



WSFSSH Highlights 2014

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Borinquen Court

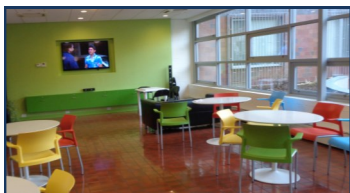
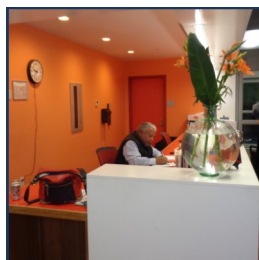
The major renovations at Borinquen Court in the Bronx are 99% complete.

When WFSSSH took over the building in 2011 it



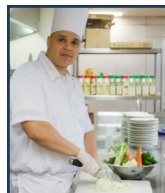
was in very poor condition. Since then, the brownfield conditions (toxic waste in the soil) have been rectified, there are new windows, flooring, and painting throughout the building, and each apartment has been renovated. The exterior has been renovated (see new entrance, pictured above) and new landscaping, benches, and paths are finished.

On the main floor offices have been redesigned, there is a new senior center, a commercial kitchen, and common areas are filled with color and life.



Clockwise: First floor sitting room off the lobby, where rocking chairs are always full, the front desk, first floor gathering room, for meetings, TV, dancing, and daily dominoes.

41,900 Meal/Month!



Frank Davila, chef at 74th St.

WSFSSH now provides almost 42,000 meals a month! Four of our buildings have a full meal program as part of their design. **In the face of increasing food poverty**, we have added regular meals to the programming at many of our buildings. Some

buildings provide breakfast & lunch 5 days/week, others provide dinner twice a week, still others provide some combination of meals each week.

Winter Shelter

WSFSSH, in partnership with Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, West End Presbyterian Church, and NYC Department of Homeless Services, once again sponsored a special project. Homeless men, often men who slept on the steps of various churches and synagogues were invited to come into this winter program. Guests spend the night in special accommodations at West End Presbyterian Church, then are invited to eat breakfast and dinner at WFSSSH's Valley Lodge Shelter. Valley Lodge staff build rapport and invite the guests to connect with services, and assist them in obtaining identification and benefits.

Last year this special project served 36 men. 24 guests moved into Valley Lodge officially, where they have a safe place to stay and can receive various services until they move on to permanent housing. Four people moved to permanent housing, 18 guests continue as Valley Lodge residents.



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Three Milestones

5 years ago, WSFSSH took over the Manhattan Valley Golden Age senior center at the Red Oak on W. 106th Street.



Today it is known as the Center @ the Red Oak and has 885 active members (and growing)!

15 years ago WSFSSH opened Kurt & Leah Schneider Apartments, 54 newly constructed units of senior housing on W. 103rd Street. Named in honor of founding WSFSSH board member, Leah Schneider, and her husband and fellow activist, Kurt, K & L is our most multilingual building, with speakers of English, Spanish, Russian, Creole, Mandarin, and Cantonese.



25 years ago WSFSSH took over operations of Euclid Hall a 292 unit SRO on Broadway at 86th Street.

The building went through substantial renovations and has been home over the years to pre-existing tenants and formerly homeless older adults. Euclid Hall is also home to WSFSSH central offices



Organics Composting

This year, as part of our **Living Green initiative**, WSFSSH has been participating in a NYC pilot program of organics composting. In this program, the city provides special container for disposal of organic waste from kitchens. Unlike typical garden composting, meat and bones can be composted. Seven WSFSSH buildings are part of the pilot. WSFSSH has been responsible for keeping **2 TONS/month of garbage out of landfills!** The materials are now being reused, as fertilizer and soon as renewable energy.



Tres Puentes

Tres Puentes is WSFSSH's newest project. Currently in the development/planning stages, Tres Puentes will add approximately 176 units of affordable senior housing to the Bronx. Two new buildings will be constructed adjacent to WSFSSH's Borinquen Court, in the Mott Haven neighborhood of the Bronx. The name, Tres Puentes, means three bridges. The 145th Street Bridge, the Madison Ave. Bridge, and the 3rd Ave. Bridge all can be seen from Borinquen.

Traveling Together

Dear Friends of WSFSSH:

Thirty-eight years ago a band of justice-seeking, compassionate, somewhat naïve West-Siders joined together to create WSFSSH. The goal was to provide safe, affordable housing, within community, for older adults who were living on the margins. Those attributes of the founders became our bedrock values.

Today, WSFSSH houses over 1700 people and employs over 350 staff. We have garnered the respect of government, private philanthropy and the communities in which we work. We are stronger than ever and have set an ambitious agenda for the years ahead. Our values have served us well!

We have gone far because our successes have been accomplished together. Thank you for your present and future support.

With gratitude,

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