and oversees adherence to school policies
- Manage & coordinate BFF protocols and resources including communication, financial, personnel, vendors and on-site events
- Liaise with other BFS leaders and the BFF to ensure strong and appropriate connective tissue between the school and BFF volunteers



# FUND FOR BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL

- Create and manage a comprehensive annual giving plan including setting goals for the annual giving program (dollar, participation, and qualitative), creating and managing a calendar of annual giving opportunities including special fundraiser activities
- Manage and oversee the key fundraising process including materials, letters, and publications
- Recruit, manage, and oversee fundraising volunteers and their schedule of meetings
- Solicit key donors for the Fund for Brooklyn Friends School including researching prospective donors, current donors, and new parents and identify leadership candidates for annual, capital and planned giving



### **ANNUAL GALA**

- In partnership with the Director of Advancement, manage the planning and execution of the annual Spring Gala in the support of the Fund for Brooklyn Friends School
- Identify & coordinate vendors, payments and event budgets
- Recruit and facilitate a committee of parent volunteers who support key elements of gala planning, including the solicitation of auction items and ticket sales
- Partnering with the Advancement team and Communications and Marketing team to develop digital and print communications and collateral for all elements of the event



# SYSTEMS & COMMUNICATION

- Produce analytical reports to assess growth, changes, trends in giving, and sales (auction, tickets, etc.) for events as necessary
- Partner with the Design, Advancement, and Data Systems Specialist to track constituent activity in Raiser's Edge.
- Lead collaboratively with the Advancement and Communication teams for core team functions including alumni relations and giving, special events related to fundraising and stewardship, and fundraising presence on public websites & social media channels

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# **Qualifications & Characteristics Sought**

BFS seeks candidates who are curious, collaborative, and exhibit a growth-mindset where challenges are viewed as opportunities for growth and transformation. Joy, humor, and authenticity are celebrated in our BFS community.

There have been many changes over my years here in the school and in my positions. But in my experience, despite the ups and downs, those core values stayed true and have allowed me to grow, stretch, and try things I never thought I would do.

**BFS Colleague** 

- Demonstrated project management skills, with a particular expertise in managing multiple workflows simultaneously in a fact-paced, high-energy environment
- Effective organizational skills with careful attention to accuracy, detail, and discretion with respect to sensitive information
- An appreciation for the ideals of Quaker philosophy and Brooklyn Friends School's mission, and the nuances of a Quaker independent school. Comfort with and desire to learn more about Quaker values and decision-making practices
- Strong, respectful, and gracious interpersonal and communication skills, both written and oral
- Strong work ethic and initiative in understanding allschool dynamics and proactively responding to a fastpaced environment
- Ability to navigate open, productive, and challenging conversations which punctuate our insistence and focus on partnering with those within and outside of our community with an uncompromisable, inclusive and antiracist construct of advancement, alumni relations, and community engagement work

#### **Experience Requirements:**

- 5-8 years of experience in fundraising and community engagement
- Bachelor's Degree required
- Software Proficiencies:
  - Raiser's Edge
  - o Google Suite
  - Microsoft Office Suite

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## **Details & Process**



• This position reports to the Director of Advancement and does not have any direct reports



# COMPENSATION & UNION STATUS

• This is a Non-Union position

• Salary Range: \$108,381-\$120,788



This salary range represents the expected **annual** salary range for this position. Ultimately, in determining pay, your education, experience, and other job-related factors will be considered. Colleagues may be eligible to participate in employment benefits including, but not limited to, health insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance, 403(b) retirement plan, life insurance and long-term disability insurance. Benefits are subject to change at any time, and are subject to applicable plan documents.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Please submit the following as a single PDF attachment to hiring@brooklynfriends.org and include **Associate Director of Annual Giving** in the subject line. Qualified candidates will be contacted after materials have been reviewed.

- 1. Resumé/Curriculum Vitae Candidates are encouraged to include hyperlinks to applicable examples of their work in their professional journey
- 2. Personal Statement/Cover letter addressed to the Human Resources Department. Along with punctuating your interest and experience, your cover letter should also address how you feel that your professional journey aligns with our school's Quaker identity and our three pillars of Diversity, Equity, and Belonging, Global Civic Engagement and Social Impact, and Wholeness and Well-Being, and how you see yourself further making them actionable within the context of this role
- 3. List of three references (with emails, phone numbers, and relationship to you). References will not be contacted without advance permission.
- 4. Completed <u>online application</u>.