St. Nicks Alliance Receives $50,000 from Two Trees to Support Construction Training Program at Domino Sugar Factory Redevelopment

Donation will support construction skills training for potential hires to build second residential building at the Domino Sugar Factory project

WHAT: Check presentation and announcement of continued partnership between St. Nicks Alliance and Two Trees Management. Two Trees will present a $50,000 check to St. Nicks Alliance Workforce Development’s Skilled Build training program. Funding will support up to 40 graduates who will go on to help construct 260 Kent Avenue, the second residential building under construction at the Domino Sugar Factory project.

WHO: St. Nicks Alliance and Two Trees Management

WHEN: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 2 p.m.

WHERE: St. Nicks Alliance Workforce, 790 Broadway, 2nd Fl., Brooklyn, NY

BACKGROUND: St. Nicks Alliance Workforce partnered with Two Trees Management in 2016 to launch the Skilled Build training program tied to Two Trees’ Domino Sugar Factory redevelopment plan. As part of the Skilled Build program, trainees secure OSHA 30, Flagger/Scaffolding, FDNY F-60 Fire Guard certifications and the 80-hour NCCER construction core credential. Two Trees previously hired thirty-one Skilled Build graduates to work on 325 Kent, the first building at the Domino Sugar Site project which was completed in 2017.

“Our partnership with Two Trees illustrates how a real community jobs agreement to hire local residents at a redevelopment site can have significant impact on members of the surrounding community,” stated Michael Rochford, Executive Director of St. Nicks Alliance.

“We are thrilled to support and partner with an organization like St. Nicks Alliance, which provides important and specialized construction trade skills to local residents,” said Two Trees principal Jed

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Walentas. “Not only does the Skilled Build program offer training to graduates in highly demanded trade skills, it gives them the opportunity to put those skills to work right here in Brooklyn at the Domino Sugar Factory redevelopment site.”

**About St. Nicks Alliance Workforce Development**
St. Nicks Alliance's Workforce Development Center has helped thousands of North Brooklyn residents land and keep high-paying jobs in high-demand industries. We partner with major North Brooklyn employers. Each client is assigned to a job coach who guides them through assessment and training and helps them overcome any barriers to getting and keeping a job. Our goal is to train and place all our clients into high-quality, full-time, permanent jobs that pay a living wage.

**About Two Trees Management Co. LLC**
Since its founding in 1968, Two Trees Management Company, a New York-based real estate development firm, has owned, managed and developed a portfolio worth more than $3 billion in real estate, including more than 6,000 apartments and over 3 million square feet of office and retail space. Two Trees currently owns more than 4 million square feet of commercial, industrial and residential real estate throughout the United States with the majority of its properties located in New York City and employs 175 people to develop and manage its properties. Two Trees is known for its singular role in transforming the Brooklyn neighborhood of DUMBO from a neglected industrial waterfront into a vital mixed-use community. A popular destination for New Yorkers and tourists alike, DUMBO is known for its boutique retail, innovative technology companies, art galleries and performance venues. Recent critically acclaimed Two Trees developments include Mercedes House, the Wythe Hotel and plans for redevelopment of the Domino Sugar Factory site in Williamsburg.

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