In June of this year, Steve Coe will retire as Community Access’ CEO after 40 years of service. When Steve joined Community Access, as an intern from The New School, the agency was a small, grassroots housing organization. In the years since, Steve’s leadership has transformed it into the one we know today: one of the largest nonprofit developers of supportive and affordable housing in New York City; the nation’s preeminent provider of peer job training; a leading advocate for human rights; and a safe haven for thousands of people overcoming mental health concerns, trauma, and abuse. In addition to leading and managing Community Access, Steve has spearheaded numerous task forces and coalitions that have advocated for systemic changes that respect individual autonomy and improve access to health care. We salute Steve for his outstanding and unparalleled career — locally, nationally, and internationally — in building homes, hopes, and futures for people living with mental health concerns.
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Dan Wurtzel
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"People Helping People"

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Dascha Polanco
Mental Health Advocate and star of Orange Is the New Black

TENANT SPEAKER
Mario Moore

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Tribute Film

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Critically acclaimed for her performance as Daya in Orange Is the New Black, Dascha has also garnered significant attention for her recent roles in the FX series The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story and the films Gimme Shelter, Joy, and The Perfect Match.

Born in the Dominican Republic and raised in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, Dascha has talked openly about her struggles with depression, and has been an outspoken advocate for improving conversations about mental health. Drawing from her involvement in Orange Is the New Black, she has also spoken out about the mental health needs of incarcerated women of color.

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