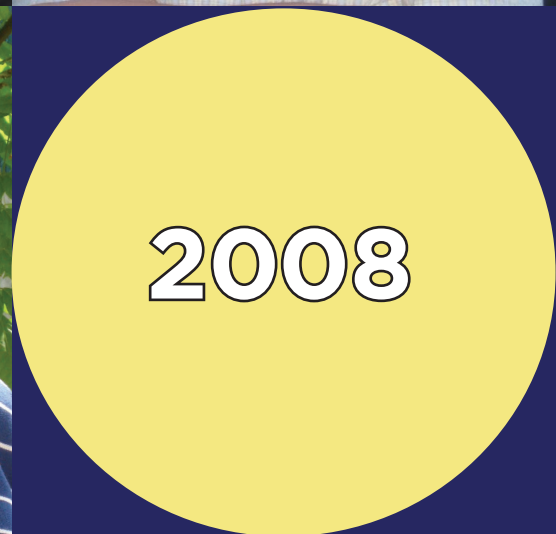
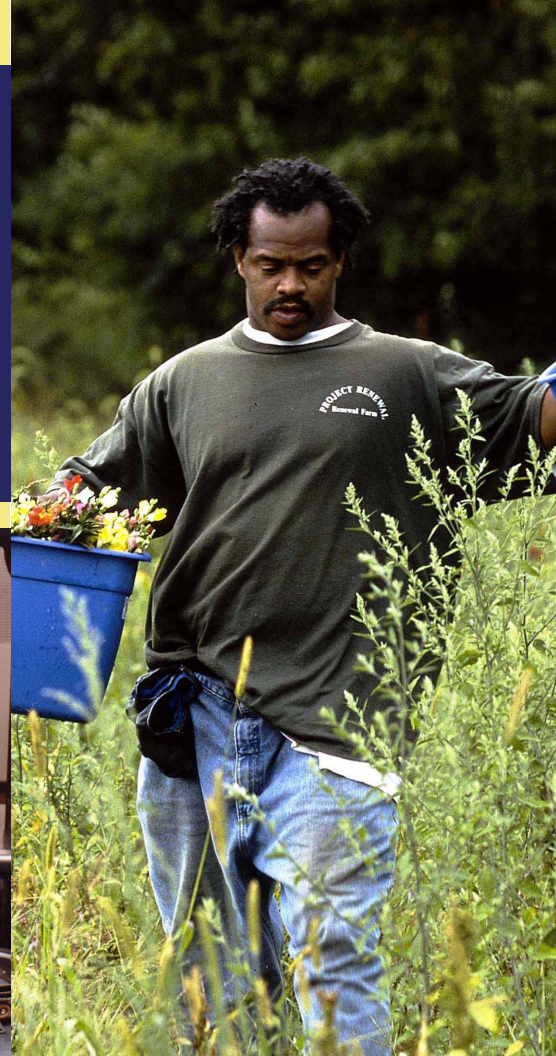


# PROJECT RENEWAL





**“Project Renewal helped me to get educational benefits. I’m proud to say that I completed my whole medical assistant course while I was living in the shelter. And I just found out that I’ve been approved for an apartment!”**

**“I thought I was destined to be on the streets and addicted, and I was programmed to think that was a good life.”**

**“Project Renewal saved my life.”**

**“Project Renewal’s a very good place. They give you that tough love that you need.”**

**“Not a lot of programs accept you for where you’re at. Where I was at was homeless and struggling. Project Renewal picked me up straight out of jail.”**

**“That’s what I tell the Culinary Arts students graduating today:  
“I’m just like you. I’m always going to be an ex-addict. I’m from the same place as all of you. But you’ve gotta start from the bottom and work your way up.”**

**“I look at where I was and then where I am today. It’s because of Project Renewal.”**

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support! You have opened doors for thousands of homeless New Yorkers in the past year looking for a way out of homelessness. We are proud to share some of the success stories you have made possible in this report.

## 2008 ACHIEVEMENTS IN OUR THREE CORE MISSION AREAS:

### HEALTH

Our healthcare clinics saw 5,000 patients in the past year providing everything from flu shots, HIV testing and treatment, diabetes management, dental care, to breast health exams and tuberculosis screening. A recent award from the Health & Human Services will increase staff and clinic hours at three shelter-based clinics. Nurse Practitioners and Licensed Practical Nurses will see more patients at hours convenient to our clients, while new Patient Navigators will coordinate health care needs, ensuring that patients are able to stick to treatment and receive follow-up and specialty care.

