Mission

Brooklyn Community Housing and Services (BCHS) is committed to ending homelessness in Brooklyn. Each year, we provide safe and clean supportive housing for more than 1,000 formerly homeless women, children, and men. We help them learn how to live productively and independently, with dignity and hope.

Our programs provide short-term, transitional and permanent housing, homelessness prevention, personalized case management, mental health care, on-site nursing, vocational training, substance abuse counseling, recreational activities, and other vital services.

Outcomes

• BCHS programs prevent homelessness for 1,000 women, children, and men each year.

• The Arbor Inn program for homeless mothers with children placed 100% of housing ready homeless families into permanent housing in the community this past year.

• BCHS’ newest initiative, the Brooklyn Housing Assistance Center, successfully prevented evictions for 100% of the over 400 Brooklyn households that sought our help this past year.

• BCHS provides supportive housing for 412 formerly homeless individuals each day.

Summary

• What has always made BCHS unique in the field is our commitment to creating a sense of community for all of the formerly homeless residents who come to us, and then using this as a very concrete programmatic model and approach.

• Founded in 1978, BCHS has received awards such as the Fannie Mae Foundation’s Maxwell Award for excellence in low-income housing development, as well as top ratings from the New York City Department of Homeless Services for the Arbor Inn program (mothers and children) and from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for Oak Hall (adults with chronic mental illness).

• Our clients are referred from the shelter system, psychiatric facilities, hospitals, and the community. In 2006, BCHS began serving formerly homeless individuals with histories of incarceration that has become a nationally recognized model.
Support Our Work

- BCHS provides significant savings to taxpayers because supportive housing at BCHS is much less expensive than other alternatives experienced by the homeless (medical hospitals, psychiatric facilities, jails, or shelters).

- Direct program service costs account for 88% of our expenses (only 12% goes to Administration).

- BCHS employs 120 people and has a total revenue of $9.5 million. Fifty-seven percent comes from government funding, 36% from program service fees, and 7% from fundraising or other income.

- BCHS' unique program model has been studied by government and nonprofit officials from throughout the U.S., the United Kingdom, and Australia, and was profiled in The Atlantic.

Financial View

Based on Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)
Total Revenue of $9,504,170 and Total Expenses of $9,489,167