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Miracle on 141st Street

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Now the community school, which provides programs in dance, music, theater and the visual arts, is starting with a clean slate after surviving a brush with extinction in 2010, when it was forced to close for three weeks."I can really think about the future," said Yvette Campbell, who has been president and chief executive of the 48-year-old institution since January 2011. "We wouldn't have survived carrying our debt."A donation from the same foundation in 2010 helped keep the doors open, but Ms. Campbell toiled mightily to prove the school was worthy of continued, and more

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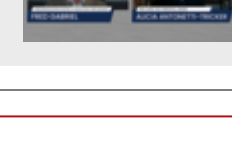
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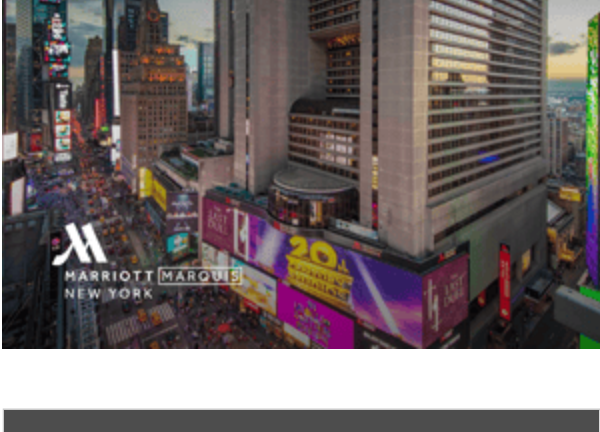
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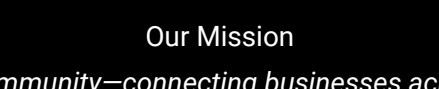
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