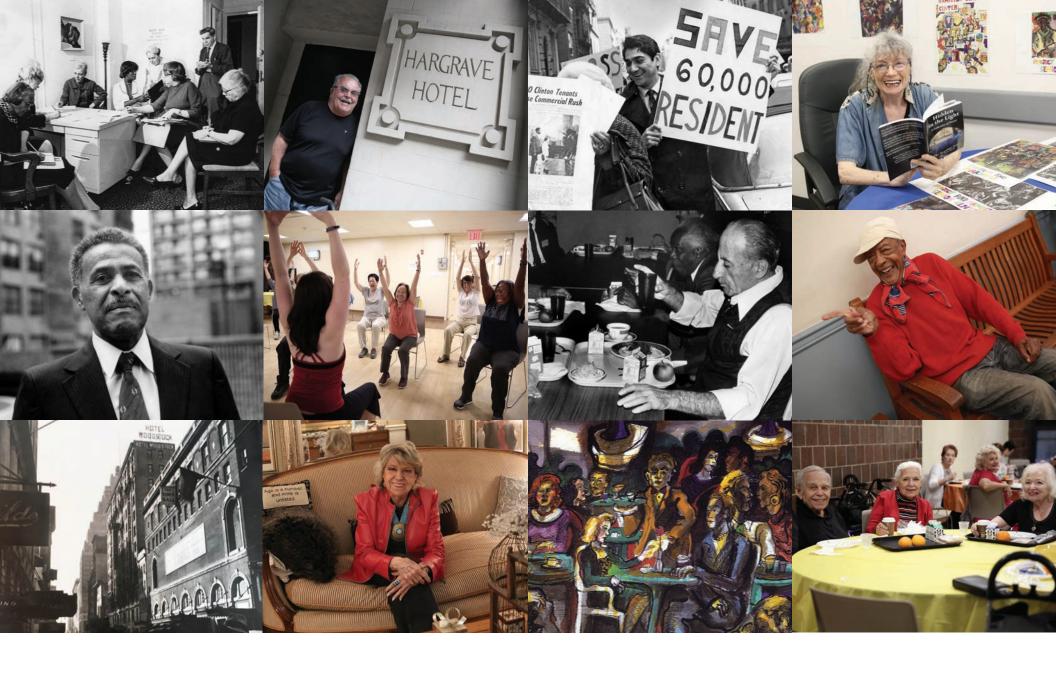


Project **FIND** 

A trusted resource to older New Yorkers for **50** years



Project FIND will forever seek to be a relevant and facilitative resource to older adults as they face the challenges both common to all generations and those unique to their own.







#### Dear Friend:

I am delighted to invite you to celebrate Project FIND's 50th anniversary. I am the fortunate steward of an enduring legacy forged by my predecessors—Elizabeth Trebony, Aston Glaves, and Cynthia Dial—who in turn transformed an ideal of economic and social advancement for older adults into a vibrant constellation of housing, community centers, and facilitative services in the heart of Manhattan.

The pages that follow will elaborate on our history, but what it cannot adequately convey is how tough the path to today was—nothing was inevitable. At Project FIND's origin, there were no organized public funding streams for any of the initiatives we undertook. The center programs were in church basements, the housing we acquired was in poor condition with anemic rent rolls, and the funding piecemeal.

Animating our struggles were the voices of the elders we encountered who had desires, ideas, and ambitions. Fostering community, creativity, engagement, and mutual respect are the organizing principals instilled at our origins and that continue to this day. Project FIND will forever seek to be a relevant and facilitative resource to older adults as they face the challenges both common to all generations and those unique to their own.

In 2019, Project FIND will pursue a number of initiatives that will result in better housing and richer programming. We are investing in new capital improvements at the Woodstock Hotel and Hargrave House; we are installing solar panels on the roofs of Hamilton House and Hargrave House as part of a larger grid of non-profit solar producers; we are selling air rights to preserve and develop new affordable housing; and we are adding social workers and program coordinators to two of our centers, which will deepen the range of support and activities our center members can access.

