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HSI'S FIRST ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY AT MINTON'S PLAYHOUSE

Thanks to all our friends and supporters who joined us to celebrate the holidays last December! We filled Minton's Playhouse, the legendary Harlem jazz club in HSI's Cecil Hotel, for an evening of food, friends, drinks, and great music. The night wouldn't have been the same without the performances by Eli Fountaine and The Organizers and the sponsors who made the event possible: Counsel Abstract, Inc,



GVA Williams, and Jack Lichtenstein, CPA.

Left: Eli Fountaine and The Organizers perform in front of the restored historic mural.

Right: Albert Russo, Jack Lichtenstein, Ian Benjamin, and Rita Lichtenstein



Above: Michael Cohen, Board Chairman, Larry Oaks, Executive Director, and Curtis Archer, President of Harlem Community Development Corp.



DAYLIGHT FORENSIC PLAYS SANTA

This holiday season we received an unexpected call from Jenny Rodriguez of Daylight Forensic & Advisory, an independent fraud risk management firm.

Jenny had recently relocated from her home state of Texas, and was looking to do something meaningful in her new community. She offered to "adopt" a family in HSI's Scattered Site Program, to provide gifts to make the holiday season special.

We quickly identified a family living in the Bronx, consisting of a mother and her three young daughters. A week later, Jenny called to tell

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SENIOR WELLNESS DAY A SUCCESS

Hundreds of seniors trudged through the rain and wind on October 17th to HSI's first Senior Wellness Day at Kenmore Hall. They received blood pressure tests, training on eating well with diabetes, information about vision problems, and support with many other important issues affecting older adults. One neighborhood resident

came just for the Mets bag giveaway after she spied one at her own senior center around the corner – but after she arrived she ended up talking to a representative from Visions about affordable ways to get a new pair of bifocals.

Seniors attended seminars on topics ranging from maintaining mental health and battling depression to cold and flu prevention. This was the first day Kenmore Hall opened its doors to the entire Gramercy and larger NYC aging com

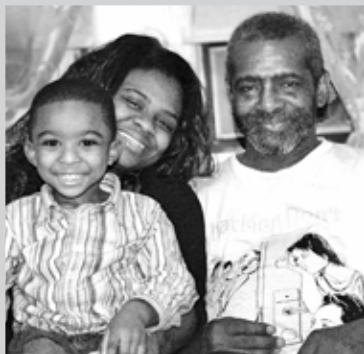
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Doctor from the Manhattan House Call Program tests resident's blood pressure

TENANT HIGHLIGHT:

JAMES BOOKHART, NARRAGANSETT



Mr. Bookhart with his daughter and grandson

"I never dreamed anything like this would've happened to me," James Bookhart says from his home in the Narragansett Hotel. His four-year-old grandson practices his somersaults on the carpet while his daughter watches from the couch. Both are visiting from upstate New York to accompany James to the award gala the following evening, where he will be honored as the "Outstanding Tenant of the Year" by the Supportive Housing Network of New York - an organization that consists of 250 member agencies across New York State, and serves over 34,000 men and women living in supportive residences through those agencies.

Mr. Bookhart was born and raised in South Carolina, where he spent most of his childhood working in the fields alongside his sharecropper grandparents, his primary guardians. Although James' work helped support the family, and allowed several of his younger

siblings and cousins to go to school, his own education was limited. He never learned to read, a fact he managed to hide throughout most of his career as a stablehand and trainer of thoroughbred racing horses.

James arrived at the Narragansett Hotel in the summer of 2002, after a couple hard years that left him homeless and HIV positive. Soon after his arrival in supportive housing, James ended almost forty years of alcohol abuse, and soon after he became sober, he told his case manager, Eddie Reardon, that he was illiterate. Learning to read, he said, "was something I always wanted to do, but I didn't have the nerve to . . . ask for help." After two years of classes, James is reading books to his grandson and dreaming of working towards his GED. Compared to just a few years ago, James says his life today is "a whole different world."