This past year also marked the first complete year of operations for our radiology clinic, the ScanVan. We were fortunate to merge with Women's Outreach Network which has been dedicated to delivering mobile mammography services to underserved women since 1987. Our expanded practice will serve over 5,000 women in the coming year, helping poor and homeless women make early detection a part of their breast health routine.

### HOMES

The end to homelessness is a home. For men and women still in addiction, we give them their own apartment and the promise that if they work with us to help themselves, they can stay until they are well and ready to move on. For men and women in recovery, we offer apartments with the supportive services needed to stay housed. In the past year alone, we added 92 apartments to our roster of scatter-site housing. There are now 800 men and women living in apartments owned or managed by Project Renewal.

### JOBS

Jobs provide not only a steady income but also a sense of purpose and self-esteem critical to sustaining recovery. In the past year, our Next Step Employment Program worked with 1,500 men and women in job training, placement, and support. Counselors made 332 placements in jobs in food service, maintenance and construction, customer service, and social services. Given the barriers our clients face in finding jobs and the tough economic climate, this is a tremendous achievement.



Ed Geffner  
PRESIDENT & CEO



Mary Lynn Putney  
BOARD CHAIR







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# WORKING HER WAY UP **Donna Armstead**

I had a nice childhood. There were ten of us kids. My dad made us but he didn't want to stay with us. But he always came around when we were young. He'd bring candy and cookies, and everyone would be so happy to see him.

When I was 16, my mother died. That's when things started going downhill. One of my older brothers took in the younger kids. I dropped out of high school and wanted to have a baby. But when I was 8 months pregnant, my brother who'd been taking care of us, died.

I moved out on my own and my younger brothers came with me. I had jobs here and there in factories or doing construction. That's when I started hanging out with the wrong crowd. They all smoked marijuana and then started snorting cocaine and cooking crack and I wanted to try it, too.

I was addicted for 15 years.

My son went to live with my sister. I went to jail three times for selling drugs. But the last time I went in, I knew I wanted to stop getting high and get help. They put me in a program to get off drugs. After I finished my time, I went into another program and lived in a shelter there. I used to cook all the time and bake cakes so the Culinary Arts Training Program at Project Renewal sounded good to me.

Project Renewal helped me a lot. They did random urine tests and if you're positive, they take you to counseling. I loved it. It's like, if you're trying to help somebody, it's not going to work if they don't help themselves.

Barbara Hughes, the director, is a very good woman. Being around a woman like her— that's what makes you want to do what you need to do.

After the program, Ron Johnson helped me get an interview for an internship. Project Renewal showed me how to interview, prepare a resume and how to present myself during the interview.

I graduated from the Culinary Arts Training Program in April of 1997. Within a week I was hired by Flik International. I've been there over ten years and in 2007 I was chosen as Employee of the Year for my region and was sent to Disney World. It was wonderful.

What I went through— I can sit here today and talk about it because of Project Renewal. I look at where I was and then where I am today. I still talk to my brothers and sisters. And I'm so proud of my son. He could've gone down the same road as me but he didn't. You gotta crawl before you walk. I'm still going up that ladder. That's what I tell the Culinary Arts students graduating today: "I'm just like you. I'm always going to be an ex-addict. I'm from the same place as all of you. But you've gotta start from the bottom and work your way up."

## **NEXT STEP EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

is a fully-integrated progression of services to help clients prepare for, find and keep jobs, and advance in competitive employment. Our clients face many barriers in finding jobs that may include little or no work history, no references, criminal records, cognitive impairment from years of drug use; or lack of education.

### **Last year:**

- Over 1,500 formerly homeless clients were active in Next Step taking classes in literacy, computer skills, and GED prep, completing resumes, attending communications and money management workshops, or meeting with employment specialists.
- 65 students graduated from the Culinary Arts Training Program after a 6-month classroom and internship course, and 78% found jobs in corporate and non-profit institutional kitchens.
- Job counselors made 332 job placements in competitive jobs in food service, maintenance, customer service, construction, and social services.





## DOING THE RIGHT THING: Glenn Piper

My name is Glenn Piper and I was homeless for 25 years. It all started when I was a musician in Philadelphia. The bass player in one of my bands introduced us to cocaine. We got so used to it that we didn't want to perform, rehearse or go home without the drugs. The band wound up breaking up because drugs destroy everything. To provide for my drugs I became a trash digger.

