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HSI's THE ROAD HOME GALA AN UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS

The Board of Trustees of Housing & Services, Inc. is pleased to report that, thanks to all the efforts of the energetic gala committee and generous friends, the 2007 HSI The Road Home Gala was the most successful event in HSI history, raising over \$360,000. This amount of unrestricted aid is critical, allowing HSI to continue to run its programs, filling in gaps where it



Above: Keynote speaker, HPD Commissioner Shaun Donovan.

is most needed, and helping the many initiatives which support formerly homeless special needs clients in HSI's supportive residences: The Cecil Hotel, Kenmore Hall, The Narragansett, and the Scattered-Site Program. Special thanks to major sponsors: GVA Williams, Apollo Real Estate Advisors LP, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP, Marks Paneth and Shron LLP, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison LLP, and The Richman Group Affordable Housing Corporation. For more photos, see p 3.



Above: Larry Oaks, Executive Director, presents an award honoring Jim Simmons, Partner at Apollo Real Estate Advisors, for his work helping HSI acquire Lafayette Estates, which helped save the homes of 1,865 Bronx families and create new homeowners.

COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER KICKS OFF ED/VOC INITIATIVE

The new Educational/Vocational Initiative begins this summer as HSI opens its first Computer Learning Center at Kenmore Hall. Ten brand new Dell computers loaded with educational software will connect HSI's formerly homeless clients with resume building workshops, job postings, and more. The space for the Learning Center will be remodeled this summer, with programming scheduled to start at the end of the season.

Nadeen Samuels, HSI's first ed/voc counselor, was hired this year to run the program. Under

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HSI EMPLOYEE HONORED

On June 15th, the International Center for the Disabled (ICD) honored HSI's Amir El-Hadidy as their Employer of the Year, presenting him with a plaque at their annual graduation ceremony.

ICD, a 70-year-old organization that works to support people with physical and mental disabilities, offers vocational training to thousands of clients every year in office technology, human services, food services, and building maintenance. For more than eight years, they have sent clients in the maintenance training program to intern under Amir, who supervises their work and reports back to the program managers at ICD. Interns are often



Amir with Mark Klein, ICD Counselor

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TENANT HIGHLIGHT:

WILLIAM PROSSER, NARRAGANSETT

William Prosser moved in to his apartment at the Narragansett in 2004, his first stable home in over two decades. Since then, he has changed his life in more ways than he imagined possible.



William Prosser, HSI Outstanding Tenant Honoree, speaking at the 2007 The Road Home Gala

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, William was the youngest of five children. Nine months after his birth, his mother

was killed. William and his siblings were cared for by his grandmother from then on. "She did the best she could to raise us," says William, though it was not easy.

In 1982, he moved to New York City to be closer to his eldest sister, who from then on was "like a mother" to him. He began using drugs soon after the move, and spent nearly twenty years going in and out of addiction and homelessness.

William was baptized in 1989 "on a hot Sunday in Brooklyn," and religion and the church have been central to his life and support system ever since. But there

were still many challenges to come. He was diagnosed with HIV in 1993. His father died in 1994, but not before William had a chance to forgive him. "I told him, no matter what you did, you're still my father, and I love you," he remembers.

It wasn't until his oldest sister died of cancer in 2003 that William began to really change. "I saw my life wasn't going anywhere," he says. "I got on my knees and asked God, help me, get me out of this situation." He moved into The Narragansett, and with the support of his caseworkers, William turned his life around. He got sober, and began taking his HIV medications regularly. He received a certificate in Interior Design from Alpha Workshops, and his rooms, which he's decorated, are a reflection of his joyful spirit.

Today, William attends NA meetings daily, where he's famous for bringing candy and treats for the group. He works as an Usher and member of the outreach team for his church in Brooklyn, and volunteers with Partnership for the Homeless as an advocate three times a week, where he helps connect homeless people with resources and support. He has recently completed a health education training, and also began working part time as a chef for United Bronx Parents this year. "I want to live now," he says. "I want to do as much as I can to help other people in the way I was helped."

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her guidance, tenants will take classes in Kenmore's Learning Center, and will receive pre- and post-employment support.

Classes offered include job search support, resume building, job placement, job retention support groups, and computer skill building. Clients will attend a combination of weekly classes, one-on-one vocational counseling, and group meetings tailored to each client's needs and goals. The program is being designed to be

replicable at each of HSI's four residential programs.

The computers were purchased through funds from the Department of Homeless Services, and HSI is seeking additional funding to support construction and ongoing costs. To donate, go to www.hsi-ny.org, or contact Jessica Ziegler at 212-252-9377.

THE WORD IS OUT

Read about HSI in news articles from *Affordable Housing Finance and Development NYC*. To learn more, visit the "News" segment of HSI's website, www.hsi-ny.org.

CECIL RENOVATION PLANS UNDER WAY

Plans for major renovations to the Cecil Hotel are under way. HSI's Harlem program is one of the oldest supportive housing residences in New York City, and has been operational for nearly twenty years. Scheduled to start in



2008, \$4M in upgrades include adding a new elevator, updating infrastructure, and renovating tenant units, kitchens, fixtures, and the building's facade.

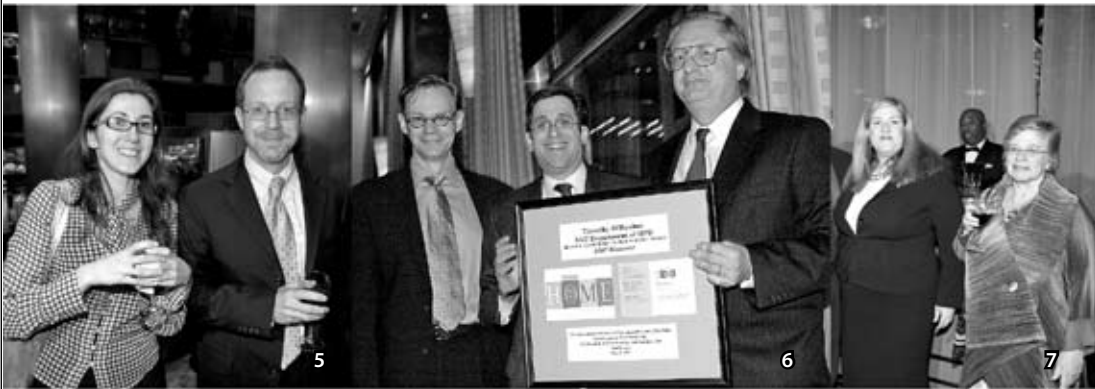
Far Left: A rendering of the new teaching kitchen.

Left: A renovated apartment

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HSI EMPLOYEE HONORED from p1 hired as permanent staff members, and the majority of HSI's maintenance staff began as interns. Two former ICD interns, both hired by HSI in 2000, have worked their way up to building superintendents: the Cecil's Lamont Sutton, who introduced Amir at the ICD graduation, and the Narragansett's Alberto "Manny" Aguirre.

Amir has worked with HSI for 10 years as the Chief Building Engineer and Director of Maintenance, and has a degree in Civil Engineering from Cairo University and a degree in Classical Music from Hunter College. He sees HSI's work with ICD as a natural fit. "We believe in giving people a second chance, helping people with disabilities," he says. "That's what we stand for."



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For more information, or to join the 2007 Holiday Wishes Campaign,
contact Jessica Ziegler at 212-252-9377 x105.