right sunshine and chilly air filtered through the shimmering drapery that covered the long windows of a gutted commercial space at East 175th Street and University Avenue in the Bronx on the morning of April 12th. On this particular morning, the Commissioners from two of the City’s big housing agencies and the President of the third — the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), and the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) — Tino Hernandez, Shaun Donovan and Emily Youssouf, respectively — joined Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion, Bronx Pro Real Estate Management President Peter Magistro, and a host of friends and supporters to celebrate the groundbreaking for the University Macombs Apartments, just down the street, at 1605 University Avenue.

The $27 million apartment complex will consist of five buildings: a newly constructed, seven-story, 30 unit building at 1605 University Avenue, and four rehabilitated buildings on Macombs Road and University Avenue, to create another 180 apartments, for a total of 210. The rehabs are expected to be ready for tenants by August of this year, and the new apartment building should be completed by August 2006.

The project is NYCHA’s first collaboration with the HPD and HDC in Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg’s New Housing Marketplace plan to create or preserve 68,000 units of affordable housing by 2008.

Basketball Championship Winners!

RENEWAL (left to right) NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez (fourth from left) joins (left to right) Housing Preservation and Development Commissioner Shaun Donovan, Housing Development Corporation President Emily Youssouf, Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion, Bronx Pro Real Estate President Peter Magistro, Banco Popular Executive Michelle Imbrasciani, Community Board #5 District Manager Xavier Rodriguez and Chairwoman Beverly Smith, and Enterprise New York Director Jim Himes break ground for the new University Macombs Apartment building (rendering at right).

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Assistant Secretary Michael Liu (left) presents New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Chairman Tino Hernandez with a check for $400,000, which will be used for the development and expansion of computer centers for NYCHA residents. The funding comes from HUD’s Public Housing Neighborhood Networks Program and will help provide over 600 residents with technology-based educational activities. Mr. Liu presented Mr. Hernandez with the check during a press conference at the Wall Street investment firm M.A. Beal & Co. on April 13, 2005. The press conference marked HUD’s official approval of NYCHA’s $608 million bond issuance plan to fund the accelerated construction and preservation of developments in all five boroughs.

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Alejandrina Soto, Otilia Lara and Cruz Rivera, residents of the LaGuardia Addition were also in attendance. They said they were very happy and thankful for NYCHA’s recent efforts. “We have a ‘nurse’s call button’, a fire alarm and now a carbon monoxide detector,” said Ms. Soto. “This is all we were missing, now we have it all,” she added.

The ‘carbon monoxide law,’ or Local Law 7, requires at least one carbon monoxide detecting device be installed 15 feet of the primary entrance of each bedroom.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, toxic gas that results from the incomplete burning of fossil fuels such as coal, oil and natural gas. Toxic CO gas can be dangerous to those with heart or respiratory problems and senior citizens are especially vulnerable. According to Kidde, more than 2,000 people die every year and thousands are hospitalized due to CO poisoning. In fact, carbon monoxide is the number one cause of poisoning deaths in America.

To aid in the education efforts, Chief of Fire Prevention Patrick McNally, of the New York City Fire Department, provided materials in multiple languages about carbon monoxide and fire safety. “Smoke alarms, CO alarms, fire education, these things work. We beg you to use them,” said Chief McNally.

Nearly 100 Asian-American seniors from the LaGuardia Senior Center attended the event and delighted the crowd with a rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner” in Chinese.

The scores in eighth grade, however, also highlight how much more work still needs to be done. Fewer than one-third of eighth-graders met or exceeded the State literacy standards — down slightly from the previous year. This is, in part, because eighth-graders haven’t had the benefit of our new intervention efforts which, by and large, we’ve concentrated on the lower grades. But that’s about to change. We will soon invest $40 million to improve performance in our middle schools through a number of initiatives, including an expanded summer program.

All New Yorkers should be happy — not because we can point to a positive figure on a page — but because we are laying a solid foundation for our kids to succeed later in life. Everyone is working harder — principals, parents, students, and, above all, our teachers.

When we ended social promotion in the third grade last year, it was a drastic but necessary change. It was imperative that we be honest about who was learning and who wasn’t. These latest test scores remind us that we need to confront our problems, not cover them up.

And when we do that, and focus our resources and our energy on our kids, great things can happen.

