

# Borinquen Court

West Side Federation For Senior and Supportive Housing, Inc.  
285 East 138<sup>th</sup> Street Bronx, NY 10454

*Borinquen Court is a 145 unit HUD sponsored apartment building for older people and/or people with physical disabilities located in the Mott Haven neighborhood in the Bronx. Our goal is to provide safe and affordable housing that supports the dignity and interdependence of each tenant.*

Borinquen Court was developed and constructed by the Borinquen Court Housing Development Corporation under the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) 202 program for elderly and handicapped persons. It opened in 1981. The community remains proud that this was the first 202 project sponsored by a Puerto Rican organization in the United States.

WSFSSH acquired the building on February 28, 2011 through the participation of HUD and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD). Through the re-financing of the building, WSFSSH has completed a \$12 million renovation of the building, including significant structural, mechanical and aesthetic improvements.

WSFSSH has continued the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Contract with HUD, under which households pay 30% of their adjusted monthly income to rent. Eligibility for tenancy remains at 60% of Area Median Income or below.



Borinquen Court is a part of the West Side Federation For Senior and Supportive Housing, Inc. (WSFSSH) family of programs. WSFSSH is a community organization created to develop housing for low income people. Since 1976 WSFSSH has developed a wide variety of housing; today we are responsible for housing over 1800 people, with additional housing in the development stage.



## Services at Borinquen:

- 24 Hour Security
- On-Site Supportive Social Work Services, including
  - Benefit and entitlement assistance
  - Assistance arranging medical care
  - Assistance arranging home care services
  - Weekly building activity programs
- On-Site Laundry Facilities
- Building fire alarms and other safety features

## Application Process:

The application process is regulated by the federal government. Vacancies will be filled from a waiting list, created in the order in which applications are received.

**For further information about Borinquen Court,**  
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