It has been a real treat to have been an integral part of this ongoing legacy for the past decade, and I am very excited about what the future holds in store.

Here's to 2019!

Sincerely,

**David Gillcrist** Executive Director Project FIND



## January 2019 International Creativity Month



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		New Year's Day			Aston Glaves becomes Executive Director (1988)	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Three Kings' Day						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Cynthia Dial becomes Executive Director (1992)	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day			Belly Laugh Day		
27	28	29	30	31		

#### THE BEGINNING

"There were no programs in the neighborhood for senior citizens."

— Elizabeth Stecher Trebony, September 1996

In 1967, the National Council on Aging established Project FIND as part of a federal demonstration project, designed to develop a national picture of low-income seniors. More than 50,000 elderly people responded to questionnaires created for the program, which studied the lives of low-income older adults, identified their greatest needs, and investigated the resources available to them.

FIND originally stood for Friendless, Isolated, Needy, and Disabled. This acronym exemplified the dire picture of the elderly poor that developed from the survey. In 1969, when the demonstration project ended, a group of community activists joined with Project FIND's leaders and founded and incorporated FIND Aid for the Aged, Inc. Of the original 13 demonstration projects, Project FIND is the only one that is still in operation.



# February 2019 BLACK HISTORY MONTH



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	VINCENT L. BASSANI
					1	2	Vincent L. Bassani came to Hargrave House from Richmond Hill five years ago.
						Groundhog Day	"Queens is the best. Not busy like here," said Vincent, who
3	4	5 Chinese New Year	6	7	8	9	returns to his old neighborhood when he can to visit friends. You will often find Vincent outside Hargrave, regardless of the weather, as he prefers the outdoors to staying inside.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	"I was happiest growing up—being young and wild," said Vincent. "The 50s was my favorite decade because of the music."
		Lincoln's Birthday		Valentine's Day			"There's nothing good about being older," said Vincent. "But
17	18 Presidents' Day	19	20	21	22	23	my advice to someone younger is to stop smoking." Vincent had open heart surgery just months before the above photo was taken, though you wouldn't know it from looking at him.
24	25	26	27	28			"Strength and resiliency are the best qualities to have," said Vincent. "Don't let life get you down."





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Maha Shivaratri		Ash Wednesday		International Women's Day	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Daylight Saving Time Begins						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day			Holi Begins First Day of Spring Purim Begins	Vincent L. Bassani's Birthday		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	-					

#### **LEADING THE WAY**

"Getting started in Project FIND, we were faced with such hysteria among those being evicted, we were becoming hysterical ourselves. I worked around the clock, using every skill I ever learned to get help and resources."

— Elizabeth Stecher Trebony, September 1996

Since its beginning, Project FIND has worked tirelessly to research the needs of New York City's seniors, develop programs, secure affordable housing, organize its community, and lobby for legislative changes.

Project FIND's mission is to provide low- and moderateincome and homeless seniors with the services and support they need to enrich their lives and live independently. For 50 years, it has done just that. Project FIND provides supportive housing and access to social services at its three residences, which are home to nearly 600 people, as well as low-cost meals and engaging activities at its four seniors centers, which have more than 2,800 members.



# April 2019 NATIONAL POETRY MONTH



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	PAT DASKO
	1	2	3	4	5	6	"I came from Newark, New Jersey and learned to ski," said Pat Dasko. "I danced with the mountains."
	April Fool's Day						Pat's life has taken her around
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	the country, from working in public relations and journalism in Aspen, to acting in Salt Lake, to managing casting in Los Angeles, Pat has done it all from everywhere.
14 Ramanavami	15	16	17	18	19 Good Friday Passover Begins	20	Pat has been a member of the Hamilton Senior Center and Annex since 2000 and was actively involved with the Center's poetry group before suffering a stroke.
21 Easter	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27	Pat is committed to improving her health and takes several fitness and cooking classes at Hamilton and the Annex. Her determination and array of interests are impressive and bring a spirit to the Hamilton and to those with whom she interacts.
28	29	30					"I tried everything that came in front of me at least once," said Pat, reminiscing about her life. "I'm so glad I traveled when I could. My advice, don't be afraid."



