



neighborhood coalition for shelter

HELPING NEW YORKERS FIND THEIR WAY HOME

NCS Launches 25th Anniversary Campaign for Growth

The Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter proudly launches its 25th Anniversary Campaign for Growth. We need your help to reach our goal of raising \$4 million in two years. This funding will support the organization through a period of tremendous growth and greatly expand the types of services we provide to help homeless individuals secure housing, employment and self-sufficiency.

Thanks to the generosity of board members, long-standing donors and civic, religious and corporate partners, the Campaign has so far generated over \$2 million in donations.

25th Anniversary Campaign for Growth funds will support:

- ◆ A 46-unit residence for homeless young adults and youth aging out of foster care—currently under construction and opening in January 2008.
- ◆ The growth of our transitional housing program.
- ◆ Expansion of OPTIONS and Emporium Online, NCS's successful job training, placement and career development programs.

Success Through NCS



David Miner, former New Vistas resident and Emporium Online graduate, is now a certified substance abuse counselor and recently moved into permanent housing. See David's complete story on the back page.

NCS: 25 Years and Still Growing

Since our founding in 1982, NCS has helped more than 25,000 homeless New Yorkers with food and clothing, counseling and treatment, shelter and employment, and in many cases, homes to call their own.

NCS Housing & Programs

1982

Women's Shelter
Soup Kitchens
Referrals

2007

NCS Residence
Neighborhood Center for Homeless People
Lester Waldman's Place
New Vistas and Transitions
OPTIONS
Emporium Online
Research Program
NCS Outpatient Services
Young Adult Residence (2008)

- ◆ Ground-breaking research that identifies characteristics of the chronically homeless population and the development of effective engagement and stabilization strategies based on our findings.
- ◆ New housing opportunities by creating more supportive housing programs for homeless men and women.
- ◆ A licensed chemical dependency outpatient treatment program to serve chronically homeless adults.

To contribute to the NCS 25th Anniversary Campaign for Growth, please use the enclosed envelope or contact Rachel Greenstein, Director of Development: (212) 537-5140 or rgreenstein@ncsinc.org.



Message from the CEO



Anne R. Teicher

Reflecting on our work of the last 25 years and what NCS has accomplished, I wanted to share a poem written by a participant of Emporium Online to express her pride in completing the program and the sense of possibility it created for her. Below is an excerpt from Amy Jobe's poem, which she read at the

Emporium Online Sixth Cycle Graduation.

Spread your wings and soar,
Opportunities lie behind the door.
Take a peak and you may see,
All the things that you can be.
Spread your wings and fly,
And you might burst into tears and cry.
You may discover you have more than
one choice,
Just be proud of yourself and rejoice.

One successful experience like this can change a life by challenging the belief system of a person who may have never completed anything before. Anticipating success, instead of failure, makes it possible to try

new things. NCS's mission is to transform lives through the housing and services we provide. The testimony of Amy and others lets us know that we are accomplishing our mission.

NCS is also transforming itself as an organization so we can do more and do it better. As you can see from our 25th Anniversary Campaign for Growth, we are expanding existing programs and implementing new ones. Based on what we have learned through our research and 25 years of experience, we are creating programs that address unmet needs of the chronically homeless and other underserved but growing populations. The results of our research to better understand and serve the needs of chronically homeless individuals, presented in June to a packed room at the annual conference of the Supportive Housing Network of New York, evoked tremendous interest. We will continue this research and dissemination on a broader scale.

We are confident that we will raise the funds needed to help us accomplish the worthy goals of our 25th Anniversary Campaign for Growth. Our friends in the community, committed to making New York a better place for all who live here, have always been generous with their resources for a just cause. I know you will continue your generosity.

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NCS PROGRAMS

- NCS Residence
- Neighborhood Center for Homeless People (NCHP)
- Lester Waldman's Place at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church
- New Vistas
- Transitions
- OPTIONS
- Emporium Online
- NCS Outpatient Services

NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION FOR SHELTER is committed to ending homelessness by providing men and women with housing and support that can transform their lives.

NCS Multi-Service Center Benefits from Students' Charitable Incentive

NCS's latest philanthropists have proven that charitable giving isn't just for adults. The students at P.S. 206 Jose Celso Barbosa School saved their pennies for the Neighborhood Center for Homeless People (NCHP), NCS's 24-hour multi-



service center. At a school assembly students presented a check for \$1,000 to Dimitra Gianacopoulos, Director of NCHP, and Max Lindeman, Director of Programs for NCS. Donations were collected throughout the school year as part of the Penny Harvest, a service-learning initiative for students created by Common Cents. The

students, guided by five ambitious peer leaders, selected NCHP from many other non-profit programs.

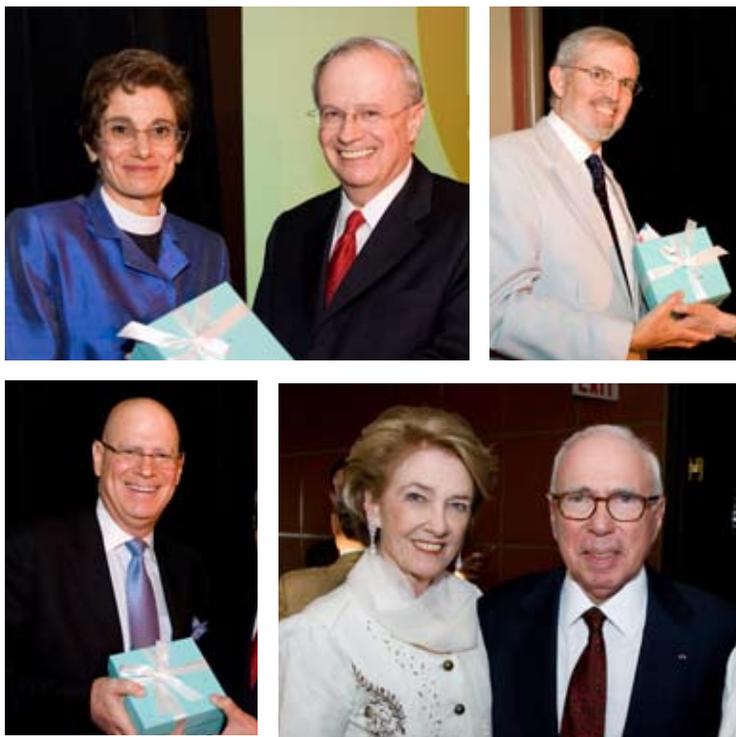
The Neighborhood Center for Homeless People provides food, clothing, emergency shelter, showers and laundry facilities,

