



### Celebrating the opening of The Jennings

New Destiny was joined by supporters and colleagues to celebrate the opening of its newly constructed service-enriched affordable housing project—The Jennings—located in the Crotona Park East section of the Bronx. Built and designed to meet the needs of families and homeless domestic violence survivors, The Jennings provides



42 affordable units, with 23 units for homeless domestic violence survivors, and offers on-site services through our Family Support Program. Amenities include a multi-purpose program space, staff offices,

a library/computer room, secure landscaped courtyard with a children's play area, and laundry room.

"Domestic violence victims must often choose between living in dangerous situations or becoming homeless. This beautiful new building will provide a safe beginning for families fleeing domestic violence," said Carol Corden, New Destiny's Executive Director. "And, the availability of on-site services will ensure that tenants have the tools they need to build secure futures for themselves and their children."

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### HousingLink Places 100<sup>th</sup> survivor in a safe, high-quality home

At a celebration of this milestone, Wasidah, a HousingLink client, shared her story of fleeing abuse and finding safety:

*"As we waited for an apartment to become available to me, I was laid off from one of my jobs. I reached out to HousingLink with sadness in my voice, prepared to hear that they could no longer help me. Instead, 30 days later I moved into the apartment that I have been dreaming about*

*since I left my marriage. The neighborhood is beautiful, I have an elevator and a laundry room, and most importantly, I feel safe in my home."*

A partnership with the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV), HousingLink reduces the cost and trauma of homelessness by connecting domestic violence survivors to safe, affordable housing.

*"HousingLink provides an alternative to shelter by linking victims of domestic violence directly to safe, affordable, permanent housing,"* said Executive Director Carol Corden. *"Rapid rehousing programs like HousingLink are less costly than shelter and much less disruptive to families already traumatized by the experience of domestic violence. Aftercare services help program participants to retain their housing. HousingLink's success is illustrated by its 97% retention rate."*



Cecile Noel, Commissioner, ENDGBV; Carol Corden; and Council Member Vanessa Gibson



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