# May 2019 OLDER AMERICANS MONTH



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	ASTON GLAVES
			1	2	3	4	Aston Glaves served as Project FIND's Executive Director between 1988 and 1992. He first joined Project FIND as an advisor and then became Chairman of the Board from
5 Cinco de Mayo Ramadan Begins	6	7	8	9	10	11	1974 to 1980. From 1980 to 1988, Aston served as the Executive Director for Housing and Manpower, before transitioning to the role of Executive Director, which he held until he retired.
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 Armed Forces Day	Recognizing that there was a pressing need for meals, housing, and recreation for seniors, Aston was instrumental in securing and transforming Woodstock into
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	an affordable residence for older adults and in obtaining funding from the Port Authority to run Coffeehouse.
							In 1990, Mayor David Dinkins appointed Aston as chairman of the Rent Guidelines
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31		Board, which establishes rent adjustments for rent stabilized units. This leadership role provided even further evidence of the respect Project FIND and Aston had gained within the supportive housing community.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Eid al-Fitr Begins				National Donut Day	Shavuot Begins
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Pentecost					Flag Day	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					First Day	
Father's Day			Juneteenth		First Day of Summer	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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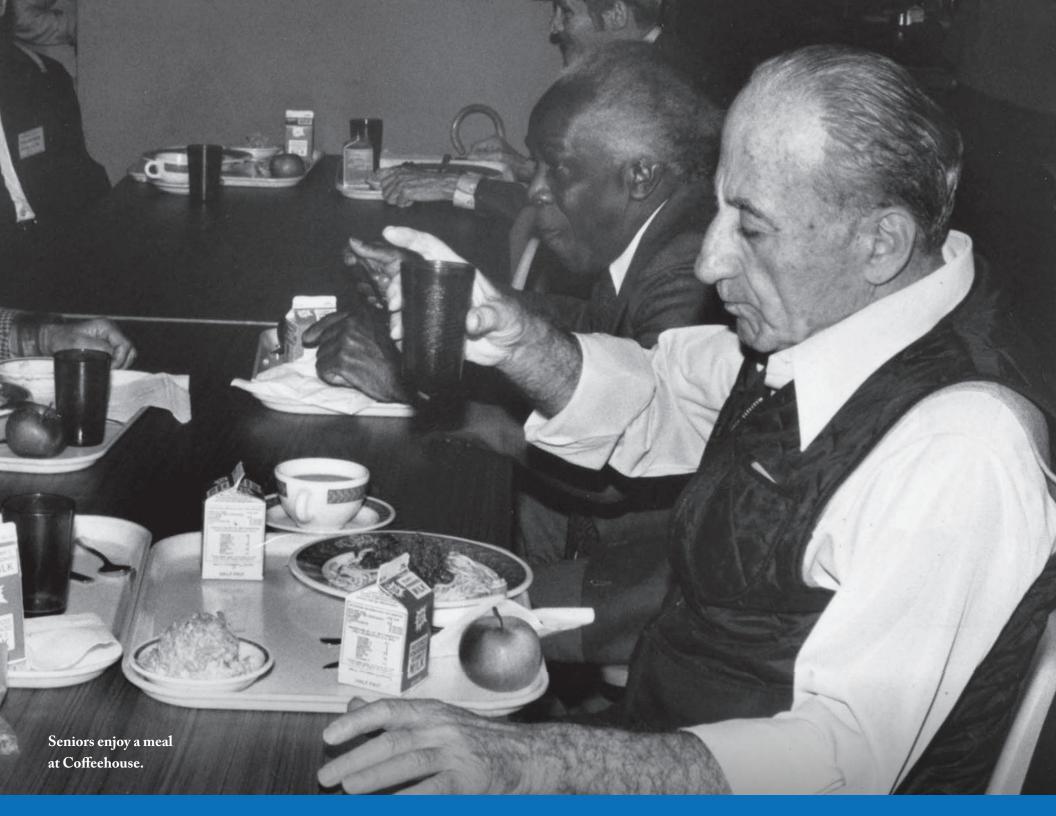
#### **CLINTON SENIOR CENTER**

The Clinton Senior Center began in 1969 as a once-a-week meeting in the basement of Sacred Heart Church. It became a full Senior Center in 1973. In 1977, Clinton moved into the Harborview Terrace—a twobuilding apartment complex and officially became Project FIND's Clinton Senior Center.

