



PROVIDENCE HOUSE

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

2019 HIGHLIGHTS>>>>

For yet another year, housing prices put pressure on wide range of City residents, from working families, to senior citizens, to young people starting their working lives. The result is a staggeringly high number of New Yorkers facing homelessness. The sheltered population remained near record highs throughout 2019, much of it driven by families who exited the shelter system to unstable or unaffordable housing, only to return to shelter when a crisis arises.

Vulnerable families have never had more difficulty finding a safe, stable place in New York. That is why in 2019 the board and staff of Providence House strove to increase its impact. In its Family Transitional Shelters, Women's Justice Program, and Permanent Supportive Housing, the agency worked to expand capacity and refine services to make safe housing, transformative programs, and supportive communities available to more individuals and families than ever. This report details the progress.

RETURNING TO OUR ROOTS

Last year saw broadening support for reform of the criminal justice system in New York City, and Providence House enthusiastically took part in advocacy working toward that goal alongside partner organizations in the Women's Community Justice Association (WCJA), which launched the Beyond Rosie's campaign to close the women's jail on Rikers Island. The City Council responded to a wide range of advocacy groups by adopting a resolution in October to close Rikers Island and move toward more humane, community-based efforts, including a stand-alone women's site to be separate from borough-based men's jails.

As it has always done, Providence House also continued serving women in the criminal justice system directly, by providing a therapeutic residence with evidence-based services to facilitate women's transition to independence, and a community of peers and staff to provide encouragement, support, and accountability along the way. We were joined by **34 women** during the year at our existing 15-bed Brooklyn program in 2019.

The program also expanded to serve a new population in 2019. With funding made available through the NYC Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ) and private funders, in December Providence House began accepting women referred from Rikers Island to reunite with their children at a six-bedroom Brooklyn residence near Prospect Park (pictured above left). Some of the mothers and children will be living together for the first time, and our staff have poured their expertise and experience into creating an ideal environment for them to stabilize, heal, and thrive. Trauma and attachment therapy, parent coaching, and other services will be provided on-site, with staff available around the clock.

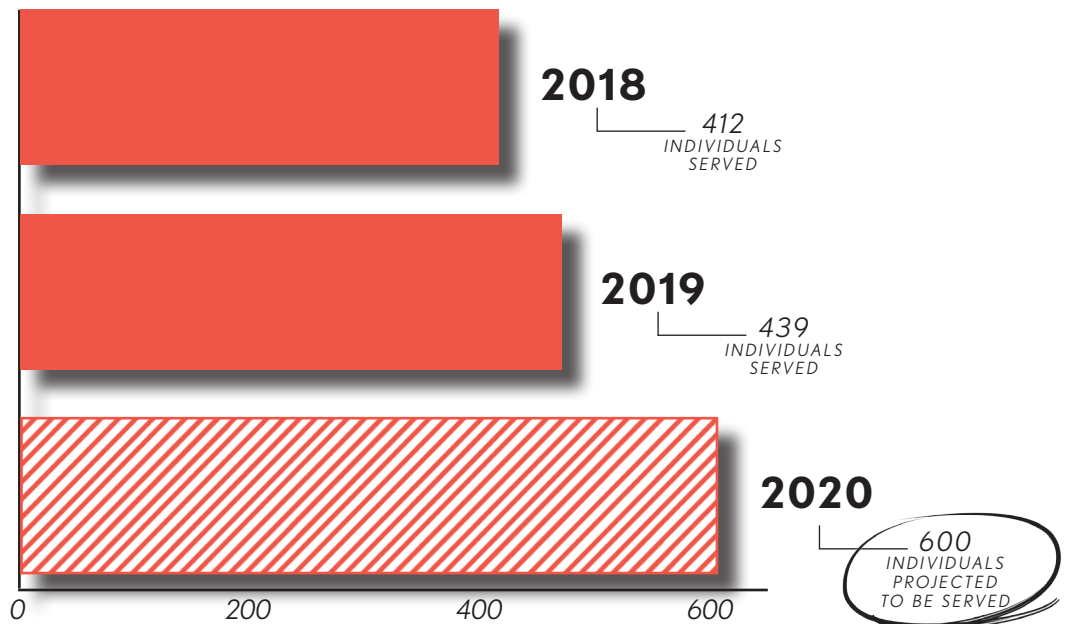


Providence House Director Danielle Minelli Pagnotta, second from left, with advocates from WCJA including HousingPlus Director Rita Zimmer, center.

In 2019 the Women's Justice Program at Providence House offered a transformative alternative to Rikers Island detention for women. Of the **34 women** residing in our Women's Justice Program in 2019, **only two were arrested on new charges.**

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WELCOME HOME!

When Providence House was given possession of two abandoned Brooklyn brownstones by the Attorney General in 2016, a lot of work was clearly ahead. The two small buildings, in a landmarked historical district, had once been stately and beautiful. They fell into terrible disrepair before they were transferred by the court to Providence House, who agreed to rehabilitate them as permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and families. Capital and construction funds were arranged by NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development and private investors through Enterprise Community Partners, and ongoing program support was made available through the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Gut renovation would be needed to prepare the buildings. While unexpected challenges and delays are common with any construction and renovation effort, the work on these two buildings, both more than a century old, proved particularly complex and time-consuming.

