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On March 19, [Community Access](#), a leading mental health nonprofit, celebrated the completion of River Avenue, a 245-unit mixed-use affordable and supportive housing development in the Concourse section of the Bronx, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony along with state and local officials. River Avenue includes 128 supportive homes for individuals and families who have experienced homelessness or are living with mental health concerns; the remaining units are reserved for low-income families and families who have experienced homelessness. The development includes more than 20,000 square feet of commercial space and offers on-site supportive services from Community Access. Supportive services include counseling, self-help groups, group activities, health & wellness workshops, harm reduction services, linkages with health care providers, crisis intervention, budgeting and money management, and educational, vocational, and employment referrals. Community Access's CEO, Cal Hedigan, was joined by Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, NYS Homes and Community Renewal Commissioner RuthAnne Visnauskas, NYS Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Marie T. Sullivan, NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development Commissioner Adolfo Carrión Jr., and Karuna Mehta from the Corporation for Supportive Housing, along with dozens of other guests. In addition to the ribbon-cutting, guests were invited to tour the apartment building.