



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Kevin S. Parker

## Senator Kevin Parker Hosts Successful 17th Annual Harvest Fest Back to School Celebration

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**Brooklyn, NY**—State Senator Kevin Parker hosted the 17th Annual Harvest Fest Back to School Celebration on Saturday, August 24. Held at Paerdegat Park in Brooklyn, the event was a tremendous success. The back-to-school celebration provided a full day of engaging activities, essential resources, backpacks, school supplies, and entertainment that catered to families and individuals of all ages.

The event drew a vibrant crowd eager to participate in the festivities. From distributing essential school supplies to hosting interactive health workshops and showcasing lively performances, the back-to-school celebration catered to all ages. Families enjoyed various activities, including entertaining games, community resource booths, and a variety of food options. The event symbolized the shift from summer to the new school year, emphasizing the need for community support for our youth.

"Each year, the Harvest Fest Back to School Celebration grows stronger, bringing our community together in unity and support. It's incredibly rewarding to see so many families come out to prepare for the new school year, knowing that we're helping to equip our students with the tools and confidence they need to succeed," said Senator Parker.

Kamla Millwood, the Mistress of Ceremony, shared her enthusiasm about the event: "I am honored to have been a part of Senator Kevin Parker's Harvest Fest Back to School Celebration. This event was a success, bringing together our community for a day filled with joy, resources, and meaningful connections."

This year's Harvest Fest was made possible through the generous support of sponsors, including DSW, Spectrum, A Shared Dream Foundation, Emblem Health, Kings Plaza, State Farm, Delta Rho Omega AKA Chapter, CAMBA, Madison Square Garden, WBLS, Hot 97, Sesame Flyers International Inc., Planet Fitness, Con Edison, Ideal Food Basket of Brooklyn Avenue, and the Brooklyn-Long Island Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Their contributions played a crucial role in the event's success, providing valuable resources to families and students within the community.

The event also featured partnerships with several organizations that offered additional resources and information to attendees. These partners included Ifetayo Cultural Arts Academy, Emblem Health, CABS Homecare (a division of CABS Home Attendants Service

Inc.), Our Lady of Charity, Zenith Yessenia Ms. Full Figure USA NY Social Media 2024, Luckiest Tiny Tots, Herbalife, Health Care Choices, Stuy Park Lions & Leo Club, Health Network, Girls with Knowledge, Style & Grace, and Kamla Millwood, Author and CEO of Palatial Publishing LLC. Their involvement further enriched the back-to-school celebration, making it a comprehensive and impactful day for all participants.

Senator Parker, a steadfast advocate for community empowerment, actively participated in the event, connecting with attendees and reinforcing the bonds within the community. Alongside local elected officials, community leaders, and educators, the Senator engaged in meaningful conversations, fostering collaboration and idea-sharing.

### **About State Senator Kevin Parker**

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn district comprising sections of Flatbush, East Flatbush, Kensington, Ditmas Park, Midwood, Flatlands, Canarsie, Georgetown, Old Mill Basin, Mill Basin, Marine Park, and Bergen Beach. A lifelong Brooklyn resident, he is the Chairman of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee and sits on the Senate Finance; Rules; Banks; Internet and Technology; Rules; and Budget and Revenue.