Michael R. Bloomberg

Maintaining CO Alarms

• Test all carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.
• Replace batteries twice a year, in the spring and in the fall when clocks are changed for daylight savings time.
• Never paint over carbon monoxide alarms.
If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning...
• Evacuate everyone from the house and get fresh air immediately.
• Go to an emergency room.
• Call 911.
DEBORAH’S DIARY

By Deborah Williams

Let the good times roll—Although Debbie Pitts, Danielle Thomas and Angie Greene grew up in different homes they all have something in common and that is they all grew up in Manhattanville Houses and share some very special memories. “We have been friends for a very long time and have gone through ups and downs, marriages, and even death together. But, we are still going strong,” said Debbie Pitts. With time we mature and become adults and eventually move on and so Debbie, Danielle and Angela moved out of Manhattanville but their parents remained in the development. Building 5-1470 Amsterdam Street has been home to Debbie’s mom since 1975, Danielle’s father since 1969 and Angela’s mom since 1970 — that’s a lot of years and a lot of memories. That’s why Debbie, Danielle and Angela plan to celebrate the years by hosting the “1470 Friendship Reunion – 25 Years Later.” On August 6, 2005, past and present residents of the 4th, 13th, 14th and 15th floors of 1470 Amsterdam will enjoy an evening of fun filled with food, games, music, friends and family. “Our childhood friends that have moved to places like Oakland, California (Kayla Higgins), Jacksonville, North Carolina (Taunya White), and South Carolina (Boo Boo) will return for this auspicious occasion and everyone is so excited,” Debbie added. “I remember how the adults looked after us making sure we went to school and stayed away from drugs—you know it takes a village to raise a child. But all in all we turned out to be pretty great adults!” It’s always great when friends and family get together to reminisce about good old days and share those special memories. And more importantly, I’m glad to hear that you have not forgiven the place because it’s important for the young to know where their parents came from and what better place to learn about that than at a reunion. So Debbie, Danielle and Angela I congratulate you and hope your reunion turns out to be a terrific one!

Busy Bees—The girls at the Atlantic Terminal Community Center in Brooklyn were busy bees preparing for the Quilter’s Guild of Brooklyn 2005 Block Party. It’s an annual quilt show that was held this year on April 9th and 10th, at Pratt Institute, in Brooklyn. Only the finest quilts are placed on exhibit so, when Sharonda Davis, Jovanne Taylor, Cheroke Morrison, Ariel Lyons, Mercedes Smith, Tajameeka Storey, Danaysha Thomas, Shanice Gordon, Shaquay Reyes and Aljah Houst Chapaman—all members of the Atlantic Terminal Girls Club Quilting Bee had their quilt placed on display they were thrilled and honored. The Atlantic Terminal Community Center quilt program started in September 2002, and was open to girls ranging in age from 6 to 12 years old. Even though the program has been suspended due to planned Community Center renovations, the girls have quilted two full-sized quilts, and five pillow covers. Now, you might think this was the girls’ very first exhibit but it was not. The girls have had their quilts shown at the Lefferts Historic House Museum Quilt Show, at the Office of State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, and in the display window of the Melting Pot Store—a store specializing in children’s clothes. In addition, during a walking tour with Atlantic Terminal area merchants and Senator Montgomery, the girls were introduced to retail merchandising and the workings of local entrepreneurs. They learned how small businesses are run and explored such issues as pricing, financing and marketing, which became essential information for them since local community merchants expressed an interest in purchasing their quilts. So, if you hear that buzzzzzz sound around your ears, don’t fret! It’s not a yellow bee; it’s the sound of the Atlantic Terminal Girls Club Quilting Bee being busy. Wow, this is really fantastic girls! It takes great talent to pique the interest and curiosity of others. And it obvious that your work not only represents creativity and skill it represents a mastered craft. Not every quilter has had the opportunity to have had their quilts chosen for exhibits, placed in display windows and even better have merchants interested in purchasing. Girls, you did great! Congratulations and keep up on quilting!

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Harlem Summer Stage 2005

Each year NYCHA, Harlem’s 125th Street Business Improvement District (BID), the New York State Office of General Services and the Apollo Theater host the annual concert series on the plaza of the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building. This year promises lots of fun and live music from some of your favorite artists. Every Thursday during the months of July and August from 5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. the day winds down with music that soothes the soul. So, keep these dates in mind: July 7, 14, 21 and 28 and August 4, 11, 18 and 25. And don’t forget to join us for some unforgettable summer fun!

Tino Hernandez

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Groundbreaking

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Resident Association President Annette Jarvis and her Board, “for getting this project off the ground.”

The four buildings which are going to be rehabbed were part of NYCHA’s University Avenue Consolidated (UAC) development, and the new building is being constructed on a vacant lot that was owned by NYCHA. Fifty-two of the apartments will be for former NYCHA residents, or families on NYCHA’s waiting list.

