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BRONXWORKS & TRIBOROUGH PRESERVATION PARTNERS ANNOUNCE NEW COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING AT BRONXCHESTER

Partnership Provides Afterschool Programs, Job Training, Senior Services for Local Residents

Bronx, New York— Today, BronxWorks, together with Triborough Preservation, a partnership of L+M Development Partners, Preservation Development Partners, and NYCHA, announced the opening of BronxWorks at Bronxchester Houses. The new office offers comprehensive and holistic services to children, young adults, families and seniors with the goal of improving the socio-economic conditions of the Bronxchester community.

The BronxWorks at Bronxchester programming includes afterschool and summer camp programs for children aged 6 to 12, workforce development services for working-age adults and senior services. All services will be available to residents and other Bronxchester community members.

“We are happy to announce BronxWork’s new office at Bronxchester,” said **BronxWorks Executive Director Eileen Torres**. “Through our partnership with Triborough Preservation, we are offering the vital resources residents need to improve their economic and social well-being. From toddlers to seniors, we are providing the necessary tools and improving opportunities for success.”

“As partners in the revitalization of Bronxchester, we knew our work here would go beyond renovating units,” said **Debbie Kenyon, Vice Chair and Senior Partner at L+M Development Partners**. “We are proud to call ourselves partners of BronxWorks, whose comprehensive approach to programming reflects L+M’s mission to holistically build up communities. We look forward to seeing more and more residents get involved with the various BronxWorks programs and services.”

The team is working with BronxWorks to implement the overall programming following Triborough Preservation’s rehabilitation and preservation of affordable housing units at Bronxchester and other NYCHA properties. Workforce development services will include job readiness prep, resume writing and interview workshops, and job referrals. Senior services will include classes and workshops in arts and crafts, computer training, health and wellness programs, and informational sessions regarding city services.

The program’s afterschool and summer camp components are funded by the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development. Afterschool services will include on homework help, academic enrichment and recreational activities.

Today’s event included a grand opening ceremony attended by local elected officials including Deputy Bronx Borough President Aurelia Greene. BronxWorks also held a sign-up session for Bronxchester residents to discuss the new community programming and to learn how they can access it.

“Partnerships such as this are vital as we continue to improve our borough,” said **Deputy Bronx Borough President Aurelia Greene**. “We have seen decreases in unemployment and improvements in education but we must continue on building on those successes. Community programming is crucial to providing Bronxchester with the tools they need to improve their education and careers. BronxWorks and the Triborough Preservation’s work to reinvigorate the Bronxchester Houses and the neighborhood are very much welcomed and appreciated by the community.”

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About BronxWorks

BronxWorks helps individuals and families improve their economic and social well-being. From toddlers to seniors, we feed, shelter, teach, and support our neighbors to build a stronger community. In all aspects of our work, BronxWorks strives for the highest ethical and performance standards and is guided by the belief that people are to be treated with dignity and respect regardless of their present situation or past experiences. For more information, please visit: <http://www.bronxworks.org/>

About L+M Development Partners

Since its founding in 1984, L+M Development Partners, Inc. has been an innovator in developing quality affordable, mixed-income and market rate housing, while improving the neighborhoods in which it works. A full-service firm, L+M works from conception to completion, handling development, investment, construction and management with creativity that leads the industry. L+M is responsible for more than \$4 billion in development, construction and investment, and has created or preserved more than 15,000 high-quality residential units in New York’s tri-state area, the West Coast and Gulf Coast regions. Community leaders, government officials and institutional investor organizations turn to L+M because of its consistent track record of excellence. L+M is a double bottom line company, where its success is measured not only in financial returns but also by the positive impact it makes. L+M takes pride in its longstanding dedication to the communities it serves, demonstrated through an annual scholarship fund, job training programs, after-school programs, and substantial support for local nonprofits. L+M brings a superior level of commitment to its investments in developments, and equally important, to its investment in people. For more information, please visit: <http://lmdevpartners.com>.

About Preservation Development Partners

Preservation Development Partners (PDP) is the preservation arm of BFC Partners. Formed between BFC Partners and K&R Preservation in early 2011, PDP strives for long term preservation of affordable housing. It is a full service, professional real estate development organization dedicated to the acquisition and rehabilitation of low income multifamily housing projects. The main focus of PDP over the past two years has been the acquisition, development, financing, and preservation of low-income multifamily housing. Since its inception in 2011, PDP is responsible for over \$15 million of rehab work on 511 low income units in the New York Area aside from the Triborough portfolio; two properties in Manhattan, East River Apartments and Sinclair Apartments; a property in the Bronx, Trinity Apartments; and a property upstate in Spring Valley New York, Surrey Carlton Apartments.