With perseverance, work was completed on the **Sister Janet Kinney Residence** and the **Royce Mulholland Residence**, named respectively for our previous executive director and a late board member who was the visionary behind the projects. Funding from donors at our 2019 People of Hope event bought the many small things the incoming residents would need to settle in, such as pillows, linens, dishes, and cleaning supplies. Volunteer groups from **Credit Suisse** and **London Stock Exchange Group** each spent an afternoon putting everything in place, from making the beds to putting silverware in the drawers. By the end of the year, 7 mother-and-child families and 14 individual adults walked into their own bright, comfortable, airy apartments.

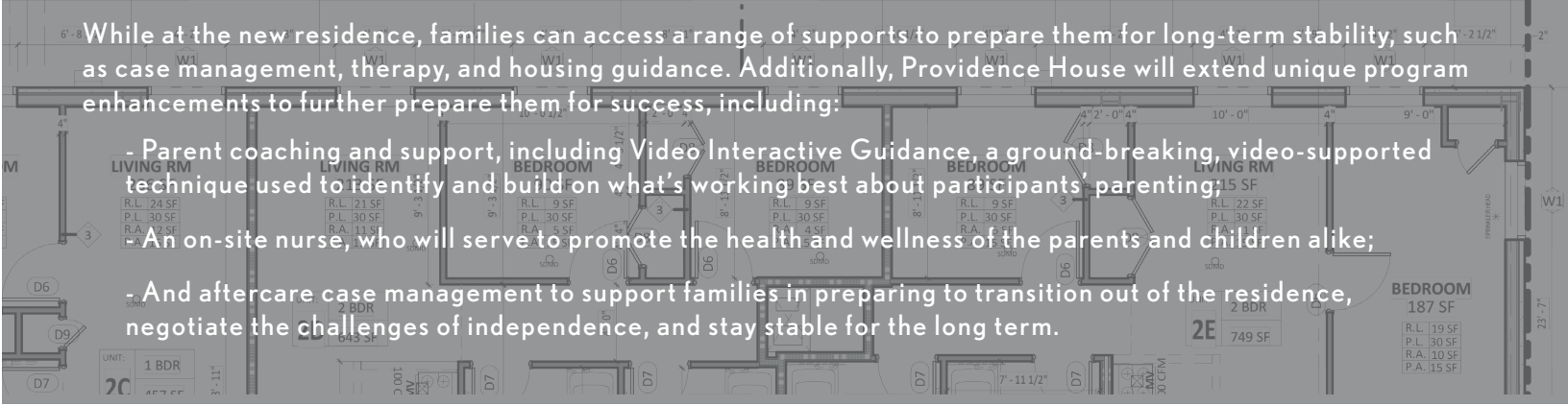
COMING SOON

Providence House laid the groundwork in 2019 for the **largest expansion of its transitional shelter services** in years. In partnership with the New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS), a site under development in East New York was identified over the summer that would be ideal for bringing our unique combination of trauma-informed environments; intensive evidence-based services; and community-building programs to more families. Slated to **open in summer 2020**, the transitional apartment program now under development will offer **59 families** with children an even broader range of support than before.

By connecting with the site developer during the construction phase, Providence House has been able to specify a layout most conducive to needs of the program and its families. This will include a nurse's office/exam room, plenty of private offices for one-to-one case meetings and therapy, space for workshops and training, and community space for recreation and community-building social activities.

While at the new residence, families can access a range of supports to prepare them for long-term stability, such as case management, therapy, and housing guidance. Additionally, Providence House will extend unique program enhancements to further prepare them for success, including:

- Parent coaching and support, including Video Interactive Guidance, a ground-breaking, video-supported technique used to identify and build on what's working best about participants' parenting;
- An on-site nurse, who will serve to promote the health and wellness of the parents and children alike;
- And aftercare case management to support families in preparing to transition out of the residence, negotiate the challenges of independence, and stay stable for the long term.



FINANCIAL DATA

FISCAL 2019 (7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019)

INCOME

Contract revenue	\$ 3,966,755
Donations and grants	787,802
Fundraising event, net of direct expenses	259,189
Miscellaneous income	455
CACFP and EFSP food grant	35,033
Rental Income	1,500
Administrative overhead revenue	354,741
Interest on notes receivable	152,626
Donated services value	150,000
Investment income (loss)	111,826
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,819,927

EXPENSES

Family shelter program	2,569,037
Management & general	1,541,762
Supportive housing program	1,022,473
Women's Justice Program	493,329
Development	265,705
Donated legal services	150,000
Depreciation	160,765
Child development program	38,780
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,241,851

Change in Net Assets	(\$421,924)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$ 8,347,511
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$7,925,587</u>

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Our programs rely on individuals, corporations, and private foundations to provide funding for a full range of trauma-informed, gender-responsive, and evidence-based services. If you would like to support the work of Providence House, please contact the Development Department at (718) 455-0197, ext. 117

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