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Community Access Celebrates Vyse Ave. Apartments Opening

Community Access was joined by local residents, community partners, and representatives of the NYS Office of Mental Health on Wednesday to celebrate the opening of Vyse Avenue Apartments. The new development features 64 units of affordable housing for individuals with psychiatric disabilities and histories of homelessness, all now fully occupied.

In the Crotona Park neighborhood of the Bronx, Vyse Avenue Apartments was funded by the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH), which provided \$10.3 million in capital, and through \$3.6 million of low-income housing tax credits syndicated by the National Equity Fund and TD Bank, N.A. The building was designed by SLCE Architects and, starting September 2010, constructed by Mega Contracting Group LLC.

“The New York State Office of Mental Health is proud to be associated with Community Access’ Vyse Avenue project,” said Says OMH Acting Commissioner John V. Tauriello. “In developing its unique housing and service programs, Community Access has been a leader in finding opportunities to collaborate with colleague organizations, local community groups, private developers and State agencies. These apartments will not only provide safe and affordable housing but also services to support individuals in their recovery as they move towards greater stability and community re-entry. I thank Community Access for their continued contributions to



Steve Coe, Community Access CEO, cuts the ribbon for Vyse Avenue Apartments, together with local residents, community partners, and representatives of the NYS Office of Mental Health.

the system of care in New York State as we work together to create a reality of recovery for all.”

The Ribbon Cutting ceremony included speeches by Steve Coe, Community Access CEO, Ramesh Shah, Community Access board member, Moira Tashjian, Director of Housing Development and Support at OMH, and Tony Lyons, Vice President, Acquisitions East Region, at National Equity Fund.

“The Office of Mental Health has had a long and successful partnership with Community Access, and we look forward to working on more projects together in the future,” said Tashjian.

In addition to its 64 studio apartments, Vyse Avenue includes an office suite for on-site supportive services, a community room, computer room, laundry room, exercise room, and a back yard and garden.