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New Destiny Housing Corporation Wins Annual TD Charitable Foundation Housing for Everyone Affordable Housing Grant Competition, Awarded \$125,000 for The Jennings

November 16, 2017 – New York, NY – New Destiny Housing Corporation was awarded a \$125,000 affordable housing grant through the TD Charitable Foundation’s Housing for Everyone grant competition. The grant will be used to develop The Jennings, an eight story affordable housing building with 42 apartments affordable for low-income households, 23 of which will be reserved for families coming from New York City domestic violence shelters.

The Jennings is designed to address the lack of affordable housing for families in the Bronx and to create a sense of 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, a library/computer room, children’s playroom, bicycle and stroller storage, landscaped back yard with a children’s play area, laundry room and offices for support services staff.

“We are thrilled to receive this award from the TD Charitable Foundation both as a recognition of our work and of the need for permanent housing for families and domestic violence survivors,” said Carol Corden, New Destiny’s Executive Director. “As with all of our projects, The Jennings will offer on-site services that foster housing stability, help survivors to remain free from further incidents of violence and foster financial independence.”

This year’s “Housing for Everyone” theme was *Affordable Housing for All*, focusing on initiatives that support the funding for safe, clean, physically accessible housing for all populations, including the elderly, new Americans, individuals with a mental or physical disability, families headed by a single parent or guardian, veterans and emancipated youth. Each year the theme is chosen based on housing needs identified by the Foundation across its footprint.

The Housing for Everyone grant competition is one of the TD Charitable Foundation’s most widely known signature programs. The competition invites local non-profit organizations from Maine to Florida to submit proposals outlining their plans and initiatives to support and provide affordable housing initiatives in their communities. Twenty-five organizations throughout TD Bank’s footprint from Maine to Florida were awarded a \$125,000 grant for a total grant donation of \$3.125 million in 2017.

To learn more about the program and how the grants are making an impact in the community, videos about past winners are available at "[Own Who You Are](#)". Applications for the Housing for Everyone grant competition will reopen in June 2018.

About New Destiny Housing Corporation

New Destiny is a 23 year-old non-profit dedicated to ending the cycle of violence for low income families and individuals at risk of homelessness and domestic violence by connecting them to safe, permanent housing and services. To achieve its mission, New Destiny builds and manages housing with on-site services; offers innovative programs that empower victims of abuse to find and retain affordable housing; and expands access to permanent housing resources for low-income families. New Destiny is one of the few affordable housing developers in New York State providing housing with services specifically tailored to domestic violence survivors. Over 23 years, New Destiny has developed 15 residential projects serving over 400 households. For additional information visit New Destiny's website at www.newdestinyhousing.org and follow the organization on [facebook](#) or [twitter](#).

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The Jennings



Overview.

The Jennings is located in the Crotona Park East section of the Bronx. New Destiny will build an eight-story, 54,000 square foot, affordable housing project with 42 apartments – nine 1-bedroom, thirty-two 2-bedroom and one 3-bedroom apartment. One unit will be reserved for a superintendent.

On the basement level there will be a large multi-purpose room for resident meetings, program events and a library/computer room. A secure outdoor space, including a play area for children, will be accessed through the basement level.

On-site Services.

To address the obstacles and issues faced by families recovering from recent homelessness and abuse, New Destiny will provide on-site services and referrals. Services help residents to cope with the trauma they have experienced – from both domestic violence and homelessness – and promote housing stability, prevent future incidents of violence and foster financial independence. On-site residential services include case management and support that help survivors remain housing stable and violence-free.

Population to be Served.

Fifty-five percent of the units (23) will be reserved for homeless families headed by domestic violence survivors coming from the New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA) shelter system. The remaining 18 units will be for low-income households with incomes up to 80% of the median from the general community selected through a lottery process.

Funding.

Funding is being provided by New York State Homes and Community Renewal, New York State Homeless Housing and Assistance Corporation, New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Corporation for Supportive Housing, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Enterprise Community Partners, TD Bank, Deutsche Bank and the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative.

Timeline.

The project closed June 2017. Construction completion is estimated for June 2019 with project rent-up to start April 2019.