



The Marseilles Apartments

West Side Federation For Senior and Supportive Housing, Inc.

**230 West 103rd Street
New York, NY 10025**

The Marseilles provides safe and affordable housing that supports the dignity and independence of each tenant. There are 134 apartments (one bedrooms and studios) for elderly (62 years and older) and/or physically handicapped persons with low incomes.

Application Process:

The application process is regulated by the federal government. Applicants must be at least 62 years old and/or live with a physical handicap. Applications are reviewed in the order they are received.

Vacancies are filled from the waiting list. Applicants must have low incomes. Unfortunately, waiting lists for the Marseilles are very long, and as of February 6, 2016 the waiting list is closed.

Services:

- ◆ 24 Hour Security
- ◆ On-Site Laundry Facilities
- ◆ Active Recreation Program
- ◆ On-Site Supportive Social Work Services, including
 - Benefit and entitlement assistance
 - Assistance arranging medical care
 - Assistance arranging home care services

*If you would like further information about The Marseilles Apartments call **Maria Chiluisa Building Manager,**
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The Marseilles was built in the early 1900's when the subway expanded north to 103rd Street. It was designed as a fancy residential hotel and was named the Marseilles as a marketing move to attract European visitors. It catered to diplomats and foreign dignitaries; Marie Wilson, President Wilson's daughter, was a long time resident.

During World War II and immediately after the war, the Marseilles became the entry point for many Eastern European Jews who were escaping the horrors of Nazi concentration camps. Today, some neighborhood residents still remember it as their first home in the United States.

But by 1975 the building was empty and dilapidated. At that time, a number of persons and agencies on the Upper West Side were concerned about the disappearance of low income housing in the neighborhood, particularly the impact of gentrification on safe, affordable housing for older persons. Fourteen non-profit organizations and institutions on the West Side formed the organization that would become The West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing, Inc. (WSFSSH) and acquired the building and began renovations in November, 1978.

The first tenant moved into the building July 9, 1980.

