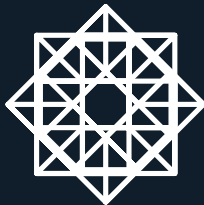


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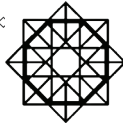
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This year's Ball will continue its glorious tradition of pre-ball dinners hosted throughout the borough. This year marks the first, 'Honorees Dinner' which will celebrate Richard Buery, Jr. and his work to establish New York's Universal Pre-K program. The myriad of dinners culminate in the joyous Yuletide Ball held at the Heights Casino.

We would like to thank all of our dinner hosts, as well as their families, for their hospitality and generosity. We also wish to thank our co-chairs, Julia Neff and Rachel Apthorpe, whose passion and hard work contributed so much to this year's success. Thank you to our Steward level sponsors, Kathy & Henry Elsesser, and Engel & Völkers for their generous underwriting support as well as our other sponsors and donors.

This year, Brooklyn Kindergarten Society is excited to introduce our Honor Roll, a program designed to help provide ongoing and stable support to the children and families we serve. Honor Roll donors make an annual commitment of \$2,500 paid over 12 months, we hope you will consider joining our honor roll this year.

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Richard is the Chief of Policy & Public Affairs at KIPP, leading its public policy, advocacy, marketing, alumni affairs, and communications efforts. He served as Deputy Mayor to New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, where he led key initiatives including Pre-K for All.

While in college, Richard founded the Mission Hill Summer Program in a Roxbury, Massachusetts housing development, and went on to teach fifth grade at an orphanage in Bindura, Zimbabwe. After a brief stint as a civil rights lawyer, Richard co-founded iMentor, a national college access program which empowers low-income first-generation high school students to graduate college, and Groundwork, supporting the educational aspirations of Brooklyn public housing residents. While the CEO of the Children's Aid Society, he founded the Children's Aid College Prep Charter School in the South Bronx.

A 2016 Pahrara-Aspen Institute Education Fellow, and a 2012 Fellow of the British American Project, he was named one of Ebony Magazine's "30 Leaders of the Future under 30," and Crain's "40 Leaders of the Future under 40," and received the Extraordinary Black Man Award for Humanitarianism from the United Negro College Fund. A graduate of Yale Law School and Harvard College, Richard lives in Manhattan with his wife Deborah, a law professor, and his two sons.

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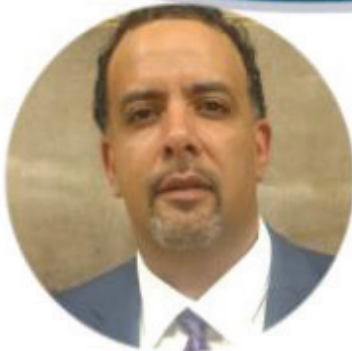
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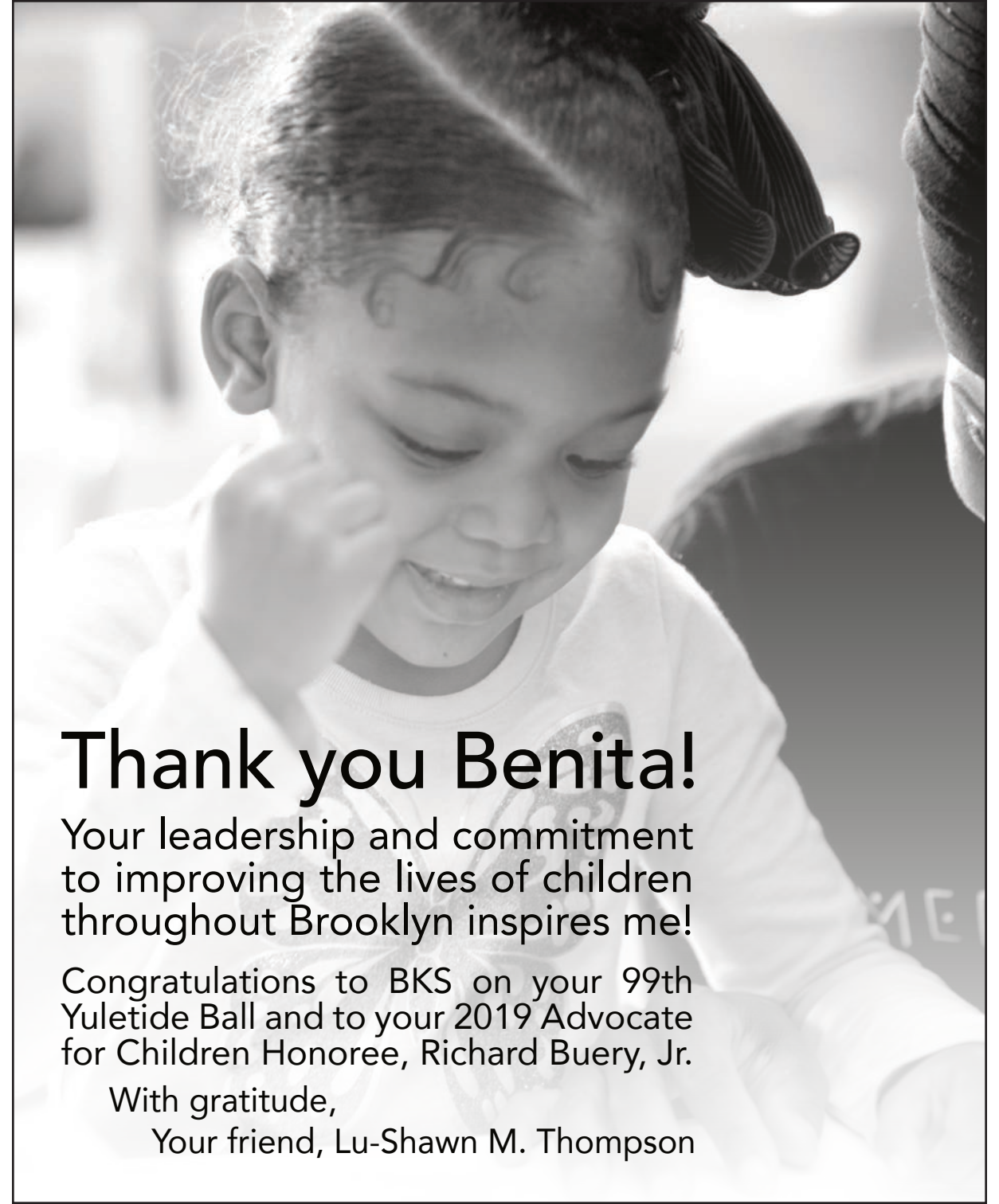
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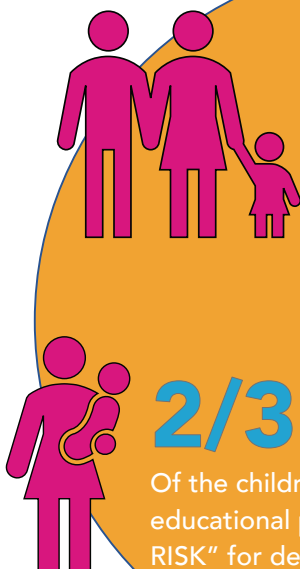
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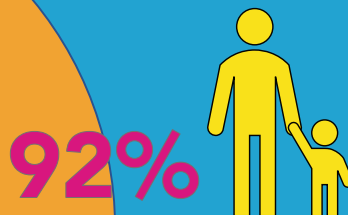
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