One night in 2005, I was going through the trash wearing only a T-shirt and a pair of pants because I sold everything I found. It had just finished raining. I was freezing, hungry and sleepy, and it hit me: I don't want to do this anymore! I left my shopping cart with everything I found right there and went to the shelter. I took my first shower in 14 days. The next morning came and I said, "I'm feeling the vibe to go out there and use, what am I going to do today?" Something said, get out of Philadelphia so you won't be tempted. I bought a one-way ticket to New York.

After 30 days at Atlantic shelter, I was sent over to Project Renewal. That's when everything started to change in my life. It was the best thing that ever happened to me.

## OUR SHELTERS PREPARE MEN AND WOMEN TO MOVE INTO THEIR OWN HOMES

The men and women who enter the doors of Project Renewal's shelters cope with complex problems ranging from mental illness to addiction to serious health issues. That's why we offer more than just a place to stay. Recovery means attending to all of our clients' health and emotional issues. We offer comprehensive health, support, housing and employment services so clients are prepared for success.

### When clients enter our shelters

- They have been homeless (on the streets or in shelters) for a year or more.
- Over 75% suffer from mental illness, substance abuse or both.
- Over 60% have medical problems including diabetes, hypertension, Hepatitis, etc.
- Over 90% have histories of arrest or incarceration.
- More than half do not have a high school diploma or GED.



Our 3rd Street building started as a detox program for 24 men in 1967. It now houses a primary care clinic, two detox programs, a treatment shelter, an outpatient addiction counseling clinic, the Culinary Arts Training Program, and Comfort Foods catering business.

**Project Renewal's staff is awesome. If they see you're doing the right thing, they really work with you. The staff treated me like a human being. They called me Mr. Piper! They never were afraid to touch me or shake my hand.**

Some people want to put gloves on when they touch you if you're homeless. They never looked at me like that, never looked at me like a crackhead.

So I was compliant with what they told me. I volunteered; I worked. Whatever they asked of me, I did. They showed me so much love, and that made me want to do right. I wanted them to see me like I really am. I learned a lot of responsibility there. Within three months my caseworker said, I think we can get you housing, and after two more weeks I got my keys and signed a lease! I said thank you lord, and promised I would be worthy of this chance.

After all these years, **I never thought anybody would be able to help. I thought I was destined to be on the streets and addicted, and I was programmed to think that was a good life.** Sometimes I look out of my window and see homeless people outside, getting high. I see them and think, that was me. The disrespect and everything that comes with it: I never want to go that way again. My family was always worried that I was going to die.

I realize now that before I didn't love myself. If you love yourself, you're don't hurt yourself like that. And I love myself to death now! All I try to do is help people now. Every Monday and Friday my drummer and I donate our time for at least three hours in the basement at Third Street Shelter. We go down there and teach the guys how to play music. We play music with them and give them the encouragement they need.

Ever since I started doing the right thing in my life, I see a blessing every day. I never thought I'd be clean for two years, not me! I'm happy today; I have my family back in my life. A church gave me a piano for playing with their young people's choir. I'm playing shows, playing in a band, and I've written 40 or 50 songs. Recently I played with some members of Dizzy Gillespie's old band! I started accumulating some equipment and I'm working towards a recording contract. I'm having the time of my life, yes I am.







# DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE: James Fatal

My name is James Fatal. I'm 35 years old, and I've had a somewhat rocky life. Since I was a kid I had an anger problem. Back in 2002, I was in this anger management program and I got into a fight. The next thing you know, I was sentenced to two years. But I was thankful, because at that point, I figured that I didn't want to be back and forth in courtrooms and hospitals.

I decided that I wanted to do something with my life. At the time I was homeless, and during the last 30 days of my incarceration I was struggling to find a place to live. Project Renewal used to come up to the jail and do counseling sessions with us. I joined the Parole Support and Treatment Program, which made a huge difference because, one, they provided me with a place to stay while I was on parole, and two, I got group counseling for substance abuse, and one-on-one counseling for my depression. I'm thankful for Project Renewal because I was finally able to address my health— medical and mental— and my housing situation, all at once.

My biggest obstacle was dealing with my childhood, which created a lot of hurt and a lot of pain that played itself out in anger and substance abuse. It plagued me through all my life. It wasn't so much the drug use, but coming to grips with the fact that I had a mental illness. Originally I'm from the Caribbean, and that's not something you hear about. **In my culture, if something is wrong with you, it's the devil, or someone put a curse on you. It was tough to admit that I was bi-polar. I didn't want that label.**

But I went to the groups, and my life continued taking a turn for the better. I enrolled in the Highway to Heart program, and I have been working as a Peer Specialist at a homeless agency for almost three years. I have dreams for the future. I'm working towards becoming a Certified Alcohol Substance Abuse Counselor. I plan on going back to school and getting my masters in Social Service. Now I really enjoy what I do. At the same time I'm helping somebody, I'm helping myself to grow and nourishing my soul to become a better person.

## MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

The Parole Support and Treatment Program help mentally ill men and women successfully transition from prison to a productive life in the community. Clients move into apartments where they receive intensive support from a multidisciplinary team to help them manage their mental illness, maintain sobriety and good health, and learn daily living skills.

**I owe a lot of this to Project Renewal and the Parole Support and Treatment Program. Not a lot of programs accept you for where you're at. Where I was at was homeless and struggling. Project Renewal picked me up straight out of jail.** A lot of times people coming out of jail don't have a place to go or they don't have support in place, so they end up right back in jail.

I remember a friend of mine said, how can you send someone to school on an empty stomach? That's how I look at life. If we want to end homelessness in America, we have to end it with housing, jobs, and better health care. We can't expect people to do better when they don't have some kind of foundation or somewhere to start. And that's what I'll always be grateful to Project Renewal for giving me.



## STARTING A CAREER: Richard Vasquez

My name is Richard and I'm 36 years old. I'm Puerto Rican American, born in Brooklyn, New York. I began selling drugs when I was 16 years old and eventually, I got into using the stuff. In the beginning it was social; I later realized that it became a very horrible habit. **My friend Eddie and I used to always go places and do things, but after awhile all we did was stay in to get high. It started with smoking marijuana, then cocaine, then finally heroin and crack. I didn't do any of the things I used to do before; I didn't do anything.**

What really started me on the road to sobriety was my mom's death in 2003. This is a woman who worked her whole life for her kids. I lived with the guilt that I led her to getting cancer for all the suffering I caused. Now I know that it really wasn't me, it was my addiction that was controlling me. Then my



friend Eddie passed away, too, and I realized I had to start changing myself.

In 2007 I joined the methadone maintenance program at Kenton Hall and moved into the shelter at Third Street. My counselor asked me what I would like to do and I told her I would like to become a Medical Assistant. When I saw my mom on her deathbed, one of the last things I promised her was that I was going to do something medical, because it really opened up my eyes to how much care sick people need. **Project Renewal helped me to get educational benefits. I'm proud to say that I completed my whole medical assistant course while I was living in the shelter. And I just found out that I've been approved for an apartment!**

Project Renewal's a very good place. They give you that tough love that you need. I came in here with an attitude, demanding everything. As addicts we want instant gratification, but it just doesn't work like that. You learn that there are consequences. I have support here, and great counselors. Once you're on the right road you notice how much they nourish us, give us advice, and are on our sides. They give you plenty of opportunities and real tactics to succeed. The people at Project Renewal don't just push you aside, they work with you.

I can't believe how far I've come. I can't wait to start my Medical Assistant internship. I was told if I do well, they will hire me and I'm really looking forward to that. I want to go all the way to becoming a registered nurse.

It's a good feeling to know that I have opportunities. We as addicts are used to thinking, oh we have to live like this. No we don't. We can live like anybody else. Thanks to Project Renewal, I am starting my career, I have an apartment, and I feel good. To tell you the truth, I'm just getting started.

## ADDITION TREATMENT IS OUR CORE FOCUS

Forty years ago, we set out to prove people could 'detox'—endure the often dangerous symptoms of withdrawal from alcohol—without going into the hospital. Today, our range of programs help people with every type of chemical addiction; we meet people where they ARE and help them move forward.

- Over 75% of our clients suffer from mental illness, substance abuse or both.
- Substance abuse, alcohol use and mental illness account for 69% of hospitalizations among homeless adults, compared with 10% among non-homeless adults.

Because the right help means different things for different clients, Project Renewal has developed programs ranging from residential programs to inpatient counseling to methadone maintenance.

Last year:

- Our detox programs helped 2,250 patients, with an average stay of 10 days.
- Our Outpatient Clinic supported 316 men and women in addiction recovery with individual and group therapy.
- We helped 125 men and women live in their own apartments while still struggling with addiction. After being shut out of other programs that require 90 days of sobriety, our In Homes Now program removes that barrier to recovery.



In Homes Now resident gains a new outlook on life with the keys to his own apartment.

