Celebrating a Year of Achievements—Our Annual Benefit

An overflowing room of nearly 300 guests joined us on April 19 at 230 Fifth Avenue to honor Gary Rodney, President, New York City Housing Development Corporation; Rella Fogliano, Founder and CEO, The MacQuesten Companies; Cecile Noel, Commissioner, New York City Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence; and Jill Edwards, Director, Community Development Investments, Charles Schwab.

The event—our annual benefit—raised $230,000 for New Destiny and will help us continue to develop safe, affordable, permanent housing with services for previously homeless survivors of domestic violence. Our thanks to all who support our work.

In courageously sharing her story of fleeing abuse and becoming homeless, a resident in one of our buildings who is a domestic violence survivor with a young child described why New Destiny’s mission to end homelessness and the cycle of violence matters:

The key New Destiny gave us wasn’t only to our home, to me it has been the key to many doors of endless opportunities. Because of supportive housing I have had the opportunity to continue my education. Although leaving my abuser was once the hardest decision I’ve had to make in my life, I must add it has also been the best. I am grateful to God and New Destiny for who I have become thanks to this opportunity.

Gina Doynow, New Destiny’s Board Chair, welcomed the guests, saying: “Our thanks to all who support our affordable housing and services, with a special recognition to Diamond sponsor The MacQuesten Companies; Platinum sponsor Richman Housing Resources; and Gold Sponsors AvalonBay Communities, Nicole Salmasi and State Bank of India. We look forward to doing more in the years ahead—and we’re confident that we can because of our wide range of partnerships and supporters.”
Each of the honorees shared with our guests the importance of the award to them:

New Destiny Housing provides survivors of domestic violence and their children with safe, stable homes and the support to rebuild their lives. It is their courageous residents’ stories that inspire me, and all of us in affordable housing, to do the work we do. I want to thank Carol Corden and the Board of New Destiny for this incredible honor, and congratulate my fellow honorees for helping the most vulnerable New Yorkers build productive, independent and secure futures.

— Gary Rodney

This honor is really for New Destiny—we all know that domestic violence is something that is happening worldwide. I wish I could put New Destiny in every city and in every state in the world.

— Rella Fogliano

I count myself lucky to have worked on The Morris. I learned so much both personally and professionally about the dire need for housing for survivors of domestic violence and the critical role that both the housing and support services play in allowing these families to escape their abusers and not have to choose between the streets and their safety.

— Jill Edwards

I was honored to be recognized by New Destiny on behalf of the Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence. Secure housing is one of the most important steps in helping survivors of domestic violence and their families rebuild their lives. New Destiny helps provide invaluable stability to so many New Yorkers, and we are glad to be able to support New Destiny’s work and to amplify their message of hope.

— Cecile Noel

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