



It's official. The PSCH 165th mixed-use residence is now open, through a joint partnership of New York State City and private supporters. L-R: Mike Dehmler, Vice President, Christa Construction, LLC; Moira Tashjian, Associate Commissioner, Division of Adult Community Care Group, NYS Office of Mental Health; Jonathan Soto, Senior Community Liaison, NYC Community Affairs Unit; Honorable Aurelia Greene, Deputy Bronx Borough President; Alan M. Weinstock, Chief Executive Officer, PSCH; Sherry Tucker, Chief Financial Officer, PSCH; and Shavone Hamilton, Chief Operating Officer, PSCH.

PSCH Opens 58 Bed Apartment Complex Mixed-Use Residence Heralds Affordable Housing in the Bronx

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165th Street in the Bronx now has an attractive new addition to its neighborhood skyline. A 10-story 58 unit apartment building opened on September 13, 2016. This facility increases the supportive housing capacity in New York City, targeting certain populations in need of rental assistance and mental health services in order to live more independently in the community. This project coincides with New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio’s affordable housing projects.

Partnerships Make It Happen

The building became a reality through a joint partnership among state and city supporters. Funding for this project was made possible through the New York State Office of Mental Health and The Richman Group. PSCH is proud to partner with CSD Housing, LLC, a leader in building affordable housing communities. The design of this contemporary structure was created by Urban Architectural Initiative (UAI) and contracted by MEGA Contracting Group.

Tenants will enjoy modern kitchens and baths, with such amenities as laundry facilities, an exercise center, bike storage, a multi-purpose community resource room and spacious outdoor landscaped recreation areas.

Serving the Most Vulnerable Populations

Thirty-eight units will be reserved for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, who are in need of daily living skills assistance. The remaining 20 units are reserved for individuals with or without a mental health diagnosis, who meet low-income eligibility criteria. There will be 46 studio; 6 one-bedroom units; and 6 two-bedroom units. The building will have 24/7 front desk coverage on on-site support services.

Research has shown that when offered a stable housing environment first, an individual is better equipped to set and achieve personal goals. PSCH has assembled an expert team of case managers, peer specialists and a program director who will work in tandem to refer each tenant to a variety of supportive services to ensure their successful reintegration into the community.

Guest Speakers Lauded the Efforts of PSCH

During the opening ceremonies, guests heard from state, city and community leaders.

Jonathan Soto, Senior Community Liaison, New York City Community Affairs Unit said, “When we talk about an agenda of equity for this city, we also need to talk about dignity. Being able to walk into this beautiful space with state-of-the-art facilities, meant to take care of the New Yorkers who need it most, not only warms my heart, but is something our Mayor and First Lady greatly appreciate.”

“PSCH’s mission is realized in this building. The building itself is beautiful,” commented Moira Tashjian, Associate Commissioner, Division of Adult Community Care Group, New York State Office of Mental Health. “What happens within its walls is even more beautiful. Individuals now have a safe place to live – affordable, permanent, and a place where they can move in their recovery.”

The Honorable Aurelia Greene, Deputy Bronx Borough President thanked PSCH on behalf of Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and the residents of the Bronx for making this facility possible, “It is a beautiful structure that will change lives.”

Kim Blocker who lives in one of our mixed-use residences remarked, “I am truly grateful for PSCH – for their support, for helping me live independently, and for helping me to become a productive member of society. That apartment made a difference in my life. It has helped me become an active member in my community and for that, I am forever grateful.”

“Safe and affordable housing in New York City is a challenge for all New Yorkers. It is even more of a challenge for individuals coping with mental illness,” said Alan M. Weinstock, CEO, PSCH, Inc. “Our goal is to create a low-income mixed-use housing developments which offer supportive, safe and nurturing environments where all tenants feel a sense of cohesion and belonging to a larger community. That goal has now been met on 165th street and we are proud of this achievement.”

More information about this complex, call Crystal John: 718.559.0538 ■