# LEARNING HOW TO LIVE AGAIN, CLEAN:

## Keith Smith

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I was born in Panama. My father was dark and my mother was white. My mother told me when I was six that I was a mistake, that I shouldn't have been born, and I really believed it. My mother and father fought, and I would corral my three younger siblings into a safe part of the house and let them know it was going to be all right. We came to the United States when I was 8 years old. Kids beat on me and called me names because my father was dark. I didn't have any friends.

When I was a kid, I would watch my brother and sisters while they were swimming and one day my sister drowned. Then my parents got divorced. Not only did I feel like I was responsible for leaving my sister alone, I felt like I broke up the family. I turned to alcohol and never looked back. I was twelve.

**By the time I was 14 my mother was beating me so badly I ended up in the hospital twice. My father said I couldn't live with him. So at 14 I hit the streets and decided never to trust anybody ever again.** I had the shakes from alcohol at 15 years old. I was in juvenile detention constantly. At 17 I was hospitalized for mental problems. And at 18 I went to jail for a year.





Years later, I ended up in New York. I wanted to die. I also found out that I had major depression and PTSD, which means that I live all my childhood events over and over. I lived under a bridge for a year before an outreach program picked me up.

They introduced me to Narcotics Anonymous, and people were talking about not using drugs. I couldn't imagine that. The people welcomed me, but at the same time I didn't want to let them in. By not talking about how I felt, I relapsed and I ended up back under the bridge. I was a beggar. I stunk so bad the police wouldn't deal with me. I didn't think I was good enough for a soup kitchen or a public bathroom. My ex-girlfriend saw me and at that point I realized I had a major problem with drugs. Now I understood why people didn't want to use. Because every time I used, I ended up in the mud.

So I went to detox and then Bedford Atlantic shelter. Everyone was using in there, fights were breaking out. I couldn't stay clean there. I told my counselor I had heard about Renewal House, and wanted to try it.

I got to Renewal House and they told me, you have to work at the BID at Times Square. I had no problem with that. I had always worked. Unfortunately, welfare had deemed me mentally incapable of having a job. But I was still allowed to stay at Renewal House. They gave me intensive outpatient treatment. They also gave me kitchen duty by myself, which is actually a three-man job. On top of that, I did every group in the house. And I started taking on extra duties. Everyone else was working and I felt like they were better than me. But I stayed and I talked about it in groups.

Four months into my recovery I found out that I had cancer. My interpretation of cancer was death. I stopped in front of the liquor store and thought about it for a long time, but something in the back of my head said don't use, no matter what. I went back to Renewal House and they made sure I was all right.

### **ADDICTION TREATMENT: RECOVERY AND WORK**

Renewal House and Renewal Farm combine work with recovery to create good work habits, help men re-enter the workforce and create a sense of purpose. Renewal House is a residential recovery program in Brooklyn where clients spend a year in intensive counseling while working at the Times Square Alliance (BID). Renewal Farm combines counseling with work on an organic farm in Garrison, NY. Both programs help men find jobs and housing after graduation.

I researched my disease and found out I had a shot. I also found out some other people in the groups had had cancer and had gotten through it. I said if they can do it, I can do it. I'll never forget hearing, Keith you're going to be all right. That's what I said to my siblings, but I had never heard those words said to me. Now that I have, I want to stay. Because I finally feel like I have a place.

I recently went to my father's funeral. I haven't seen my family for 30-something years. At the funeral my mother said, I didn't mean to be so angry, I'm sorry I hurt you. And I realized, maybe I should forgive her. Those are the benefits of me staying clean. I've gotten through the cancer, so far. I've got my family back in my life. I'm learning how to live again, clean.

## OUR MISSION

**WHAT WE BELIEVE** Home is a fundamental human right. As long as men and women in New York City become homeless because of mental illness or substance abuse, Project Renewal will be there to help.

**WHAT WE DO** Project Renewal's mission is to end homelessness in New York City by providing homeless people all of the services they need to get off the street and attain health, homes, and jobs.

**HOW WE DO IT** Project Renewal is the only organization in New York and one of very few in the nation that provides everything homeless people need to move from the streets to independent living in the community—all under one organizational roof.

Our comprehensive progression of services begins on the street where our mobile psychiatric and medical outreach teams reach out to homeless people where they are struggling to survive.

Once connected, we then help them move into treatment where our clients recover their health and learn to manage their mental illness or achieve sobriety.

From there, we help them prepare for, find, and keep jobs, providing both a means of support and renewed self-esteem.