"They say I did all the work," James says of the supportive staff at The Narragansett, "but they helped me more than they take credit for." Regardless of the help he received, Mr. Bookhart has taken remarkable strides in his time in supportive housing to turn his life around. He was chosen from tens of thousands of tenants for this award, not just for his achievements, but for his dedication, open heart, incredible attitude, and for being an inspiration to us all.

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community. Given the strong response, HSI is planning to make this an annual event and to find more ways to meet neighborhood needs.



Clients talk to representatives from Visiting Nurse Services and Village Care of New York



Dr. Dillon Euler from Project for Psychiatric Outreach to the Homeless lectures on mental health

Thanks to all the vendors who shared their resources, including American Medical Alert, Empire Medicare Services, Volunteers of Legal Services, Mutual of Omaha, League for the Hard of Hearing, Access-a-Ride, Beth Israel, Visions, Village Care of New York, Project for Psychiatric Outreach to the Homeless, and Visiting Nurse Service of New York.

Giveaways were donated by Banco Popular, NYU Medical Center, and Bellevue Hospital.

WOODYCREST HOUSE PROJECT UPDATE:



Ruth Fremson/The New York Times

Last fall thirty nine beautifully decorated units in the Bronx opened to families with HIV/AIDS. For more information and photos of this HSI developed site, visit our partner domino at www.dominomag.com or HSI online at www.hsi-ny.org.

KEEPING CLIENTS WARM

Thirty three warm winter coats were collected and distributed to HSI clients in our coat drive in December. HSI would like to extend special thanks to Arlene Harrison and the Gramercy Park Block Association, our partners in organizing the drive.



HSI Holiday Events

Left to Right:

1. Eddie and Sheila serve at The Narragansett 2. Staff and tenants at the Scattered Site Holiday party 3. Larry Oaks serving Thanksgiving dinner at the Cecil Hotel 4. Narragansett Thanksgiving Dinner 5. Staff at The Narragansett 6. Tenants at the Cecil Hotel Thanksgiving Party 7. Hanging out during Scattered Site's holiday Bingo game 8. Tenants serenade each other in The Christmas Song at Kenmore Hall's Christmas afterparty

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us that she had received such a huge response from her co-workers that she wanted to adopt another family.



Waiting in front of the tree

Jenny learned about HSI's supportive housing programs from her boss, Ellen Zimilies, who, through her work with the US Attorney's office helped HSI take over Kenmore Hall in 1996.

Since then HSI has gut renovated the building and converted it to supportive housing for 326 formerly homeless men and women.

In the end, Jenny, Ellen, and all of our new friends at Daylight Forensic bought and wrapped a mountain of presents, each with personalized tags. Everyone received a winter coat, jeans, and sweaters, and all the girls got their special request: dolls. The head of household in the second family is a college student and received a sizeable gift certificate to Barnes & Noble;

her brother, who is in high school, received a new computer. The college student told us "My brother and I really weren't in the holiday season this year, but when we got these gifts, it really cheered us up."

It was a special holiday for both the families and all of us at HSI. Knowing that we have friends out there like Daylight Forensic, who can provide the things we can't for our clients, was a real lift to everyone.

THANK YOU HOLIDAY DONORS!



HSI's Holiday Appeal raised over \$15,000 which will help HSI continue to provide specialized housing and services to the 535 formerly homeless individuals and families living in HSI's four supportive housing programs: Kenmore Hall, The Narragansett, The Cecil Hotel, and Scattered Site Program.



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206-210 W 118th St
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The Narragansett
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Thursday, May 3rd

Manhattan Ballroom, The Grand Hyatt
Live and Silent Auction

Honoring: James H. Simmons III, Apollo Real Estate, and the 23rd Street/Flatiron Partnership BID

Keynote: Hon Shaun Donovan, Commissioner, NYC Dept of Housing Preservation & Development

Event Co-Chairs: Michael T. Cohen, President and CEO, GVA Williams, and Richard Richman, Chairman and Founder, The Richman Group