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## Senator Kevin Parker's Annual Harvest Fest Back-To-School Celebration!

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STATE SENATOR KEVIN PARKER ALONG WITH THE GAP & SESAME FLYERS INT. HELP STUDENTS & PARENTS JUMPSTART THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR—

SATURDAY-AUGUST 29, 2015—Close to a thousand families gathered on Saturday, August 29th to kick-off the new school year at Senator Parker's Annual Harvest Fest 2015 Back to School Celebration. Community residents enjoyed music, food and cultural performances during the daylong festivity that also included the distribution of free school supplies and backpacks, and a cadre of health and wellness activities for families. Children reveled in face painting while the educational exhibits that were on display provided college bound and youth program information in preparation for the new school year.

"We've had a great number of responses from numerous groups who wanted to participate and donate," said Senator Parker, whose office organized the event. "For several years, thousands of families from across Brooklyn have come together to celebrate Brooklyn's Harvest Fest because it is a great way to commemorate the coming of fall and the new school year." The Senator continued, "It has become an ideal opportunity for parents to gather valuable information in preparation for the year ahead and for families, friends, and neighbors to connect, catch up, and have fun."

"This has always been such a wonderful way to start the new school year," said Curtis Nelson, Executive Director of Sesame Flyers International, also a sponsor and host of the annual event. "We want to give a special thank you to Senator Parker, a champion of education, and partner who assisted in ensuring today's annual event was a big success. Without the support of the Senator and a collective community effort, we would not have been able to deliver a festival of this magnitude."

The multinational clothing and accessories retailer The Gap, Inc., along with Time Warner Cable, NY Aquarium Wildlife Conservation Society, Healthfirst, YMCA, Lucy Trucks, Ifetayo, Stephanie Fleary author of Chocolatey Brown, Music Brings Life, Kings County Hospital, Sankofa/Tinker Toys, The Brooklyn Public Library, New York Life/Child ID Program, Ace's Beer & Soda Inc., Camba, Metroplus, Kings Plaza, and one of the oldest Greek-letter organizations, Alpha Kappa Alpha, co-sponsored the free of Charge Event!