Housing—which we build and manage—is the last element in this progression, completing our clients' return to a self-sufficient life in the community.

## 2008 STATISTICS

Providing everything homeless people need to move from the streets to health, homes and jobs.

### HEALTHCARE

5,513 patients seen in 19,038 visits at our primary care clinics, mobile clinics, dental clinic, medical detox, and HIV support services

### ADDICTION TREATMENT

2,250 clients admitted to detox

3,540 contacts through shelter outreach team with 638 referrals to treatment

555 clients in long-term addiction treatment

### MENTAL HEALTHCARE

2,010 men and women treated for mental illness and provided with on-going support

### SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

515 men and women moved from our shelters to their own homes, and nearly 85% remained in housing after six months, a significant achievement for our clients

678 studio apartments owned or managed by Project Renewal

### EMPLOYMENT

1,500 men and women active in employment services

332 job placements with 81% retention after 6 months (nationwide average for similar programs is 50% after 6 months)



# OUR FINANCIALS

## Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2008

### Public support and revenue

Contributions	\$1,554,572
Special events	785,753
Grants and third-party revenue	35,270,869
Management fee income	25,550
Rental income	1,624,491
Miscellaneous income	146,411
Interest and dividend income	12,423
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	2,632

**Total Public Support and Revenue** \$39,417,437

### Expenses

#### Program services:

Outreach	920,026
Treatment and transitional housing	21,848,348
Medical Services	2,723,930
Employment services	3,274,153
Permanent housing	4,101,136

**Total Program Services** \$32,867,593

#### Supporting Services:

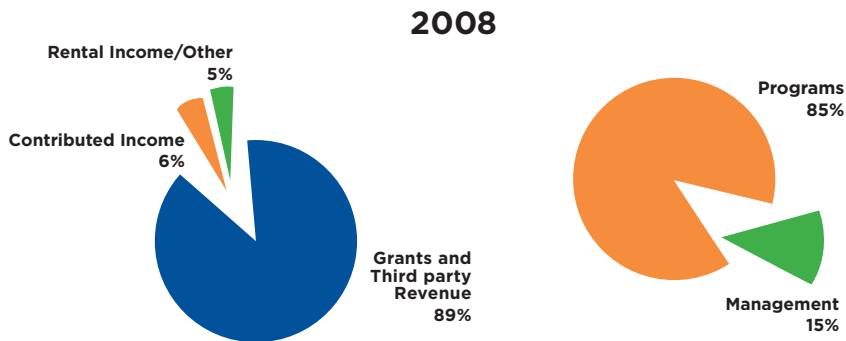
Management and General	4,930,166
Fundraising	680,979

**Total Supporting Services** \$5,611,145

**Total Expenses** \$38,478,438

**Change in net assets** \$938,699

Net assets, beginning of year	266
Net assets, end of year	938,965



# ONE CHALLENGE

## 36 SOLUTIONS!

Our one challenge is to end homelessness in New York City. With a budget of \$40 million and a staff of 600, we reach 10,000 homeless New Yorkers each year. Since 1967, we have developed innovative programs that help men and women leave the streets and renew their lives.

### EIGHT HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS

**Third Street** primary care medical clinic

**New Providence** primary care medical clinic

**Fort Wasington** primary care medical clinic

**MedVan** mobile medical clinic provides care on the streets, in shelters and drop-in centers.

**StreetSmart** mobile medical clinic for homeless youth ages 15–25 delivers healthcare and mental health counseling at street-side locations where young people gather.

**ScanVan** mobile radiology clinic provides both mammograms for breast health screening and chest x-rays for tuberculosis screening.

**Dental Clinic** provides oral health care from preventive care to emergency treatment to dentures and implants.

**HIV Support Services** provide medical care including testing, counseling and treatment to homeless men and women living with HIV/AIDS.

### EIGHT ADDICTION TREATMENT SOLUTIONS

**Chemical Dependency Crisis Center** helps clients detoxify without the use of medication and begin long-term recovery.

**The Detox** is a non-hospital medical detox clinic with immediate care and counseling for long-term treatment.

**Shelter Assessment and Referral Project (SHARP)** works in shelters and drop-in centers to help active drug addicts and alcoholics enter treatment.

**Outpatient Treatment Clinic** provides one-on-one and group counseling to help clients rebuild their lives without drugs and alcohol.

**Third Street Shelter** helps 170 men work toward health, sobriety, housing and jobs.

**Kenton Hall** is home to 100 men on methadone maintenance who receive comprehensive health, support, and housing services.

