



# new destiny news

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## Building Affordable Housing—Jennings Street

Domestic violence is one of the two major generators of family homelessness in New York City. It is the primary reason for entering shelter for at least 30% of families using New York City shelters. Solving the problem of family homelessness means addressing the needs of low-income domestic violence survivors who, without safe affordable housing, are likely to return to their abuser or cycle in and out of shelter.

**New Destiny closed on its newest affordable housing project in June 2017.** Located on Jennings Street in the Bronx, this project will be an eight-story building with 42 apartments affordable for low-income households. Twenty-three apartments will be reserved for homeless families coming from New York City domestic violence shelters.

**Jennings Street is designed to address the needs of families and help create community for domestic violence survivors who have had to flee familiar neighborhoods, as well as family and friends to become safe.** The building will include a multi-purpose room for resident meetings and events, library/computer room, children's room, bicycle and stroller storage, landscaped back yard with a children's play area, laundry room and offices for support services staff. To foster health and energy efficiency, Jennings Street will participate in the Enterprise Green Communities and NYSERDA programs.

Through our **Family Support Program**, New Destiny will offer on-site services tailored to the needs of families with recent histories of domestic abuse. Services will include counseling, job readiness assistance, financial planning and children and family programming to help families rebuild their lives and become self-sufficient.

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