The developer for the project is UNIMAC, a subsidiary of Bronx Pro Real Estate, the host of the event. Bronx Pro President Peter Magistro introduced Bronx President Carrion, as “a champion for affordable housing in the Bronx.” “This creative partnership is historic,” said Mr. Carrion.

The rehabilitation and new construction will be financed through HDC’s Low-Income Affordable Marketplace Program (LAMP), which provides low-cost mortgages through the sale of tax-exempt bonds. The apartments will be affordable to households whose annual incomes are less than 60% of the area median ($37,680 for a family of four).
### The NYCHA “Not Wanted” List

In this issue we continue our editorial policy of publishing the names of individuals who have been permanently excluded from our public housing developments. This list is part of NYCHA’s effort to keep residents informed of the Housing Authority’s ongoing effort to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers in public housing and to allow for the peaceful and safe use of our facilities. Here follows a list of the people who were held on January 21 and 28, and February 4, 11, and 18, 2004.

**Remember, if you see any of these individuals on housing authority property, please call your management office or the police!** This listing is provided to all police service areas.

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<th>Name</th>
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<td>Samuel Roman</td>
<td>10020/03</td>
<td>Seventh floor, 2125 Randall Avenue, Castle Hill Houses, the Bronx.</td>
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<td>Vera Davis</td>
<td>10109/03</td>
<td>First floor, 333 Georgia Avenue, Unity Plaza, Brooklyn.</td>
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<td>Terence Martin</td>
<td>10088/03</td>
<td>Second floor of 246 East 156th Street, Harlem Houses, the Bronx.</td>
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<td>Brian Patterson</td>
<td>10058/03</td>
<td>Second floor of 40-20 Beach Channel Drive, Beach 41st Street Houses, Far Rockaway.</td>
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<td>Dareem Walker</td>
<td>9039/03</td>
<td>Fifteenth floor of 365 Sackman Street, Seth Low Houses, Brooklyn.</td>
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<td>Damon Harris</td>
<td>5636/02</td>
<td>Fourth floor of 2798 Randall Avenue, Throggs Neck Houses, the Bronx.</td>
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<td>Wade Spurgeon</td>
<td>176/04</td>
<td>Second floor of 85-02 Rockaway Beach Blvd., Hammel Houses, Far Rockaway.</td>
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<td>Efrain Burgess</td>
<td>8630/03</td>
<td>Second floor of 41-09 Vernon Blvd., Queensbridge Houses, Long Island City.</td>
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<td>Parnell Nimmons</td>
<td>3280/04</td>
<td>Twelfth floor of 65 Pike Street, Rutgers Houses, Manhattan.</td>
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<td>Nelson Guilet</td>
<td>647/04</td>
<td>Fifth floor of 1686 Randall Avenue, Soundview Houses, the Bronx.</td>
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<td>John Clarke</td>
<td>242/04</td>
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<td>Corey Chatman</td>
<td>307/04</td>
<td>Sixth floor of 5802 Farragut Road, Glenwood Houses, Brooklyn.</td>
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<td>Jermaine Campbell</td>
<td>338/04</td>
<td>Eleventh floor of 3050 Park Avenue, Jackson Houses, the Bronx.</td>
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<td>Jerome Cobb</td>
<td>393/04</td>
<td>Fifteenth floor of 2250 West 11th Street, Marlboro Houses, Brooklyn.</td>
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<td>Wilson Torres</td>
<td>632/04</td>
<td>Twelfth floor of 1505 Park Avenue, Clinton Houses, Manhattan.</td>
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<td>Anthony Desselle</td>
<td>8278/03</td>
<td>First floor of 159-06 109th Avenue, South Jamaica Houses, Queens.</td>
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<td>Jules Desselle</td>
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<td>Walter Johnson</td>
<td>934/04</td>
<td>Sixth floor of 30 Avenue V, Marlboro Houses, Brooklyn.</td>
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<td>Angel Velez</td>
<td>362/04</td>
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<tr>
<td>Osvaldo Berrios</td>
<td>77/04</td>
<td>Thirtieth floor of 674 East 149th Street, Moore Houses, the Bronx.</td>
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### New Scholarship Program for Residents

Have you ever noticed film crews shooting scenes for movies at your NYCHA development? For years, shows like “Law and Order,” “Third Watch,” and “NYPD Blue” have featured our developments in their shows and made donations to NYCHA in return. Those donations are now being put to good use with a new scholarship program that will provide up to 40 NYCHA residents with $1,000 each to continue their educations at a City University of New York College. In order to be eligible, applicants must be authorized NYCHA residents, and must be enrolled full-time in an Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree program, majoring in the arts, with a grade point average of 3.0 or above. In addition, the applicant must be able to demonstrate financial need. (See the advertisement on the facing page for full details.) “The scholarship for students studying film, broadcasting, dance, basically anything in the arts,” said Public and Community Relations Deputy Director Millie Molina. “We’re happy to help residents further their educations!”

