



## 2011 HIGHLIGHTS

# Building Strong Communities with Affordable Housing, Neighborhood Amenities and Programs

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### COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND CENTER ARE COMING TO LIFE IN THE BRONX



With our partners, the NYC School Construction Authority, Turner Construction, URS Corporation, Dattner Architects, and Edelman Sultan Knox Wood Architects LLP, construction is now 80 percent complete on the **New Settlement Community Campus** in the southwest Bronx. The facility will provide education, arts and recreation opportunities for thousands of youth and families in the neighborhood where **New Settlement Apartments** has provided quality housing and award-winning programs for over 20 years. Planning is in full swing for a September opening of public schools (pre-K - 5th and 6th -12th) and a **Community Center** with pool, dance studios, green roof learning terrace, art gallery space, and multipurpose classrooms.

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is providing a grant through their **Green and Healthy Neighborhood Initiative** to support healthy school food, nutrition education, and urban agriculture programs at the school and community center. Another capacity building grant for the Campus development came from The Booth Ferris Foundation, and a **New Market Tax Credit** investment with LISC, Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF) and Goldman Sachs generated nearly \$3 million for construction of the Community Center. Major capital support was awarded by the Bronx Borough President, Ruben Diaz, Jr. and Councilmember Helen Diane Foster, and various philanthropic sources including FJC, which is providing a bridge loan.

To take a tour of the Campus and find out how to support this project, call Kathy McAulay at Settlement Housing Fund, 212.265.6530.

### HOUSING ACQUISITION AND ENERGY UPGRADES MOVE FORWARD

Our **New Settlement Apartments** housing development has expanded with the acquisition of a 27-unit building on the same square block as the Community Campus. This property brings our total number of one, two and three bedroom affordable apartments in the Bronx to over 1,000. New Settlement is using federal funds and grants from Con Edison to improve the energy efficiency of its buildings, including new boilers, a new energy management system, energy-efficient lighting, new stoves and refrigerators, and new windows.



We also obtained a fee-free, low-interest loan from the City to carry out major building improvements at our Crown Heights properties in Brooklyn, including **St. John's Place Family Center**, a shelter for 97 homeless families, and our permanent housing for 33 low-income families. Energy-efficient boilers and hot water heaters; roof and brick mortar replacement, new windows, and a centralized surveillance system will improve energy efficiency, strengthen the integrity of the building envelope, and increase the safety and comfort of all St. John's Place residents. This project was supported with a grant from the TD Charitable Foundation's Housing for Everyone program.

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### EDUCATION, LIFE AND JOB SKILLS TRAINING TRANSFORM LIVES



Our **DREAMS** GED and job skills training program was one of only nine YouthBuild programs in the country awarded a two-year **SMART (Start Making A Real Transformation)** U. S. Department of Labor grant from **YouthBuild USA** to serve young adults involved in the juvenile justice system. In addition to finishing high school, students will receive training in green construction, health care and technology related jobs, and participate in community service projects.

Our **Semiperm Housing**, located on the Upper West Side, initiated an expanded life-skills curriculum for the formerly homeless single-parent families who live in this residence for two to five years. The services – financial counseling, vocational training, college access services, parenting classes, health and nutrition workshops, family nights and children's programming – help residents live independently, maintain employment and care for their children once they leave the program.



Left, **Semiperm** participants enjoy the garden.

Above, **DREAMS** graduates welcomed Mayor David N. Dinkins, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, and Brooklyn State Senator Velmanette Montgomery.