



Community Access Launches 40th Anniversary Year

Community Access officially launched its 40th Anniversary year on Tuesday, January 28, with a Homecoming 2014 cocktail reception held at Gouverneur Court in the Lower East Side. Renovated 20 years ago into supportive housing for 123 low-income and formerly homeless individuals, Gouverneur Court is one of 18 buildings, totaling 1,100 units, that Community Access has developed across New York City.

While looking back fondly at some of Community Access' history, the reception also looked ahead to the future: in particular, at major strategic initiatives for 2014 and beyond, including plans to develop 1,000 more units of supportive housing over the next five years, and to create new centers as alternatives to hospitals and emergency rooms for people in emotional crisis.

"As we launch Homecoming 2014, the 40th Anniversary of Community Access, I want to thank all our partners and funders who support our mission of providing supportive housing, respite and recovery services for homeless and low-income New Yorkers," said Chief Executive Officer Steve Coe. "We look forward to building more housing and creating opportunities so that all New Yorkers have a safe place to call home."

Among the invited guests in attendance were donors who gave to Gouverneur Court's post-



Joe Biber, housing consultant; Diane Louard-Michel, Corporation for Supportive Housing; Steve Coe, CEO of Community Access; Beth Cooper-Lawrence, architect; Tim O'Hanlon, HPD Assistant Commissioner (retired); Maggi Knox, Director of Real Estate at Community Access; Peter Woll, architect.

Hurricane Sandy rehabilitation. Due to extensive flooding, the building lost its laundry room, gym, computer lab, art club and offices, all of which are now fully restored.

Also present were Ted Houghton, Executive Director of The Supportive Housing Network of New York; Diane Louard-Michel, Jen Trepinski and Connie Tempel of the Corporation for Supportive Housing; Nancy Southwell of Services for the Underserved; David Mittleman and Gloria James of the New York City Department of Homeless Services; and Community Access board members, partners, staff, and supporters.