Clinton has a computer lab, library, and a large dining room. The center is open Monday to Friday, and lunch is served on weekdays. Many classes and activities are offered at Clinton, including trips, holiday parties, and themed celebrations.

In 2018, Project FIND completed its renovations of Clinton, making updates to Clinton's kitchen, dining room, library, multipurpose room, and more.

The Clinton Senior Center has a charm all its own and is a source of enjoyment for its many participants.



## July 2019 NATIONAL ICE CREAM MONTH



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Pat Dasko's Birthday	Independence Day	Elizabeth Stecher Trebony becomes Executive Director (1967)	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
21	22	23	27	23	20	21
National Ice Cream Day						
28	29	30	31			
		International Day of Friendship				

#### COFFEEHOUSE SENIOR CENTER

Coffeehouse has been serving the Hell's Kitchen/Chelsea neighborhood since the early 1970's, starting as a help desk in the Port Authority Bus Terminal.

For 30 years, Coffeehouse operated in a Port Authority owned building near Times Square. In 2012, with assistance from the Port Authority, Coffeehouse found a new home in the undercroft of the Holy Cross Church.

Today, Coffeehouse is a fully accessible center, providing breakfast and lunch five days a week and offering an expanding number of health and wellness activities as well as popular themed lunch and dinner events. The Center also provides a Thursday evening meal—Dinner at Coffeehouse—and a takeaway meal program—Day for Night—for individuals who are homeless, indigent, or whose living quarters do not contain cooking facilities.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Theodore Dixon's Birthday				National Book Lovers Day	Eid al-Adha Begins
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Senior Citizens Day			Janmashtami
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
						Muharram Begins

