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Building on a lifetime of public service, Unity For Equality was founded on the simple belief that everyone deserves a chance to succeed, everyone has a responsibility to act, and we all do better when we work together.



Unity For Equality is a non-for-profit community based organization. Our mission is to empower and integrate underserved communities and other immigrants into the civic and economic life.

We assist individuals and families in the areas of advocating for social justice, boosting civic engagement, educational opportunities, healthcare access for all, and senior support services



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we approach the end of 2024, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we have shared this year at Unity For Equality. This year has been marked by significant achievements, challenges, and above all, a steadfast commitment to our mission of promoting equality and justice for all.

Our community has grown stronger and more resilient, thanks to the unwavering support of individuals like you. Together, we have made strides in advocating for human rights, providing essential services to those in need, and fostering a culture of inclusivity and respect.

One of our proudest accomplishments this year has been the expansion of our educational programs, which have empowered countless individuals with the knowledge and skills to advocate for their rights and the rights of others. Additionally, our outreach initiatives have reached new heights, bringing vital resources and support to underserved communities.

In a world that often feels divided, our efforts to promote global peace and unity have never been more important. We have worked tirelessly to build bridges between communities, fostering understanding and cooperation across cultural and national boundaries. Our vision is a world where every individual, regardless of their background, can live in harmony and mutual respect.

As we look forward to 2025, we are filled with hope and determination. We are committed to building on our successes and addressing the challenges that lie ahead. Our vision for the future is one where every individual, regardless of their background, has the opportunity to thrive in a just and equitable society.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated team, volunteers, partners, and supporters. Your passion and dedication are the driving force behind our progress. Together, we will continue to make a difference and create lasting change.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

Neil Trivedi
Chairman & Founder



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Dear Friends,

As we prepare for 2025, I am pleased to connect with you through this year's journal. This annual effort embodies the spirit of unity and peace—values that guide our organization and the work we do together. Your support brings us closer to a future where every child and family we serve has the opportunity to thrive.

In 2024, we worked with Florida residents to spread hurricane safety information to over 100,000 people, helping communities prepare for and navigate challenging times. Efforts like these remind us of the importance of coming together to support those in need, and we are committed to doing even more in the year ahead.

Looking ahead, we are particularly focused on empowering the next generation of leaders by equipping children with the tools and resources they need to succeed. With your continued commitment, we will strengthen communities and create lasting impact.

Thank you for being a vital part of our journey. Here's to a meaningful and impactful 2025, filled with hope, progress, and the strength of shared purpose.

Sincerely,

Diana Velasquez
President



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Dear Unity For Equality Members and Supporters,

I would like to say it has been an excellent year in 2024, everyone has been working hard and I am grateful for everyone in the organization and who is supporting us. I am confident that 2025 is going to be another excellent year!

As the Vice President of Unity for Equality, I have the privilege of working alongside our President with the organization working through tough challenges this year has brought us, and we were able to tackle them one by one. Together with the help from all of you, we made this year a great one.

Another year has flown by it seems, with 2025 around the corner. We will face more challenges but together we are strong enough to take them on.

We continue to promote equality, understanding, and compassion in our community, and create a better world for all. Thank you for being a part of Unity for Equality, and for all that you do to make a difference.

I am excited to get started on projects in 2025 that will help the community thrive. It is thanks to everyone that supports us to get these projects rolling for the upcoming year. The president and I have been working on ideas for different projects so stay tuned for any updates coming your way!

I would also like to extend my thanks for everyone who worked hard on this end of year journal. I thank everyone who has put the time and effort into this as it was not an easy task to do in one sitting.

Sincerely,

Sarah Green
Vice President

United States Senate

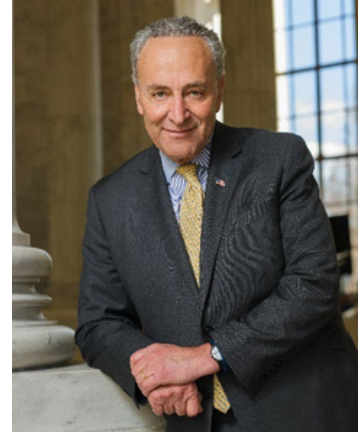
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October 25, 2023

Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings and sincerest congratulations as you celebrate the end of a successful year at Unity for Equality. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize Unity for Equality and acknowledge its unwavering commitment to underserved and immigrant communities.

Since its inception in 2016, Unity for Equality has followed its mission of assisting individuals in various areas such as educational opportunities through scholarship opportunities and assisting students with student loans, healthcare access, support for senior citizens, commitment to protecting and preserving our environment, boasting civic engagement, and being a leading voice in social justice reforms. Your continued work has aided thousands in getting the critical aid and support that they need. I applaud your organization for its resilience, relevance, and commitment to the people of New York.



Furthermore, I would like to recognize the work of your founder, Neil Trivedi. Since high school, Neil has remained steadfast in his commitment to public service. From partnering with elected officials and community activists to creating Unity for Equality, you have assisted your communities and made an immeasurable impact in the lives of thousands of individuals.

I also acknowledge this year's theme, "Global Peace and Unity," which remains increasingly relevant in the times we are living through today. With organizations such as Unity for Equality that fight for local communities, I believe that we are moving closer to the goal of global peace and unity every day.

