

**DHS AND PRECIOUS DREAMS CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
WITH AN EVENT FOR HOMELESS TEENS**

Young women living in DHS shelters will interact with guest speakers to learn the importance of perseverance during difficult times

March 26, 2015 – This evening DHS and the Precious Dreams Foundation will honor Women's History Month by sponsoring a "Comfort Drop" for 25 teenage girls living in homeless shelters. At DHS headquarters, the young women participating will hear from guest speakers about learning to comfort themselves and persevere during times of transition and hardship.

The Precious Dreams Foundation's "Comfort Drops" are events where successful professionals share their experiences with children on the importance of learning to "self-comfort" during stressful times.

The guest speakers tonight are Marti Cuevas, CEO and Founder of Mayimba Music; Lorraine Stephens, First Deputy Commissioner at DHS; Sadye Campoamor, Director of Community Affairs at NYC Department of Education; and Yaya Mazurkevich, of Translation Advertising Agency and Good Peoples. After the discussion, the speakers will distribute to the teens knapsacks with pajama pants, Precious Dreams Foundation shirts, a book, and a journal, among other items.

DHS has partnered with Precious Dreams Foundation (PDF) since 2010 to co-sponsor many successful Comfort Drops for Pre-K, school-aged children, and teens at shelters in the Bronx, Manhattan, Queens, and Brooklyn.

When: Thursday, March 26 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Where: Department of Homeless Services
33 Beaver Street, Room 1770

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