**Renewal House** is a residential recovery program in Brooklyn where 24 men receive counseling and acquire job skills working for the Times Square Alliance.

**Renewal Farm** in Garrison, NY, helps 24 men in recovery by combining counseling with work on an organic farm. After graduation, men find jobs and housing.

### SIX MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT SOLUTIONS

**Mobile Psychiatric Outreach Team** works as a mobile psychiatric clinic serving clients in shelters and drop-in centers.

**Safe Haven** is a respite center where we offer mentally-ill men and women a place to sleep, eat, and shower.

**Parole Support and Treatent Program** helps 50 mentally-ill men and women leaving prison transition to life in the community. We place clients in their own apartments where they receive intensive support from a multi-disciplinary team.

**New Providence Womens Shelter** on East 45th Street helps 130 women overcome substance abuse problems and/or cope with mental illness.

**Fort Washington Mens Shelter** on West 168th Street provides transitional housing to 200 mentally-ill men coping with substance abuse. We help residents prepare for and find housing.

**Clinton Residence** on 48th Street provides supportive housing to 57 men and women and offers psychiatric and medical care, case management and employment assistance to help clients move on to more independent living.

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## FIVE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SOLUTIONS

**Holland House** on West 42nd Street is home to 307 formerly homeless or low-income individuals.

**St. Nicholas House** in Harlem provides housing to 94 formerly homeless and low-income residents.

**Leona Blanche House** offers supportive housing and on-site medical and psychiatric care in the Bronx to 53 formerly homeless men and women living with mental illness.

**Lease On Life** places clients in their own apartments and provides the recovery and employment support they need to live in the community.

**In Homes Now** is a “housing first” program for chronically homeless men and women suffering from ongoing substance abuse. Clients receive their own apartments with counseling, medical care and support needed to begin recovery and stay housed.

## NINE EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL PURPOSE SOLUTIONS

**Next Step Employment Program** helps men and women who have overcome addiction take the next step to independence. A fully-integrated progression of services helps clients prepare for, find and keep jobs and advance in competitive employment.

**Education Program** enhances clients’ employability by offering core education courses, GED preparation, ESL, effective communications, and computer courses.

**Culinary Arts Training Program** is a six-month program where clients learn basic food preparation and intern at corporate dining services. After graduation, they are placed in competitive jobs in the food industry.

**Job Placement Program** places clients in jobs for which they are suited with over 500 different employers.

**Money Management Workshops** are designed to help clients achieve financial independence.

**Retention & Alumni Program** provides clients with counseling and mentoring to help them stay on the job.

**Job Links** develops and places mentally ill individuals in competitive employment.

**Shamrock Construction** gives clients work experience and executes facilities maintenance and graffiti removal throughout the city.

**Comfort Foods Catering** provides jobs for Culinary Arts graduates, high-end catering for parties, and low-cost, nutritious meals for non-profits.

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...I asked my local church for a good charity they might recommend, and the nun pointed out the window to the MedVan parked in front and said “How about Project Renewal. They help homeless men and women.” So I called for information, read the brochure and where the money goes, and

started giving—that was almost 10 years ago. Giving to Project Renewal makes me feel better about myself, makes me feel part of a team. I’ve been blessed. I’ve enjoyed support in my life—from parents, schools, communities—this is my chance to give back. I’m helping others who have the potential but just need a helping hand...

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- New York City Department of Homeless Services
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# SPECIAL EVENTS

The 40th Anniversary Gala Benefit & Auction raised \$868,000 in June 2008. We extend sincere thanks to our generous auction prize and in-kind donors and volunteers.

1-800-Mattress	Karen & Edward Crook	Michael Karkulowski	Mary Lynn & Frederick Putney
Acanthus Chamber Orchestra	Crumbs Bakeshop	Anthony S. Kendall	The River Room
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Comfort Foods	Lianne Johnson Designs	Porção Rio's Churrascaria	
Craftbar Restaurant	Tanzie Johnson Pets	Port Royal Golf & Racquet Club	
	Josephina Restaurant	Project Renewal	

## 40th Anniversary Gala Chairs Colleen Cavanaugh and Mark H. Minter

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## Junior Board Fall Ball

The Junior Board raises awareness about Project Renewal among young professionals in New York City. This year, they launched the Fall Ball, an evening of live music, DJ, dinner and dancing at Union Square Ballroom. Our thanks to Diageo for underwriting the beverages at the event.

