Friends, colleagues and supporters joined us at the ribbon cutting of The Morris, our newest affordable housing rental project, located in the Mount Hope neighborhood of the Bronx. Thirty-nine low-income households now have a permanent, safe place to live. As with all of our buildings, we offer on-site supports for both adults and children, such as counseling, case management, recreational activities, academic support and referrals to specialized services. Fifty percent of the units at The Morris are set aside for families headed by domestic violence survivors.

“The Morris offered a unique opportunity to repurpose a building originally planned as an affordable condominium to affordable rental units for low-income families fleeing domestic violence. The availability of on-site services will ensure that tenants have the tools they need to build secure futures for themselves and their children,” said Carol Corden, our Executive Director.

“New Destiny continues to be a consistent, reliable partner that brings integrity and passion for developing housing for homeless and low-income adults and families, in particular those who are survivors of domestic violence,” said New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Commissioner Samuel D. Roberts. “We expect this project will have a transformative effect on the lives of those who now call The Morris home.”
Susan Kensky, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), said:
“These 39 units can help victims of domestic violence escape the physical and mental trauma caused by abuse and also avoid the health risks associated with homelessness…We are happy to participate with New Destiny in developing affordable housing.”

The project was originally built as affordable condominiums by Mount Hope Housing Development Corporation in cooperation with the Housing Partnership. Marketing of the condominium units coincided with the 2008 financial crisis and as a result, potential buyers were unable to obtain mortgages and the condominium plan was abandoned. Although the project obtained a Permanent Certificate of Occupancy in May 2010, it was never occupied. In 2011, HPD, the project funder, began seeking a new developer/operator to take over the project. New Destiny acquired the building in 2013.

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