

16,333
unique people served in 2023

897
unique housing placements

AT-A-GLANCE

Your support of Breaking Ground in 2023 enabled us to serve **over 16,000 vulnerable New Yorkers** across our outreach and housing programs. While sustaining our core work, you helped to dramatically expand outreach capacity on the streets, open a new safe haven for chronically street homeless individuals, and break ground on new senior housing in Queens. Thank you.



*Who We Helped This Year **

Episodic/Short-Term Homeless	8,100
Chronically Homeless	3,576
Low-Income Adults & Families	2,415
Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness	2,200
Seniors (Age 62+)	1,855
People Living with HIV/AIDS	796
Youth & Young Adults	709
Veterans	229

*Please note some individuals above are represented in multiple categories

STREET OUTREACH

Brooklyn | Queens | Midtown
24/7/365

DROP-IN CENTER

Queens
24/7/365

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Brooklyn | Manhattan
600 beds

PERMANENT HOUSING

New York City
4,500+ units

Meeting people where they are

4,392
unique people served

1,683
people working intensively with us toward permanent housing

494
housing placements

A warm and welcoming hub

148
unique people served

32
housing placements

11,648
individualized service engagements

A safe haven to rest and restore

923
unique people served

132
people moved on to permanent housing

22%
of people served were 62+ years of age

A permanent home with support

5,187
unique people slept under a Breaking Ground roof

557
households moved into an apartment for the first time

98%
of people exiting homelessness remained housed at 12 months

BREAKING GROUND
Connect to Care

A suite of programs that brings Breaking Ground's approach to street outreach into privately managed spaces and discrete geographic areas.

Current Partnerships:

Macy's Herald Square | NY Presbyterian | Starbucks | Vornado - Penn District
Homeless Assistance Fund of the Partnership for New York City

7,569
unique people served

50,658
individualized service engagements

226
placements to housing

Homeless Assistance Fund

Spearheaded by the Partnership for New York City and more than 60 of its member companies, the HAF dramatically expanded Connect to Care outreach capacity across seven areas in Manhattan and Brooklyn. In its first full year, the program touched the lives of more than 6,000 people experiencing unsheltered homelessness:

755 people engaged in ATM vestibules and privately managed spaces

515 people discovered who had not previously engaged with outreach

38 days from first contact to housing placement, 33% faster than City-funded outreach programs



▶ Building the Future: In 2023, Breaking Ground broke ground on a new 173-unit permanent residence for seniors in Queens, and made progress on over 1,500 more apartments in development. With additional transitional housing sites opening and in development, we are also working to provide more beds that are immediately available for street homeless individuals to come indoors while our outreach teams work with each person toward permanent housing opportunities.



In Construction



Sutphin Senior Housing & Clinic
173 units | Queens



A collaboration with Community Healthcare Network, Sutphin Senior Housing and Clinic will create a state-of-the-art Federally Qualified Health Center along with 173 units of supportive and affordable housing for older adults who have experienced or are at risk of homelessness. We were delighted to break ground with our project partners in September of 2023. The Sutphin residence is expected to be Breaking Ground's second Passive House-certified project, a rigorous energy use standard that helps push closer to net-zero emissions in the operation of residential and commercial buildings. Well under way by the end of the year, Sutphin is expected to welcome its first residents early in 2025.



In Development



Kingsboro - Vital Brooklyn
594 units | Brooklyn

This Vital Brooklyn project, in collaboration with Douglaston Development and Empire State Development, will bring over 900 affordable and supportive apartments to Brooklyn's Flatbush neighborhood, new state-of-the-art transitional housing to replace 356 existing shelter beds, extensive public amenities including a new park and recreation facility, new retail and community facility spaces, and programming with and for community members and residents. We expect construction on the project to begin in 2025, with completion in three phases expected by 2029.



New Transitional Housing



West 83rd Street
106 beds | Manhattan



The Continental
145 beds | Brooklyn

Breaking Ground was proud to work with New York City and Manhattan Community Board 7 to open a new safe haven on the Upper West Side in 2023, now among just a handful of sites for unsheltered New Yorkers above 59th Street. The first 76 beds opened in August of 2023, with an additional 32 to open in 2024. We are also excited to make progress at a newly constructed safe haven in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. Under construction since 2021, it will bring 145 more much-needed safe have beds to North Brooklyn in the second quarter of 2024. These two sites together will expand our safe haven capacity by nearly 58%.



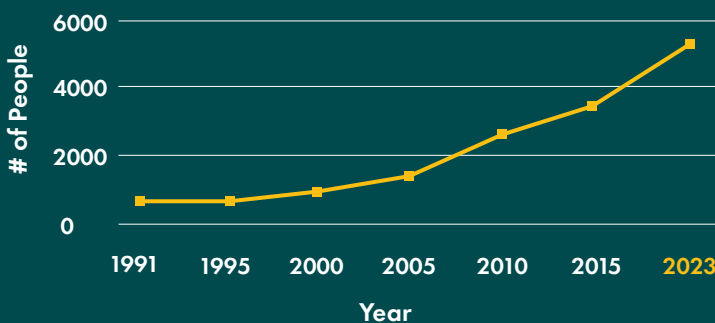
From Street to Home



Leslie Mills
Resident, 90 Sands

When Leslie Mills signed a lease and moved into Breaking Ground's 90 Sands supportive residence in January of 2023, it was not a moment too soon. Nearly three decades of homelessness and housing instability had taken a toll. Facing serious medical and mental health conditions, she was feeling at the end of her rope. But a safe and stable home can make all the difference. Since she moved in, her health has improved considerably. For the first time in years, she can regularly go to the doctor. She's working on sobriety. She helps her fellow tenants with hair and makeup, which brings her joy. And in May, on Mother's Day, Leslie's mom came and spent the whole day in her apartment. It was something that she could never have expected. Since then, her mother has visited multiple times, bringing friends to meet Leslie and telling them how proud she is of her daughter. After decades of fearing their relationship was broken beyond repair, she feels hope. You enable hope for Leslie and thousands more through your support of Breaking Ground.

Individuals Served Annually in Breaking Ground Permanent Housing Since 1991



Other Key Facts

600k
meals served in transitional housing

44%
of outreach caseload clients received mobile medical care

200
families with children permanently housed

29
pets and their humans received care through our new One Health Clinics