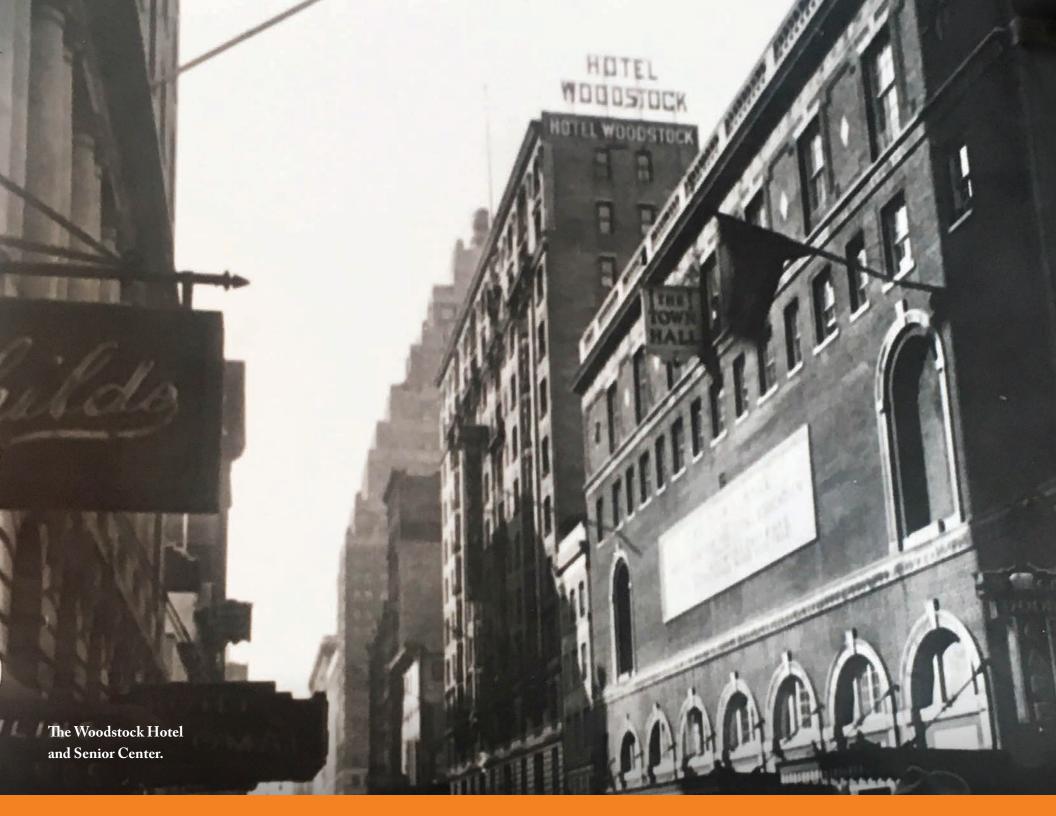
#### THEODORE DIXON

"I've never had a bad day," said Theodore Dixon, Hargrave House resident. Theodore was born in New York City at New York Hospital. At four, his family moved to Williamsburg, Virginia to live on the family farm. Theodore served in the Marine Corps during World War II, stationed in the South Pacific, before being honorably discharged at the war's end. It was at this time that he returned to New York City.

"I had an apartment on 57th Street before I came to Project FIND," said Theodore. "There are many opportunities here, and being in this neighborhood, I've had the chance to expand."

Theodore is up at 5:00 every morning to get ready for his day—"I am very particular about how I dress"—and stands outside from 7:00am to 9:30am to greet people on their way to work.

"The key to happiness is communication," said Theodore. "I aspire to inspire."



