

From street outreach to permanent supportive homes, your support in 2025 touched the lives of nearly 12,000 vulnerable New Yorkers. You helped us acquire a large Midtown Manhattan hotel that we will convert to affordable apartments, house more than 7,000 people, and prove that with the right support, everyone can find their way home.

11,832
NEW YORKERS
HELPED & HOUSED

7,215

PEOPLE SLEPT UNDER A BREAKING GROUND ROOF IN OUR DROP-IN CENTER, TRANSITIONAL OR PERMANENT HOUSING

98%+

REMAINED HOUSED AT 12 MONTHS*

201,092

INDIVIDUALIZED SERVICE ENGAGEMENTS ACROSS PROGRAMS & HOUSING

OUR MODEL

A pathway from street to home



*people who entered Breaking Ground permanent housing from homelessness

FROM THE FIELD

It means the world to me...to have a place to lay your head...a place to call home.

Americo Cruz was born in Puerto Rico and came to Brooklyn with his parents in the 1950s. Drafted into the Vietnam War, Americo returned to Brooklyn at the tender age of 22. For almost two decades after, he struggled with addiction and homelessness. When he finally found sobriety in 1986, he went to work for the programs that had helped him, and built a 20-year career assisting others to overcome addiction and avoid incarceration. But when he became disabled in 2006, he could no longer work and he quickly lost his apartment. He applied for every type of subsidized housing he could. Just when he was on the edge of homelessness again, he got a call from Breaking Ground and found a new home at our Prince George residence. Stable in housing for over 15 years now, Americo is grateful to have an affordable apartment near his doctors at the VA Hospital in Manhattan, and support from Breaking Ground to age-in-place with dignity.

A Americo Cruz
Vietnam War Veteran | Prince George Resident

BUILDING THE FUTURE

2025 Development Highlights

SUTPHIN SENIOR HOUSING 173 units
CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED Queens

2024 saw the completion of construction on this supportive and affordable residence for older adults at risk of homelessness. Includes a state-of-the-art Federally Qualified Health Center by Community Healthcare Network. On track to become Breaking Ground's first permanent residence in Queens and second Passive House-certified project.

1760 THIRD AVENUE 434 units
IN CONSTRUCTION Manhattan

Construction began in earnest early in 2025 on this adaptive reuse project, transforming a former dormitory into over 400 units of supportive and affordable housing, with units set aside for young adults who have struggled with homelessness. Completion is expected in 2026.

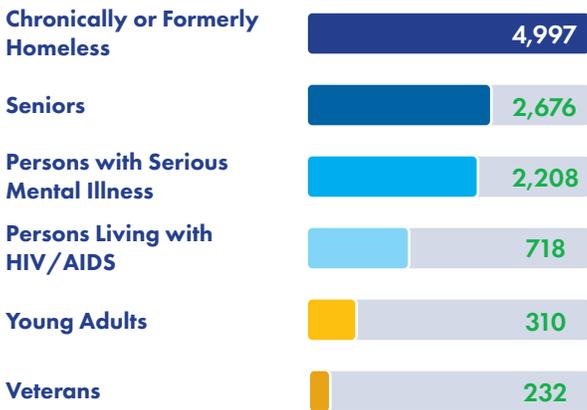
KINGSBORO VITAL BROOKLYN 594 units
CONSTRUCTION STARTED - PHASE I Brooklyn

A large-scale urban renewal project in Central Brooklyn, transforming an underutilized section of the former Kingsboro Psychiatric Center Campus into 1,000 units of affordable housing and homeownership, along with two bed-for-bed replacement shelters, and a variety of new community-serving amenities and public spaces. Phase One is expected to be completed in 2028.

STEWART HOTEL 579 units
ACQUIRED Manhattan

Our largest adaptive reuse project since the Times Square over 35 years ago, the acquisition of the Stewart Hotel marks a new chapter in Breaking Ground's development. Upon completion, this project will become the second-largest single site supportive residence in the country, and provide vital deeply affordable units in a transit and service-rich neighborhood.

WHO WE HELP



VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

1,000

HOURS OF VOLUNTEER EFFORT

- 41 events
- 42 corporate groups
- 20+ locations



BY THE NUMBERS

Impact across every dimension

825k
MEALS PROVIDED

Across drop-in and safe haven transitional housing sites.

63%
REDUCTION IN EMS CALLS

Among older adults who struggle with activities of daily living in our safe haven Cluster Care pilot.

3,347
TENANT360 EVENTS

Across our permanent housing sites, with over 50,000 individual instances of participation.

47%
CONNECTED TO CARE

Outreach clients connected to medical & mental health care.

738
SAFE HAVEN BEDS

Across Brooklyn & Manhattan to serve chronically unsheltered homeless New Yorkers.

4,116
PERMANENT HOMES

Within the five boroughs, plus another 2,000 in various stages of development.