### *Junior Board*

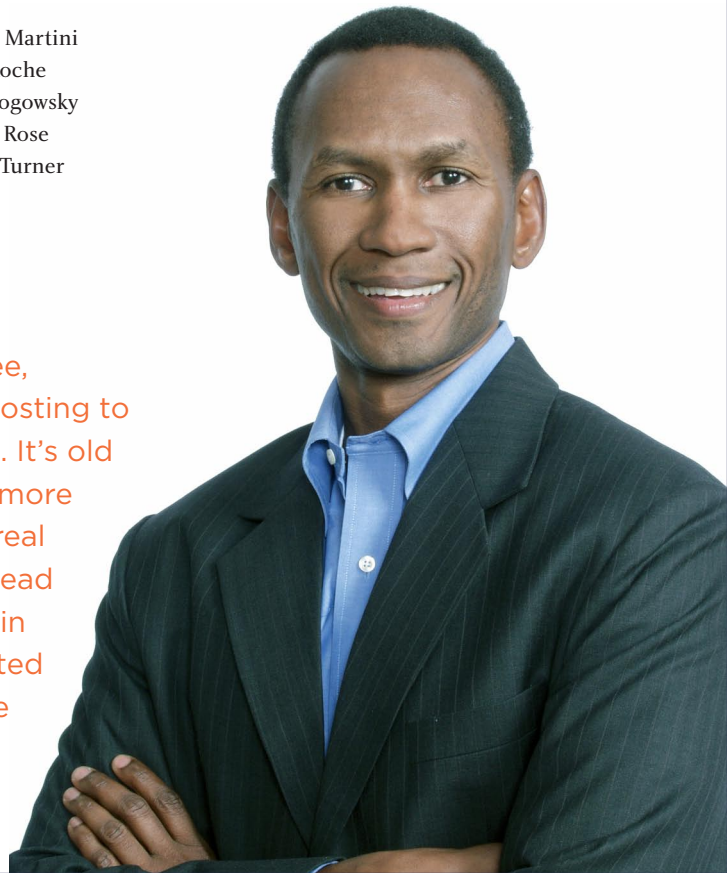
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## **BE PART OF THE SOLUTION**

Project Renewal relies on you to ensure homeless New Yorkers receive compassionate and professional care on their road to recovery. Here are some ways you can help.

### **ATTEND AN EVENT**

Our annual Gala Benefit & Auction and Junior Board events raise funds in festive and informal evenings. Visit our web site's What's New section for dates and information.

### **MEMORIAL OR TRIBUTE GIFTS**

Make a gift to Project Renewal in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one, to celebrate a milestone, wedding, anniversary or other significant event. Project Renewal will send an appropriate card to the person or family specified.

### **ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY GIFT**

Give a meaningful gift to friends, associates, clients, or family. A personalized card will be sent by Project Renewal on behalf of the donor announcing that a gift was made in the recipient's name.

### **MATCHING GIFTS**

If you are an employee, retiree, or board member of an organization with a matching gift program, you may be able to double your gift to Project Renewal. Ask your Human Resources Department for your company's form and forward it to Project Renewal.

### **SUSTAINING GIFTS**

Your monthly gift to Project Renewal provides sustaining support for our programs and can be established conveniently through our on-line giving form or by calling the Development Office at 212-620-0340. Your gift will be charged to your credit card monthly.

### **STOCK GIFTS**

A stock gift can reduce capital gains tax and result in a charitable deduction for the stock's full, appreciated value. The Development Office will send stock transfer instructions to your broker or agent upon request.

### **WORKPLACE CAMPAIGNS**

If your place of employment conducts an annual charitable gift drive, you may designate Project Renewal to be the recipient of your payroll deduction gift. Project Renewal receives gifts through the Combined Charities Campaign, Combined Municipal Campaign, State Employees Federated Appeal, and United Way offices in many states.

For more information, please call Development Director Fenella Thornton at 212-620-0340. Or, visit our web site at [www.projectrenewal.org](http://www.projectrenewal.org)



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1. Senior Case Manager and former client Edna Sams celebrates her BA degree, earned while working at Project Renewal.
2. Culinary Arts Training Program students learning team work in our classroom kitchen.
3. Renewal Farm resident harvests organic greens.
4. Vanessa Taylor, Culinary Arts Training Program graduate.
5. Richard Vasquez, former shelter resident, tells his story in this report.
6. Edward Quinn, resident of Leona Blanche house.
7. MedVan doctor examines a patient.

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