CHI in the News

CHI Protests MTA and Harrison for Excluding Workforce Housing

Community Housing Innovations, as part of the Workforce Housing Coalition, is protesting the exclusion of any affordable apartments in the MTA's first "transit-oriented development," which is slated for Harrison, New York.

Joining CHI in calling for the transit agency to adopt a standard of at least 20% affordable workforce units in any of the developments it sponsors are Habitat for Humanity, the NAACP, the Westchester Hispanic Coalition, the Working Families Party and Mount Vernon United Tenants. A two-bedroom apartment would rent for about $1,400 including utilities, instead of the $3,500 monthly rent for the apartments proposed in Harrison. The MTA has reached a deal in principle with the town to sell two parking lots to a private developer with plans to build 143 "luxury high-end" apartments.

"We are not opposed to development of apartments in Harrison; indeed, we welcome it," said CHI Executive Director Alexander Roberts. "But land owned by a public benefit corporation should serve at least some of the people who work in the downtown and in Harrison's office parks and 20% is reasonable."

Read more at Tax Watch | The Journal News | lohud.com
CHI's Harvest for the Homeless Luncheon

Event Honored Anthony Marino, Jr. and Judge Gregory Blass

The 2014 Harvest for the Homeless Luncheon, held on November 7 at Villa Lombardi’s in Holbrook, was attended by 90 guests from across the region and raised more than $30,000 for CHI's programs and services.

"These are two remarkable individuals who have dedicated their professional and personal lives to providing respect, dignity and a clean and safe place to live to those who are less fortunate," said Alexander Roberts, executive director of CHI.

Anthony Marino, Jr. is a managing member of Family Center Associates, Inc., a construction and property management firm that builds and maintains multi-unit facilities for homeless families in New York City and Suffolk County.

Judge Blass is the former commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Social Services, where he served with distinction and compassion during the worst economic decline since the Great Depression and a corresponding explosion in social services caseloads.

Read more.

CHI Introduces Video of Its Work in Suburban Communities

"Bringing Families Home" shares the stories of many families assisted by CHI

The video chronicles the important work Community Housing Innovations is doing in six counties, helping the homeless, first time homebuyers, and advocating for workforce
housing in the New York suburbs. See video.

CHI social worker named a "2014 Health Care Hero"

CHI social worker Ariel Batiste was named a "2014 Health Care Hero" by the Long Island Business News. A case manager in CHI's supportive housing program, Batiste was one of several health care and social services professionals recognized as "exceptional individuals on the front lines of patient care." The Long Island Business News commended Batiste for her work to "secure housing, employment and services for individuals in need, who are often moving through a difficult and painful stage in their lives."

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