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## NYC Housing Partnership to Honor Ebenezer Plaza Owners with the Innovation Award at 41st Anniversary Gala

Jamie Smarr, President and CEO of the NYC Housing Partnership and Adolfo Carrion, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development will jointly present Ebenezer Urban Ministry Center (EUMC), Brisa Builders Development LLC, Procida Development Group LLC and Evergreen City LLC with the Innovation Award for their development, Ebenezer Plaza at the non-profit's Housing Partnership's 41st Anniversary luncheon gala on Wednesday, October 23rd.

"We are proud to recognize EUMC and Ebenezer Plaza Owners' work on Ebenezer Plaza in Brownsville, Brooklyn with the Innovation Award as part of our 41st Anniversary gala," said Mr. Smarr. "The efforts of EUMC Senior Pastor Bishop Dr. R.C. Hugh Nelson and Ericka Keller, Managing Member of Brisa Builders Development are a testament to the power of collaboration between faith-based organizations and developers in creating affordable housing opportunities for New Yorkers and revitalizing neighborhoods."



Ebenezer Plaza  
Ebenezer Urban Ministry Center & Affordable Housing Community  
Brownsville, Brooklyn  
Awarded Innovation Prize by NYC Housing Partnership

Ebenezer Plaza in Brownsville, Brooklyn, is a joint venture between Brisa Builders Development, EUMC, Procida Development Group, Evergreen City, and the NYC Housing Partnership. It comprises 523 affordable housing units, a 40,000-square-foot House of Worship with a 1,200-seat sanctuary, and 21,000 square feet of commercial and retail space. The development also offers expanded community services, including a soup kitchen, food pantry, educational programs for adults and children, computer training, and family counseling.

The total capitalization of the transaction is approximately \$300 million.

The Housing Partnership's luncheon gala brings together stakeholders in the City's affordable housing community, including developers, architects, attorneys, lenders, faith leaders, and affordable housing advocates. The event will feature New York Times National Columnist and author Charles Blow as a special guest speaker. It will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd, at Gotham Hall, 1365 Broadway at West 36th Street. For more information, please go to the Housing Partnership website at <https://housingpartnership.com/luncheon2024>.

"We are truly honored to be recognized by the NYC Housing Partnership for the innovative contribution to the deliverance of affordable housing in NYC through a faith-based collaboration at their 41st Anniversary Annual Gala. We have continually respected the work of the NYC Housing Partnership in the housing sphere and value the support they provided to the success of this project." Ericka Keller, Managing Member, Brisa Builders Development LLC.

The Housing Partnership is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that serves as an intermediary among public agencies, developers, financial institutions and residents to increase opportunities for quality affordable housing to low- and moderate-income households in New York City.

For four decades the nonprofit Housing Partnership has led relationships among private sector developers and financial institutions and City, State and Federal agencies that created and preserved more than 82,000 low and moderate-income housing units in the five boroughs, leveraging over \$7.6 billion in private financing and utilized more than \$540 million in subsidies for affordable housing. This stimulates economic activity that strengthens the social fabric of neighborhoods where people can now live in safe, comfortable, affordable homes.