

Affordable, Green, Supportive Housing in Mt. Eden



Architects rendering of Community Access' new building (photo; Anat Gerstein)

Mount Eden will be getting a new \$53.2 million state of the art housing complex that is affordable, green, and supportive all at once. The project is just what many Bronxites would like to see.

The development is led by [Community Access](#), which hopes to build at least 1,000 new units of supportive housing by 2020.

Steve Coe, CEO of Community Access said, “We know from our more than 40-year history that homes offer much more than just a roof over people’s heads. Access to stable housing is the single biggest contributor to helping people improve their physical and emotional health and wellness.”

The agency has already developed 18 supportive housing programs which serve as homes to some citizens with

mental health concerns, people living with H.I.V/AIDS, people who have experienced trauma and abuse, and those who have been in and out of hospitals or shelters.

The environmentally-friendly building at 111East 172nd Street will hold 126 apartments. The design includes solar panels and storm water runoff which will be used to irrigate the urban farm, used by future tenants to grow their own vegetables.

Other amenities include a collaborative commercial kitchen where tenants will learn about nutrition and cooking healthy meals, an outdoor playground, a community room and a computer lab with free Wi-Fi.

The building serves as a preview of what many Bronxites hope that developments will look (and feel) like in the future for the Bronx.

For Community Access, it is a stepping stone in their efforts to build supportive housing for low-income New Yorkers and community revitalization.

“We are built upon the simple truth that people are experts in their own lives,” is stated in their mission statement.

For more information on the project and their work, visit [Community Access](#).