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## **FRIEDRICH DONATES 150 AIR CONDITIONERS TO COOL 38 CORNERSTONE PROGRAMS AT NYCHA SITES**

New York, NY – To help keep young people and families cool on the hot summer days and nights still to come, the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) and the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) announced Friedrich’s donation of 150 air conditioners for Cornerstone programs in Community Centers now operating extended evening hours at NYCHA buildings in all five boroughs. The announcement was made at the Butler Community Center in the Bronx, one of 38 Centers citywide to receive new units.

“With the doubling of available Summer Enrichment seats and expanded evening hours at Cornerstone programs this summer, this generous donation couldn’t have come at a better time,” said **DYCD Commissioner Bill Chong**. “Friedrich is a wonderful example of how public-private partnerships can have a dramatic impact on thousands of New Yorkers, and it’s our hope that other community partners are inspired to step up to the plate.”

“We appreciate the helpful upgrade to facilities in NYCHA buildings, and also the example Friedrich is setting here about partnering with government to improve people’s lives,” said **NYCHA Chair and CEO Shola Olatoye**. “All of these pieces link together: the Centers will be more comfortable, so more kids will hang here; there’s supervision and things to do; and we will be collectively working toward the goal expressed by the Mayor, Council, NYPD and NYCHA residents of making communities safer.”

“For over 60 years the people of New York have supported Friedrich Air Conditioning—you can see our units keeping New Yorkers cool across the City,” said **Wink Chapman, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Friedrich Air Conditioning**. “It is a privilege for us to work with the City on its mission to improve the quality of life for thousands of New Yorkers this summer and throughout the year.”

“This is a wonderful opportunity to bring some comfort into spaces that are occupied for over 15 hours per day,” said **Dennis Carter, Executive Director of Directions For Our Youth**, which operates the Butler Community Center’s Cornerstone program. “We appreciate Friedrich’s generosity, and thank the City for partnering with us to provide much-needed services in a community that our agency has been serving for the last ten years.”

The 38 Centers were selected based on their need for air conditioning or replacement of their existing units:

Provider	Program Name	Borough	ZIP CODE
ACDP	SEDGWICK	Bronx	10453
Catholic Charities Community Service Archdiocese of NY	HIGHBRIDGE GARDENS	Bronx	10452
Directions For Our Youth, Inc.	BUTLER	Bronx	10456
Good Shepherd Services	EAST 180TH - MONTEREY	Bronx	10457
Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, Inc.	EDENWALD	Bronx	10466
Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, Inc.	MARBLE HILL	Bronx	10463
Phipps Community Development	SOUNDVIEW	Bronx	10473
CAMBA	BOULEVARD	Brooklyn	11207
CAMBA	PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE- WORTMAN AVENUE	Brooklyn	11207
Coalition for Hispanic Family Services	HOPE GARDENS	Brooklyn	11221
El Puente De Williamsburg	TAYLOR-WYTHER	Brooklyn	11211
Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Brooklyn	SHEEPSHEAD BAY	Brooklyn	11229
Good Shepherd Services	ROOSEVELT II	Brooklyn	11206
Goodwill Industries of Greater New York	FARRAGUT	Brooklyn	11201
Grand Street Settlement, Inc.	BUSHWICK	Brooklyn	11206
Heartshare Human Services	CAREY GARDENS	Brooklyn	11224
Heartshare Human Services	O'DWYER GARDENS	Brooklyn	11224
Police Athletic League, Inc.	BREUKELEN	Brooklyn	11236
Research Foundation of CUNY	SETH LOW HOUSES	Brooklyn	11212
Research Foundation of CUNY	UNITY PLAZA (SITES 4-27)	Brooklyn	11207
SCO Family of Services	ALBANY	Brooklyn	11213
SCO Family of Services	STUYVESANT GARDENS I	Brooklyn	11221

University Settlement Society of New York, Inc.	ATLANTIC TERMINAL SITE 4B	Brooklyn	11238
Catholic Charities Community Service Archdiocese of NY	DYCKMAN	Manhattan	10034
Grand Street Settlement, Inc.	RIIS II	Manhattan	10009
New York City Mission Society	GRANT	Manhattan	10027
Supportive Children's Advocacy Network (SCAN)	EAST RIVER	Manhattan	10029
Supportive Children's Advocacy Network (SCAN)	ROBINSON	Manhattan	10035
Supportive Children's Advocacy Network (SCAN)	WAGNER	Manhattan	10035
University Settlement Society of New York, Inc.	CAMPOS PLAZA II	Manhattan	10009
YMCA of Greater New York - Chinatown	RUTGERS	Manhattan	10002
Action Center for Education and Community Development, Inc.	OCEAN BAY	Queens	11692
Hellenic American Neighborhood Action Committee	ASTORIA	Queens	11102
Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement, Inc.	RAVENSWOOD	Queens	11106
Police Athletic League, Inc.	REDFERN	Queens	11691
Southern Queens Park Association	SOUTH JAMAICA II	Queens	11433
The Child Center of NY	BEACH 41ST	Queens	11691
Jewish Community Center of Staten Island, Inc.	TODT HILL	Staten Island	10314

DYCD's Cornerstone Programs provide engaging, high-quality, year-round programs for adults and young people at 70 NYCHA Community Centers.

Earlier this month, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced a \$210.5 million comprehensive, citywide plan to make neighborhoods safer and reduce violent crime in NYCHA developments, through more targeted law enforcement efforts, immediate physical improvements, aggressive community engagement and outreach efforts, and the expansion of work and education programs.

As part of the initiative to help build stronger individuals, families and communities, summer hours have been expanded until 11:00 PM during the summer months (July 7 – August 29) at a total of 107 community centers at NYCHA developments. In addition, the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) includes an additional 850 NYCHA youth (ages 14-24) who live in 15 targeted developments. These young people will gain valuable work experience and skills training from entry level jobs in nonprofit, government and the private sector.

Expanded Summer Enrichment programs are being offered at more than 300 middle schools and Beacon and Cornerstone sites across the five boroughs through August 29. This summer, the

number of Summer Enrichment seats available was doubled to more than 34,000. Activities range from dance, music and sports/fitness to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), literacy and service learning.

**DYCD** supports New York City's afterschool and youth workforce development programs throughout the five boroughs. The agency also oversees funding for anti-poverty programs, such as adult literacy and immigrant services.

The **New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)**'s mission is to increase opportunities for low- and moderate-income New Yorkers by providing safe, affordable housing and facilitating access to social and community services. More than 400,000 New Yorkers reside in NYCHA's 334 public housing developments around the five boroughs.

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