



## New NYC Continuum of Care Domestic Violence Committee Co-Chairs

We are thrilled to announce that **Gina Cappuccitti**, Director of Housing Access, and **Destiny Sheftall**, impacted advocate and New Destiny tenant, were elected as co-chairs of the NYC Continuum of Care (CoC) Domestic Violence (DV) Committee. This special committee works to increase coordination and collaboration in service of better outcomes for DV survivors in our city. Its membership includes city agency representatives, non-profit service providers, and survivors of domestic violence.



**Gina Cappuccitti**, Director of Housing Access, oversees housing search services to survivors and landlord engagement efforts for two rapid-rehousing programs and our Emergency Housing Voucher Housing Navigation Program. Prior to being elected as co-chair of the DV Committee, Gina has served as a co-chair of the CoC DV Rapid-Rehousing Workgroup since 2021.



**Destiny Sheftall** completed a fellowship with the Family Homelessness Coalition in 2022. She is a student pursuing a bachelor's degree in general marketing at Baruch College and is expected to graduate at the end of 2023. She has six years of customer service and relationship-building experience. Destiny believes in creating a safe environment for families, especially families with children, to advocate for themselves and their communities.

## Prioritizing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

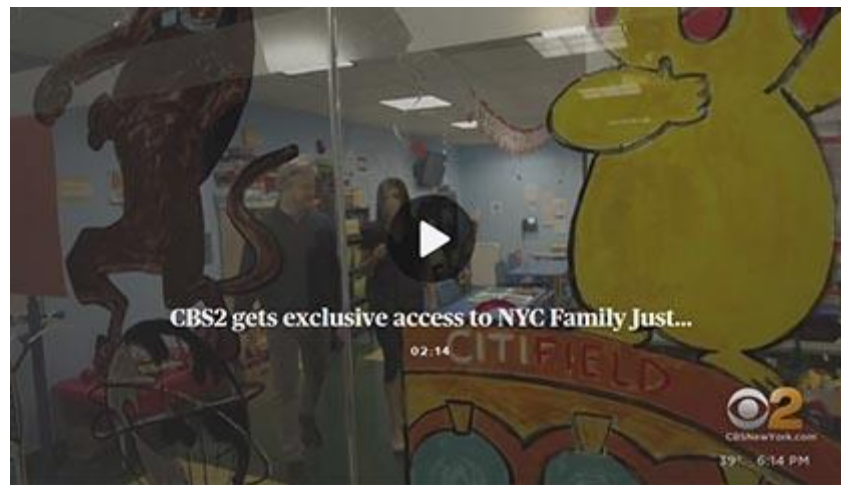
New Destiny Housing is committed to ensuring a diverse, equitable, and inclusionary environment for our staff and the community we serve. Last month, we held an all-day, all-staff Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training, as the first in a series this year. Many thanks to Sarah Blas and Elizabeth Speck of [MindOpen Learning Strategies](#) for their expertise and guidance as we navigate these important discussions, and Enterprise and HUD for supporting this work through a HUD Section 4 grant.



## CBS Features New Destiny's HousingLink Program on a Tour of the Queens Family Justice Center

Last week, CBS New York Reporter, Dave Carlin, spoke with a New Destiny HousingLink client about the resources provided by the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV) and the onsite New Destiny staff at the Queens Family Justice Center. The survivor, who chose to remain anonymous, shared her story, the support services she received from Jahajee Sisters, and how she was able to secure permanent housing thanks to the tireless work of New Destiny Housing Coordinator, Lannie Smith.

ENDGBV Commissioner Noel and Lannie were also interviewed. Watch the segment here.



## HOPE Count

Five New Destiny staff braved the cold to volunteer in the 2023 NYC Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE) Count: **Bernadette McElveen**, Raven Hall Sr. Case Manager; **Derek Brennan**, Housing Development Project Manager; **Elsa Rose Farnam**, Landlord Engagement Associate; **Johanna Juarez**, Raven Hall Case Manager; and **Obiageli Okafor**, Resource Coordinator.

Alongside the Mayor and other participants, they canvassed select areas of the city, including the subway, overnight to estimate the number of unsheltered New Yorkers sleeping on the streets.



## Introducing our 2023 New York State Policy Platform

New Destiny released its New York State Policy Platform this month, which underscores four priorities for Governor Hochul and the State leadership to help unlock a sustainable path for survivors to break the cycle of homelessness and abuse.

**NEW DESTINY HOUSING'S**  
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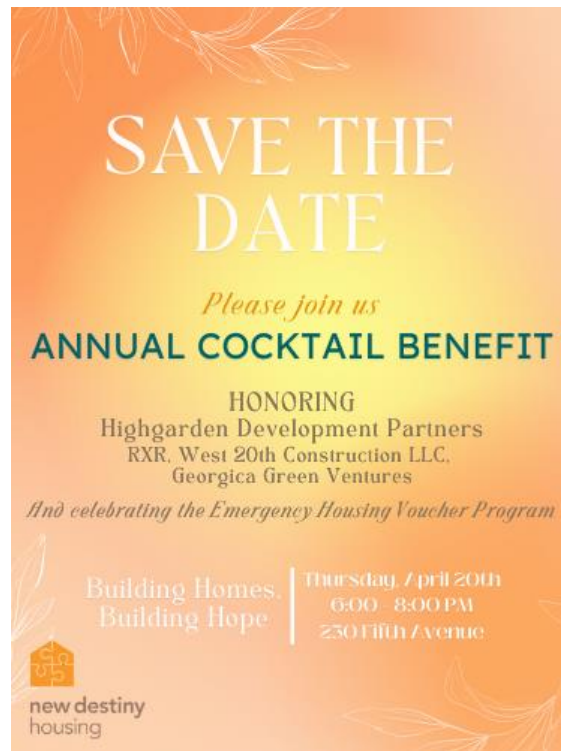
- ▶ **PROTECT FAMILIES IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING: INCREASE THE NYS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM RATE**  
We urge the Governor and the State Legislature to raise NYSSHP funding by \$148 million so that it covers the health and safety services it is supposed to for our tenants.
- ▶ **FUEL HOUSING PRODUCTION: INCREASE THE EMPIRE STATE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INITIATIVE**  
We urge the Governor and the State Legislature to increase ESSHI to \$35,000 per unit in NYC and \$30,000 in the rest of the state.
- ▶ **INDEX CASH ASSISTANCE TO INFLATION AND INCREASE SHELTER ALLOWANCE TO FAIR MARKET RENT**  
We urge members of the State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign [A9130/S9513](#) and [A8900A/S8632](#) to increase public assistance benefits.
- ▶ **EXPAND HOUSING RESOURCES: PASS HAVP AND CITYFHEPS LEGISLATION**  
We urge the State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign [HAVP](#) and [S1631](#) and take much needed steps to expand equitable access to housing for domestic violence survivors and non-citizen New Yorkers.

## Annual Benefit on April 20th

Tickets for our Annual Benefit are now available! [Purchase yours today.](#) We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Interested in becoming a sponsor? See the [sponsorship opportunities here.](#)





## WE'RE HIRING!

Join our team! Four of our newest postings are:

- [Resource Coordinator](#)
- [Grants Manager](#)
- [Program Director](#)
- [Senior Accountant](#)

To see the complete list of job opportunities, [click here](#).