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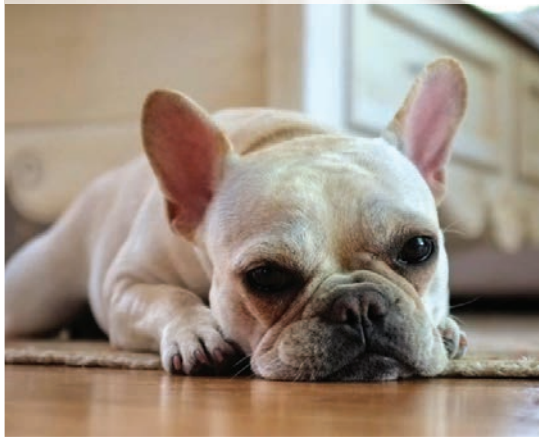
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Proceeds from the Yuletide Ball raise critical funds that are transformative for Brooklyn's most vulnerable children and families in the struggling communities of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brownsville, and North Crown Heights.

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The holiday season is steeped in longstanding traditions: singing carols, sitting around a crackling fireplace, and crafting gingerbread houses. In Brooklyn, we have spent more than 95 years creating our own exciting holiday tradition... the glamorous annual Yuletide Ball in support of Brooklyn Kindergarten Society.

Since the first-ever Yuletide Ball in 1920, the event has been a symbol of the spirit of the holidays, combining good cheer and doing good. Year after year, nearly 1,000 generous individuals come together to break the cycle of poverty where it does the most harm—in early childhood. Thank you for standing with us and supporting a vision for a better Brooklyn, a holiday tradition that is near and dear, indeed.

The annual Ball has evolved over the years, just as our beloved borough has. Brooklyn seems to change more and more every day, and each year we are thrilled to see the Ball attendees grow and change with it. Our pre-ball dinners vary in every way imaginable: some are black-tie affairs in glorious century-old townhouses, others are casual affairs where people prefer to order in pizza. Some are in DUMBO lofts, others are in Manhattan high-rises. But all culminate on the dance floor of the Heights Casino, where we boogie the night away and celebrate the joy of giving.

We would like to thank all of our pre-ball dinner hosts, as well as their families, for allowing us to defray the cost of the ball with their hospitality and generosity. We also wish especially to thank our co-chairs, Paula Dunbar and Lindsay McCann, whose passion and hard work contributed so much to this year's success. Thank you as well to TD Bank and Brennan Real Estate for their generous underwriting support.

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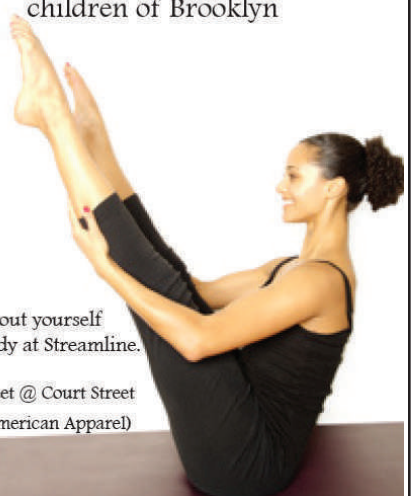
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