### Window Guards Are Required By Law: Make Sure Yours Are Installed Properly!

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), like all landlords in New York City, is required by law to install window guards in every window of every NYCHA apartment where residents 10 years old or younger reside. Why? The reason is simple — window guards save lives! Window guards are especially important if you want or need window guards just contact your Management Office. Requests for window guard installation receive an emergency priority and installation is required within 24 hours.

If you don’t have to have a child aged 10 or under to have window guards installed, either. In fact, it’s a good idea to have them installed if children even visit your apartment.

New York City’s Department of Health and Mental Hygiene provides the following guidelines for the proper installation of window guards:

**Window guards must be installed permanently in the lower half of the outside track of a double-hung window, 1 1/2 inches or less above the window sill, with four one-way screws and two “L” brackets.** Stops must be screwed into each side of the upper window track with one wayscrews. When the lower window is stopped from being raised more than 1 1/2 inches above the top bar of the guard, your child cannot fall out.

The two illustrations here show examples of window guards that are properly installed, lower left, and improperly installed, upper right.

If you have an air conditioner or any other window installation, you must make sure that it is properly secured to the window.

Please keep in mind that when residents refuse to comply with our attempts to install window guards, we initiate administrative action to terminate tenancy.

So, have a great summer and remember, window guards save lives!
NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY
FAIR HOUSING NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the New York City Housing Authority to provide equal housing opportunities for all qualified applicants and residents. In the selection of families and in the provision of services, there shall be no discrimination against any person on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, military status, disability, lawful occupation, alienage or citizenship status, or because children may be, are, or will be residing with the individual.

This policy is in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Fair Housing Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the New York State and City Human Rights Laws.

Any resident or applicant who wishes to report housing discrimination MAY FILE A DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT (NYCHA 036.024) by contacting the Department of Equal Opportunity’s Office of Housing Opportunities from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday or their development management office between 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM:

New York City Housing Authority
Department of Equal Opportunity
250 Broadway, 27th floor
New York, NY 10007
Phone (212) 306-4652
Fax (212) 306-4439
TTY (212) 306-4845

Or by contacting any of the following federal, state or city human rights agencies listed below:

New York City Commission on Human Rights
40 Rector Street, 9th floor
New York, NY 10006
(212) 306-7500

New York State Division of Human Rights
20 Exchange Place 2nd floor
New York, NY 10005
(212) 480-2522

United States Department of Housing Urban Development
Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
26 Federal Plaza, Room 3532
New York, NY 10278
(212) 264-2980

Also, NYCHA invites public comment on the proposed plan at a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2005, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at The New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge

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Each location listed above is both handicapped accessible and can be reached using public transportation.

Written comments regarding the draft plan are encouraged. To be considered submissions must be received no later than August 3, 2005. Comments may be sent either through the internet address set out above or via ordinary mail. (Fax submissions will not be accepted). To the address set forth below:

New York City Housing Authority
Public Housing Agency Plan Comments
Church Street Station
P.O. Box 4322
New York, New York 10008-4322

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The New York Union Child Care Coalition has developed a pilot program to provide childcare subsidies to low-income families who live or work in the Liberty Zone (below 14th Street in Manhattan). Eligible families can receive up to $6,000 for childcare.

**Work Requirements:**
To be eligible, each parent residing in the household must work at least 20 hours a week.

**Income Requirements:**
The income limits for a family of two (one adult and one child under the age of 13) is $34,348; for a family of 3 (one adult and two children or two adults and one child) is $43,093; for a family of 4 (one adult and three children or two adults and two children) is $51,838 and for a family of 5 (one adult, four children or two adults and three children) the income must be under $60,583.

Please note that subsidies are only available for households with children age 13 or below; however children between the ages of 14 and 18 will be included in the determination of family size.

For Additional Information or to see if you qualify, please call: (212) 809-3619, ext. 19.

This program is funded by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, and is administered by the Consortium for Worker Education in collaboration with the NYC Administration for Children’s Services.

