



New Destiny benefit honorees (l to r): Ted Houghton, Executive Deputy Commissioner, New York State Homes and Community Renewal; First Lady Chirlane McCray, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors, Mayor's Fund to Advance NYC; Jeffrey E. Levine, Chairman, Douglaston Development.

Celebrating with Friends Annual Benefit Raises \$230,000

An overflowing room of nearly 300 guests joined us on March 18th to honor First Lady Chirlane McCray, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors, Mayor's Fund to Advance NYC; Jeffrey E. Levine, Chairman, Douglaston Development; and Ted Houghton, Executive Deputy Commissioner, New York State Homes and Community Renewal. The event raised over \$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.

In courageously telling her story, Julia, our tenant speaker, reminded each of us why we fight every day for New Yorkers at risk:

"Permanent housing, provided by New Destiny to families like mine, not only gives us an opportunity to have a safe place to live, but also gives us a chance to grow emotionally, financially and develop self-sufficiency. The recreational events allow a sense of community and sense of belonging that would not be felt elsewhere."

We were honored to have the Commissioner of the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence, Rosemonde Pierre-Louis, join us to introduce First Lady Chirlane McCray. In her remarks, the First Lady said:

"... New York City's push to combat domestic violence is truly a team effort. And one of the most important members of that team is New Destiny Housing. On behalf of the entire de Blasio Administration, I thank everyone at New Destiny for lifting up people who are often at the very lowest point of their lives. Every survivor's story is different,

Carol Corden Receives Award A Life Dedicated to Affordable Housing

Carol Corden, New Destiny's Executive Director, was among 25 women to receive a **2015 City & State Above & Beyond Award** for exhibiting exemplary leadership in their fields and making important contributions to society in the fields of business, government, media, nonprofit and labor.



Our congratulations to Carol, who has spent her professional career improving access to affordable, decent housing for New Yorkers. Under Carol's visionary leadership, New Destiny has developed 12 affordable housing buildings, created the only program to directly connect homeless domestic violence victims with low-income housing tax credit apartments, and has become an indispensable resource for low-income survivors of domestic violence and their advocates.

but most of them hinge on one crucial conflict: they want to leave their abuser, but they don't know where to go. And that's where New Destiny comes in. They provide survivors with a refuge, a place to rebuild, and a launching pad for a better life. By giving survivors a safe place to call home, the odds are shifted in their favor. Like I said, it's a team effort."

Our thanks to all who support our affordable housing and services. 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.

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New Destiny Welcomes Four New Board Members

Charles McLean's career spans over 30 years in community development and affordable housing and includes serving as the founding Executive Director for New Destiny. He also launched non-profit housing corporations in Cambridge and Boston, MA; served as head of city planning in New Haven, CT; and since 1996, has been an executive at the Federal Housing Finance Agency, where he led policy design for housing and community development and other mission-related activities for the Federal Home Loan Bank System.

Rachel E. Miller is a seasoned executive in the health and human services sectors with broad experience in strategic resource development, fiscal and program management, quality improvement and performance measurement. She is Vice President for HIV Programs and Special Initiatives at Public Health Solutions, where she leads public-private partnerships for administration of over \$150 million in federal and city HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment funds among nearly 150 NYC nonprofit organizations.

As Director of Development for The Arker Companies, **Simon A. Bacchus** is responsible for the acquisition and financing of their pipeline of new construction and preservation projects, and for coordinating members of the development team. His experience in the affordable housing sector also includes serving as Senior Vice President at the New York City Housing Development Corporation, where he was responsible for more than \$1 billion in financing annually for multi-family rental developments in New York City.

Jo Ellen Cooper brings a wealth of operational, regulatory and back-office expertise to New Destiny's board. As Office Manager at S Squared Technology, LLC, she is responsible for management of day-to-day operations and regulatory compliance. She previously served as Senior Manager of Operations at Goodwin Procter, LLP where she provided strategic and day-to-day management of administrative support functions.



Our Junior Council Rocks

Our Junior Council (JC), dedicated to the New Destiny community, organizes projects and activities for the families that live in our affordable housing buildings. They also conduct fundraising events and help us to increase our visibility to build the next generation of supporters.

The JC is always looking to grow their group. Interested young professionals should contact Nameeta Kameth by email at newdestinyjuniorcouncil@gmail.com.

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Presenting an award to First Lady Chirlane McCray (center) are Rosemonde Pierre-Louis, NYC Commissioner, Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence; and Carol Corden, Executive Director, New Destiny (right).