# September 2019 HEALTHY AGING MONTH

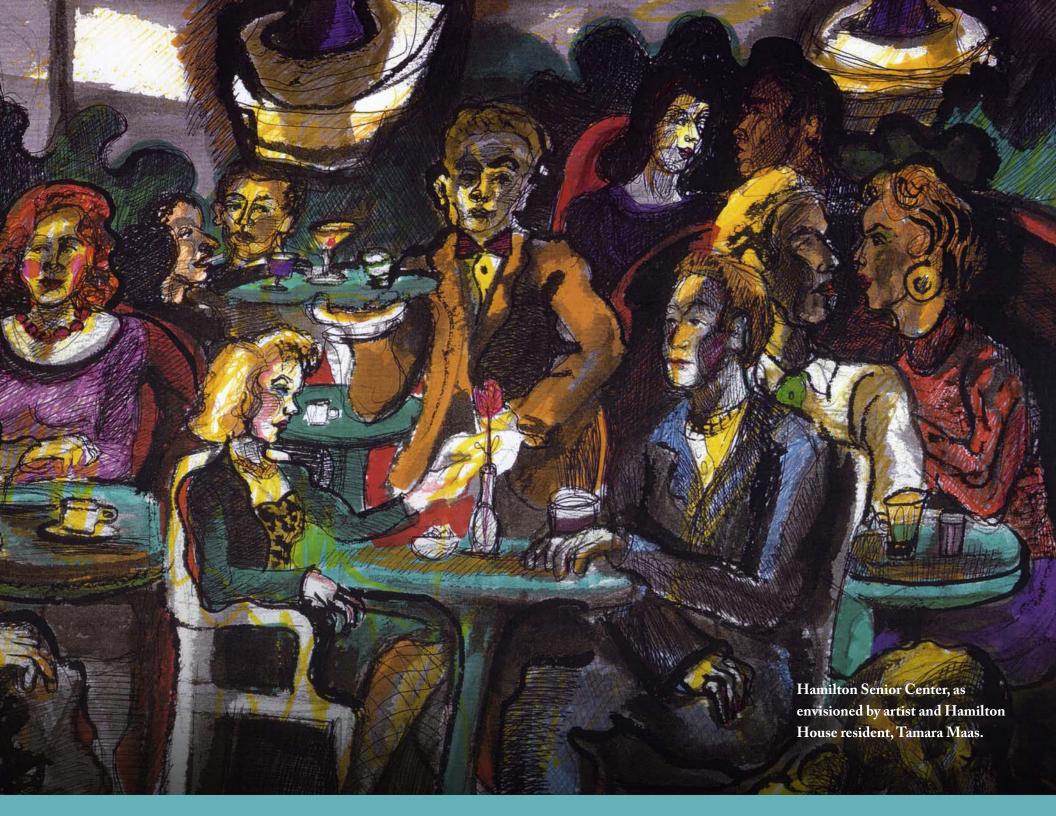


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	THE WOODSTOCK HOTEL AND SENIOR CENTER
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7	First opened in 1903 as the Spalding Hotel, Project FIND took over the lease of the Woodstock Hotel in 1975, becoming the first nonprofit to manage a single room occupancy
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	building in New York. In 1979, Project FIND purchased the Woodstock.
Grandparents' Day			Patriot Day				The Woodstock contains 281 units. Its tenants are 55 or older, earn less than 60 percent of area median
15	16	David Gillcrist becomes Executive Director (2007)	18	19	20	21	income, and 60 percent or more are direct referrals from the New York City Department of Homeless Services. The Woodstock houses a senior center, a social services team, and housekeeping staff.
22	23 First Day of Fall	24	25	26	27	28	Project FIND's Homeless In-Reach (HIR) program has been operating at the center since the mid-1990s, offering showers, clean clothes, meals, and in-house medical and behavioral health services. HIR serves over 100 individuals and places 35 percent of
29	30						its participants in housing each year.
Rosh Hashanah Begins Navaratri Begins							In 2018, Project FIND began a series of capital improvements to the Woodstock, further transforming this historic building into a state of the art facility.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	JO MARCHESE
		1	2	3	4	5	"When I came here, everything was white," said Jo Marchese, Hamilton House resident. Since moving in, Jo has filled her apartment with beautiful colors that symbolize her bright personality.
6	7	8 Yom Kippur Begins	9	10	11	12	Jo was born in Astoria, the last of five children. World War II took her to California, where she worked with the Marine Corps. After the war, she got a job with an airline. "I always wanted to fly," said Jo. She
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	lived in Mexico and Arizona, before returning to New York City in 2001.
Sukkot Begins	Columbus Day						"This is the beginning of the story," said Jo about Project FIND. Through Project FIND, Jo met Elaine, another Hamilton House resident.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	"She was the ideal friend," said Jo. And thanks to the encouragement of Debra Escort, Director of Special Projects, Jo began to sing publicly and recorded a CD.  Jo is one of Project FIND's
27	28	29	30	31			most valued treasures, spreading cheer through her music and her interactions with the FIND community.
Diwali				Halloween			"I want people to know that we're not just sitting around in our rocking chairs," said Jo. "We're living."



# November 2019 National Novel Writing Month



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Daylight Saving Time Ends						Mawlid Begins
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	W. D.					
	Veterans Day					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Thanksgiving		
				Day	Black Friday	

#### **HAMILTON HOUSE** AND SENIOR CENTER

Project FIND's first residential building, Hamilton House, began its life as a hotel in 1919. Thanks to the lobbying efforts of community groups, tenant leaders, and local seniors, Hamilton House was designated an affordable housing resource for older adults in 1972.

Hamilton House has 174 units, comprised of studios and oneand two-bedroom apartments, for those persons who are 62 years of age or older earning less than 80 percent of area median income.

The Hamilton Senior Center, located on the ground floor of Hamilton House, opened in 1973. The Center is open six days a week, offering meals and activities to seniors. The impressive blend of health, wellness, socialization, and recreational activities earned the Center the high honor of being named an Innovative Senior Center by the New York City Department for the Aging.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	LOOKING AHEAD
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	For 50 years, Project FIND I been honored to serve New Y City's seniors. Project FIND success is owed not only to the
	Project FIND Incorporated (1969)	Giving Tuesday				Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	dedication of the women and men who founded and opera
8	9	10 Human Rights Day	11	12	13	14	the organization, but to the collaboration of other service agencies, the commitment of religious leaders, the receptiveness of local and star officials, and, most important
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	the perseverance of seniors we fought to be heard.  Project FIND looks forward continuing to assist and supp New York City's older adults
Jo Marchese's Birthday							for the next 50 years and has undertaken several improvem
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	to continue to upgrade and modernize its facilities.
First Day of Winter Hanukkah Begins			Christmas Day	Kwanzaa Begins			Project FIND also looks forward to the years of growt and success ahead. In additio to work on its facilities,
29	30	31		Ü			Project FIND is expanding if fundraising efforts to build up the innovative programming support services offered to its residents and center member
		New Year's Eve					