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UPCOMING SEMINARS

**Bronx**
- May 31, 9:00 AM
  - New Royal Coach Diner
  - 3260 Bosion Rd.
  - Cross St./Gunhill Rd.

- June 7, 9:00 AM
  - Charlie’s Inn
  - 2711 Harding Ave.
  - Cross St./Balcomb St.

- June 10, 9:00 AM
  - Joe’s Place (Bilingual)
  - 1841 Westchester Ave.
  - Cross St./Thetot Ave.

- June 16, 5:00 PM
  - Land & Sea Restaurant
  - 5535 Broadway
  - Btwn. 230th & 231st St.

**Brooklyn**
- May 31, 10:00 AM
  - Vegas Diner
  - 1619 66th St.
  - Btwn. 16th Ave.

- June 14, 9:00 AM
  - Del Rio Diner
  - 186 Kings Hwy.
  - Cross St./W. 12th St.

- June 15, 8:30 AM
  - Junior’s Best (Bilingual)
  - 386 Hathaus Ave.
  - Corner of DeKalb Ave.

- June 22, 9:00 AM
  - George’s Nest (Bilingual)
  - 5701 5th Ave.
  - Cross St./57th St.

- June 23, 9:00 AM
  - Socrates Rest. (Bilingual)
  - 651 Manhattan Ave.
  - Btwn. Norman & Nassau

- June 22, 9:00 AM
  - La Rosita Rest. (Bilingual)
  - 2309 Broadway
  - Cross St./109th St.

**Manhattan**
- June 23, 9:30 AM
  - Artie’s Delicatessen
  - 2290 Broadway
  - Cross St./W. 83rd St.

- June 29, 9:00 AM
  - Carcicci Rest. (Bilingual)
  - 4311 Broadway
  - Cross St./184th St.

- May 31, 9:00 AM
  - Palace Diner
  - 60-15 Main St.
  - Cross St./69th Ave.

- June 14, 9:00 AM
  - Hilltop Diner
  - 164-02 Union Tpke.
  - Cross St./164th St.

- June 16, 9:00 AM
  - Shallmar Diner
  - 63-68 Austen St.
  - Cross St./63rd Dr.

**Queens-Howard Beach**
- June 22, 9:00 AM
  - Country Club Diner
  - 2270 Clove Rd.
  - Cross St./Hylan Blvd.

- May 31, 9:00 AM
  - Golden Dove Diner
  - 3281 Richmond Ave.
  - Cross St./Gurley Ave.

- June 14, 9:00 AM
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Happy Father’s Day, June 19th!
New Tennis Program For Hammel Houses Youth

Queens Borough President Helen Marshall (left of center) launched a new tennis program on May 7th at the Hammel Houses Community Center in Rockaway, Queens. The Helen Marshall Tennis Program will serve 25 to 30 youth from the development, ages 6 to 18, and will run through December 31st. NYCHA’s General Manager Douglas Apple, and Department of Community Operations’ Deputy General Manager Hugh Spence and Queens Borough Director Anthony Richburg were on hand to lend their support. Also present was Bill Briggs, founder of the non-profit Youth and Tennis, which will provide the tennis instruction. Mr. Briggs established Youth and Tennis more than 30 years ago to bring tennis to young Queens residents. “Our new tennis program is designed to offer young people opportunities in a sport that many youngsters are not exposed to and to have them participate in a year-round tennis program where they can develop sportsmanship and leadership skills,” said Ms. Marshall.

The program is being sponsored by Health Plus and the United Way, as well as Ms. Marshall’s office. Plans are underway to expand the program to Baisley Houses in Jamaica, and Queensbridge Houses in Long Island City.

Musical ‘THE LESSON’ Takes NYCHA by Storm!

Some of the talented young performers in “The Lesson” include (left to right) Kimberly Gonzalez of Campos Plaza Houses, who plays Tiffany, consultants Tammy Benjamin and Jessica Morales as the storm, and Khari Walker of Boulevard Houses who plays Kalil. The “goth” Tiffany character is misunderstood because she has trouble communicating and finally learns how to open up by the end of the play. Kalil must decide whether to accept an offer to play pro-basketball or get a college education first. (Ultimately the character decides to go to college.) When the storm finally hits it breaks down the teens’ defenses which helps them to overcome the challenges they face.

Under the direction of Community Coordinators Andre LeClech, Feliciano Ramirez, Keir Nelson and Susan Unger, 30 NYCHA teenagers and young adults pulled it all together in less than two months of rehearsals. “It was a beautiful collaboration,” said Mr. Nelson. “It’s very important to hear the stories of the teens. The majority of the audience looked like they were very involved, like they could relate.”