counseling and medical services to over 1,000 homeless people each year. NCHP clients are encouraged to work with NCS staff, focusing on the goal of securing housing and, where appropriate, employment. If you would like to donate clothing, toiletries, or other items to NCHP please call Dimitra Gianacopoulos at 212-537-5410.

NCS 25th Anniversary Gala a Great Success!

NCS rang in its 25th Anniversary with a benefit gala on June 6, 2007 at the Pegasus Suite at the Rainbow Room in New York City. Celebrating 25 years of providing housing and support services to over 25,000 clients, NCS honored four of its founding partners: Reverend Forrest Church of All Souls, the Reverend Brenda G. Husson of St. James, Rabbi David Posner of Temple Emanu-El and Elizabeth Rohatyn of Lenox Hill Neighborhood House. Each honoree received the Celine Marcus Community Service Award for their role in the creation of NCS and their continuing community activism.

As the sun set over the city, guests took in stunning views of Manhattan, mingled and perused the silent auction tables while the music of the Tom Nelson Trio filled the room. Hugh Hildesley of Sotheby's, once again brought wit and excitement as live auctioneer. With an audience of long-time friends, as well as many new faces, NCS premiered its video "Finding a Way Home" narrated by Jane Pauley.



NCS 25th Anniversary Gala Honorees: From top left: The Reverend Brenda Husson with NCS Board Member Wolcott B. Dunham, Jr.; Reverend Forrest Church; Rabbi David Posner; Elizabeth Rohatyn with her husband, former Ambassador Felix Rohatyn.

Like the video, the remarks of the honorees focused on the most important aspect of NCS—the clients it serves. Each speaker shed light on the issue of homelessness—as it existed 25 years ago when NCS was founded in response to the needs of the growing number of homeless people. They also spoke to the great impact of homelessness, not only on the men and women who experience it, but also on the community at large.

The event raised over \$315,000 in support of NCS's housing and service programs for homeless and formerly homeless adults. NCS is creating additional supportive housing programs, expanding the job-training program and recently opened a state-licensed outpatient service for individuals with substance abuse issues.

This significant programmatic expansion would not be possible without the financial support of our donors. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to our 25th Anniversary Benefit Gala.

NCS Residence Officially Reopens



On Wednesday, June 20th, NCS celebrated the official reopening of the NCS Residence at 211 East 81st Street, which is home to 65 formerly homeless men and women. Jessica Katz, representative for NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Elaine Conway and Colleen Salvagni of NYS Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance Homeless Housing and Assistance Program were all on hand for the ribbon cutting. In addition to the refurbishment of the entire building, the renovation added a seventh-floor activity room and adjoining rooftop garden, as well as a lower-level tenant lounge, training kitchen and dining area. Funding was provided by the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development, NYS Homeless Housing & Assistance Corporation and the Federal Home Loan Bank.

City Awards Major Funding to NCS Young Adult Residence

NCS was awarded two major grants through the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), including New York/New York III funding to support 31 youth aging out of foster care, and additional funding for 15 young adults with special needs. Construction of the new young adult residence is nearing completion and doors are scheduled to open in early 2008.

Introducing Max Lindeman, Director of Programs at Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter

NCS is happy to introduce Max Lindeman, who replaces Patricia Cobb Richardson as Director of Programs at NCS. Patricia is now Director of Special Projects and continues to oversee NCS's Research Program. Max comes to NCS after more than 11 years with the Fortune Society, where he began as a substance abuse counselor and ultimately became Associate Vice President, a role in which he managed a staff of over 50. Max received his undergraduate degree from Marist College and his MSW from Yeshiva University. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Social Welfare and working on his dissertation, examining the factors associated with successful re-entry into society following incarceration.



As Director of Programs, Max provides clinical support and oversight to all NCS programs and is working to design programs for the young adult residence, which is currently under construction. Max is also strengthening quality assurance instruments to track the efficiency of NCS programs on a monthly basis. NCS is confident that Max's fresh perspective and solid background will further strengthen service delivery and our ability to help homeless men and women achieve their goals for housing and employment.

David Miner: Success through NCS

David Miner came to NCS's New Vistas Program in January of 2005 after being on the streets for five years. He began working with OPTIONS vocational and educational services and enrolled in Emporium Online to develop his computer and interpersonal skills. Just a few weeks into the vocational training, he identified an interest in becoming a licensed substance abuse counselor.

After graduating from Emporium Online, David was referred by OPTIONS staff to Argus Community's ACT I CASAC training. In recovery from substance abuse himself and being extremely career oriented, David excelled in the program. He honed his clinical skills at Palladia Inc., as a Substance Abuse Counselor Intern and received ACT I CASAC certification in July of 2007. David recently moved from New Vistas to a Lower East Side studio for low-income individuals, owned by Henry Street Settlement. He is excited to be in his new home and on his way to becoming a full-time substance abuse counselor.

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