Project HOME Reaches a Milestone

Project HOME, New Destiny’s innovative rapid rehousing program, has met its three-year goal of placing 40 survivors and their families in safe, affordable permanent housing—a major milestone for the program and a testament to its success.

Significantly, all of the domestic violence survivors placed in apartments have remained stable in their housing—with almost half approaching a second year lease renewal.

Since we launched the program in Fall 2014, Project HOME has served nearly 300 domestic violence survivors, offering a path to safe, affordable housing. A partnership with the Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan Family Justice Centers operated by the Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence (OCDV), Project HOME provides:

- Workshops on NYC housing options and subsidies and one-on-one assistance to help households prepare a strong rental application
- Aftercare support for families placed in apartments that fosters housing stability
- Regular communication with landlord partners before and after placement to quickly address any issues that arise

Working with 16 trusted landlord partners, Project HOME identifies rental housing that can provide a safe alternative to shelter for survivors at risk of homelessness—thus helping them and their children avoid the trauma and disruption resulting from a shelter stay.

A Project HOME client shared why the program matters:

Project HOME has been a helpful stepping stone to lead me to where I belong. Project HOME is a great source of help and support during a difficult time. As a domestic violence survivor, you feel you can’t trust, have no support and no one on your side. Project HOME was the support and guidance I needed to move forward.

Cecile Noel, Commissioner, Mayor’s Office to Combat Domestic Violence said: “For survivors who can safely move to permanent housing, Project HOME provides an excellent alternative to shelter that enhances the array of services the Family Justice Centers offer to individuals and families fleeing domestic violence.”

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