

WELCOME TO BAEZ PLACE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY



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ABOUT BAEZ PLACE

Welcome to Baez Place, Community Access' new 154-unit, affordable and supportive housing building in the Bronx. Community Access' 21st housing development to date, Baez Place will be a beautiful home for individuals living with mental health concerns, seniors with histories of homelessness, and low-income individuals and families.

Financing for this \$86 million development was made possible by a collaboration of government and private funders: the New York State Housing Finance Agency, New York State Homes and Community Renewal, the New York State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance/Homeless Housing Assistance Corp., New York State Office of Mental Health, Bank of America Merrill Lynch Community Development Banking, and Richman Housing Resources. The Baez Family (Valdesia Realty Corp.) and Blue Sky Bronx LLC co-developed the project with Community Access.

Located in the Claremont neighborhood in the Bronx, this 132,000 square foot building will feature a number of amenities, including: 24/7 front desk security, a community room, commercial kitchen, gym, laundry room, tenant lounges, bike room, library/computer room, outdoor green space with raised planting beds, and a rooftop greenhouse.

Supportive services for tenants will be provided by Community Access and will include on-site social services for tenants coming out of the shelter system and for frail/elderly tenants. Alcove studios and 1-bedroom apartments for elderly tenants will also offer space for live-in caregivers.

OUR MISSION

Community Access expands opportunities for people living with mental health concerns to recover from trauma and discrimination through affordable housing, training, advocacy, and healing-focused services. We are built upon the simple truth that people are experts in their own lives.

PROGRAM

WELCOME

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CEO, Community Access

REMARKS

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A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM

FUNDERS

- NYS Housing Finance Agency
- NYS Homes and Community Renewal
- NYS Office of Temporary Disability Assistance/Homeless Housing Assistance Corp.
- Bank of America Merrill Lynch Community Development Banking
- Richman Housing Services
- NYS Office of Mental Health (Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative)

CO-DEVELOPERS

- Baez Family (Valdesia Realty Corp.)
- Blue Sky Bronx LLC

ARCHITECTS

- ESKW/Architects

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

- Joy Construction Corporation