

Jason Krebs, Resident

315 W. 36th St.

Jason Krebs is a GDA resident who has raised three kids in the neighborhood, is a successful media executive, and an experienced angel investor and board member. Jason has worked at HBO, Time Warner, Conde Nast, and Google and currently serves as an investor and advisor to about 15 companies.

Most recently serving as Head of Sales for The Walt Disney Company's Maker Studios, Jason worked with the world's most well-respected brands to help them connect with consumers via short-form video and branded content within the YouTube ecosystem. (LinkedIn)

Martin Whelan, Stout

109 W. 39th St, 215 W. 35th St.

Stout Hospitality Group owns 19 owner-operator restaurants throughout New York and New Jersey including three Pubs in the Garment District.

When schools, nonprofits and other eligible 501(c)(3) organizations book events at any of the Stout NYC Hospitality Group venues, the organization donates up to 10 percent of the proceeds back to support the organization's mission. They also feature a Pint for Pint program. Anyone that has donated blood within the previous 30 days gets a free pint of beer. The group, aware of changing trends, offers a wide range of LPAs, gluten free beers and mocktails.

Mike Baden, Open Space Institute

1375 Broadway

Founded in 1974, the Open Space Institute (OSI) is a national conservation leader, partnering in the protection of more than 2.5 million acres across the Eastern U.S.

OSI protects land for clean drinking water, public recreation, healthy communities, and wildlife habitat. Additionally, the intact forests and floodplains they protect capture and store carbon and protect against extreme weather events.

OSI protects land that supports the things we can't live without – like clean water and healthy communities and safeguard the places that make life worth living, like parks for recreation and plant and animal habitat. Over the past 50 years, they have helped save millions of acres through land acquisition funding and research advocacy.

Steve Roeder, Blatt Billiards

330 W. 38th St.

Custom made, locally crafted pool tables family owned and operated since 1923. Blatt has maintained a local, ground floor, Garment District showroom for many years.

Brett Fetter, Magna Hospitality

525 Eighth Avenue.

As General Manager of DoubleTree Times Square South since 2021, Brett brings strong operational leadership and a deep, day-to-day understanding of the Garment District. Overseeing a high-volume hotel at 36th Street and 8th Avenue, Brett is closely connected to the neighborhood's evolving needs—particularly around safety, cleanliness, accessibility, and the overall visitor experience.

His role with Magna Hospitality, headquartered locally, further strengthens his perspective by combining on-the-ground insight with an ownership mindset. Brett was also selected to serve on Magna's General Managers Advisory Committee, reflecting his leadership, credibility, and ability to influence at a broader organizational level.

Brett is well aligned with the alliance's mission to create a neighborhood where people want to live, work, and visit. He understands the importance of strategically directing assessment funds toward initiatives that deliver measurable impact and long-term value.

A collaborative and engaged leader, Brett would bring practical insight, accountability, and a strong commitment to neighborhood improvement. I strongly recommend him as a valuable addition to the board.

Chris Kossifos, CK Technology

330 W. 38 St.

Chris is a seasoned technology & telecommunication executive who has worked in the private sector as both principal executive and leader of technology and business teams in software development, hardware development and telecommunications for numerous high technology firms. Chris is also an investor in a variety of technology businesses and start-up ventures, including real estate and philanthropy.

Chris has been at the forefront of developing technologies since the early 2000s, initially with a focus on network applications and services in hospitality and construction. More recently, he has been involved in the design, operation and financing of rural communication networks in underdeveloped regions of the world, most notably around the African continent, for the betterment of all aspects of society with a focus on improving the economic outlook of businesses, government and of course the cornerstone to all developmental progress, access to high-quality educational resources for all.

Paramount to all of his undertakings, commercial or altruistic, is the philosophy that technology betters economies, quality of life and the spirit of any modern society.