Again, congratulations and thank you for your hard work. I know Unity for Equality will continue its commitment and dedication to the community for years to come. Best wishes for a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Schumer".

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator



GRACE MENG
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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August 19, 2024

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Dear Unity For Equality,

I am honored to extend my heartfelt greetings to Unity For Equality, its Chairman Neil Trivedi, and its entire staff.

Since 2016, the organization has continued to flourish in its endeavor to empower and integrate underserved communities by providing individuals the resources needed to thrive. As Unity for Equality remains a pillar of Queens, their steadfast commitment to enhancing civic engagement and economic opportunities is commendable. With "Peace and Unity" as this year's theme, it is reflective of your impact as your efforts add to the inclusivity and diversity of Queens.

I am honored to recognize and congratulate Unity For Equality for its unwavering commitment to making a positive impact on the community and its successful expansion to becoming a global advocate.

Please accept my congratulations for a wonderful year as well as continued success!

Sincerely yours,

Grace Meng
Member of Congress



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November 7, 2024

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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest congratulations on the occasion of Unity for Equality's eighth anniversary. This special event is a tremendous celebration of your journey, achievements and the incredible community that has supported you along the way.

As a not-for-profit community-based organization, Unity for Equality has done admirable work to empower and integrate underserved communities and other immigrants into civic and economic life. By assisting individuals and families, advocating for social justice, boosting civic engagement, educational opportunities, healthcare access and senior support services, Unity for Equality has displayed a strong commitment to bettering our community at large.

This year's theme, "Global Peace and Unity" shows a focus beyond our borders toward a more peaceful and unified world. Special thanks to Chairman and Founder Neil Trivedi for your work to make this event a success.

On behalf of the New York State Senate, I commend Unity for Equality for its invaluable services to our community. Thank you for your tremendous contributions to the city and state of New York. I look forward to working with Unity for Equality in the future, and I would like to express my deepest gratitude and personal wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,



STEVEN RAGA
Assemblymember
30th District

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Dear Friends,

I am honored to extend my heartfelt greetings to the readers of this journal as you close out the year with reflections on our shared theme of Global Peace and Unity. In times marked by both global conflicts and local divisions, it is more important than ever to strengthen the ties that connect us as a community.

Unity For Equality's steadfast commitment to empowering and integrating underserved communities into civic and economic life serves as a powerful example of how we can work together to uplift those around us. Through initiatives that provide career readiness resources, disaster relief, and hunger eradication, you have positively impacted countless lives. Under the visionary leadership of Chairman and Founder Neil Trivedi, Unity For Equality has shown what can be achieved when we work in solidarity toward a common goal.

I am particularly inspired by your 2024 achievements, including the support provided to over 422,000 individuals affected by natural disasters and your tireless efforts to fight hunger. Your work not only addresses immediate needs but also builds a foundation of resilience and hope that brings us closer to a world united in peace.

As we celebrate these remarkable milestones, I look forward to our continued partnership in supporting the education and career development of our community members. Please know that my office is eager to collaborate with Unity For Equality on future initiatives that will further uplift our community and expand opportunities for all. Once again, congratulations on your outstanding accomplishments this year. I wish Unity For Equality continued success, growth, and inspiration in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Steven Raga, MPP, MPA, MBA, MS
Assemblymember
New York State Assembly — 30th District



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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August 30, 2024

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to send greetings to the readers of Unity for Equality's 2024 journal.

The key to a full-fledged and functioning democracy lies in the thoughtful participation of its people, and we are grateful for those voluntary associations that reinforce these strong foundations. Founded in 2016 as South Asians for Equality, this group, now known as Unity for Equality, has since expanded upon its original mission to encompass the global need for economic, social, and political justice. In 2023, it made meaningful strides in this effort by launching the Senior Master Sergeant Harold Colbert Scholarship, which provides financial support to students pursuing higher education who embody the values of inclusivity, mutual uplift, and service to others that define both this organization and our metropolis. It has also helped shape the minds of the next generation by assisting in student loan debt payments and hosting test preparation and digital literacy courses. My Administration is committed to empowering our youth, and that is why my team and I announced *Pathways to an Inclusive Economy: An Action Plan for Young Adult Career Services* while also investing \$2 million in further developing summer programming for that population. In this spirit, I shine a spotlight on allies in this work, such as Unity for Equality, as we all work together to forge a brighter, fairer, and more prosperous city for all.

On behalf of 8.3 million New Yorkers, please accept my best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Eric Adams
Mayor

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December 2024

Greetings to Chairman and Founder Neil Trivedi, the Board of Directors, and the entire team and staff of Unity for Equality. I am thankful for the work of Unity for Equality that has empowered underserved communities across our city and provided essential support services and healthcare access to individuals in need.

Since 2016, Unity for Equality has prioritized breaking barriers to ensure that communities across New York City have access to the resources that enable them to reach higher heights and fulfill their potential. Through civic engagement programs, Unity for Equality has motivated our neighbors across the city to exercise their voice and be involved in the electoral process to impact their communities. As we continue to serve and create avenues to enhance the well-being of our neighborhoods, I want to thank and uplift the work of Unity for Equality that has continued to be an influential community partner.

Please accept my wishes for much continued success in the new year.

Respectfully,

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Unity For Equality was founded in 2016 in response to critical issues raised around the tremendous barriers to social services, social justice, and economic life faced by New York City's fast growing diverse communities.

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