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### BY THE NUMBERS



#### **RESIDENCES\***

**Duration of Tenancy** 

20% 15+ years

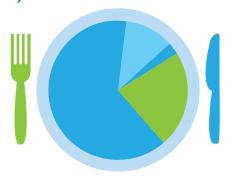
15% 10-14 years

20% 6-9 years

45% < 5 years

#### **SENIOR CENTERS\***

**2,895** Members



### 208,533 Meals Served

Breakfast: 47,113Lunch: 132,358Dinner: 23,302Other Meals: 5,760

#### Attendance

734 members attend at least twice per week
316 members attend at least once per week
597 members attend at least once per month

#### \*City Fiscal Year Data—7/1/2017 through 6/30/2018.

#### **HOMELESS IN-REACH\***

**Contacts** 



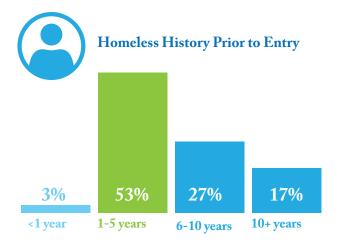
5,643
Showers
Provided



1,723
Articles of Clothing Provided



631
Social
Worker
Contacts



#### Gender

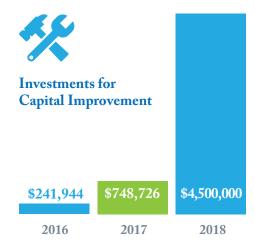
76%	24%
Male	Female

#### Age

36%	37%	14%	13%
0-64	65-69	70-74	75+

<sup>\*</sup>Calendar Year 2017 Data.

## INVESTMENTS AND CONTRACTS







## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended December 31, 2017

#### **Operating Revenues and Other Support**

Grants and Contracts.	\$3,727,141
Contributions and Program Income	\$291,311
Special Events	\$69,607
Rental Income.	\$7,456,576
Vacancies and Concessions.	(\$379,897)
Administrative Fees.	\$8,968
Investments and Other Income.	\$559,296

\$11,733,002

#### **Operating Expenses**

\$11,003,220

#### Change in Net Assets

\$729,782

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Year Ended December 31, 2017

#### Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments	\$5,138,062
Restricted Deposits and Funded Reserves.	\$3,414,908
Grants, Tenant Accounts, and Other Receivable	\$1,022,655
Deferred Rents Receivable.	\$155,962
Prepaid Expenses.	\$290,542
Property and Equipment, Net.	\$18,123,500

\$28,145,629

#### **Liabilities and Net Assets**

Total Liabilities	\$20,227,012
Total Net Assets.	\$7,918,617
(Unrestricted Net Assets.	

\$28,145,629

#### PROJECT FIND SENIOR CENTERS

#### **Clinton Senior Center**

530 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019

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Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

#### Coffeehouse Senior Center

331 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036

Director: Augustine Brown Phone: 646-545-4621

Email: abrown@projectfind.org

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm

#### **Hamilton Senior Center**

141 West 73rd Street, New York, NY 10023

Director: Melissa N. Johnson-Bowen

Phone: 212-787-7710

Email: mbowen@projectfind.org

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday, 9am to 7pm,

and Sunday, 9am to 4pm

#### Hamilton Senior Center Annex

111 West 71st Street, New York, NY 10023

Phone: 212-580-0888

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday, opens at 11am

#### **Woodstock Senior Center**

127 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036

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Hours of Operation: Tuesday to Sunday, 8:30am to 5pm

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Phone: 212-768-2574

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