



Harlem United Opens Residence

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Harlem United recently celebrated the opening of its new congregate housing residence at 150 West 124th Street in Harlem. The facility will provide 25 studio apartments dedicated to medically-frail, homeless individuals living with HIV/AIDS, and offer supportive services to keep residents healthy and connected to medical care.

“I’m thrilled Harlem United has built this residence and commend Harlem United’s staff and clients for their fierce dedication to community health and housing,” said City Councilwoman Inez Dickens.

“The opening of the new housing at Harlem United shows what can happen when community, government, and private enterprise work together for people living with HIV/AIDS,” said Dr. Monica Sweeney, Assistant Commissioner for the Bureau of HIV Prevention and Control at New York City’s Health Department. “This is a real success story and should serve as a model for projects in the future.”

Harlem United's multi-million dollar facility was funded by the Homeless Housing Assistance Program (part of New York State's Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance), the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, the Federal Housing and Urban Development Supportive Housing Program, and the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York Affordable Housing Program. The DeutscheBank Community Foundation and the Corporation for Supportive Housing provided pre-development funding.

“Together, we have built a truly beautiful and supportive home for our clients which will last for years to come,” said Mr. Patrick J. McGovern, Chief Executive Officer and President. “We owe a debt of gratitude to our project team: Mr. Michael A. Cogen of R.A. Architects; Mr. Gino Fazio of G. Fazio Construction Company, Inc.; Mr. Charles Longworth, our Construction Site Manager; Mr. Manny De Los Santos from The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, who provided technical assistance; and Mr. Rob Bannon, Hudson Planning Group, who coordinated our project.”