

Phipps Community Development Corporation Adds a New Site in the Bronx

Following in the footsteps of the success of its West Farms Technology & Career Center (WFTCC), Phipps Community Development Corporation is ready to open the Phipps Opportunity Center, a new community education center in the Melrose section of the Bronx. The brand new facility represents Phipps CDC's expansion to a new neighborhood and the launch of several programs in collaboration with City agencies.

"We are truly excited about the Phipps Opportunity Center and think it will meet a range of academic and vocational needs in this community," said Phipps CDC Executive Director/CEO, Stephen Tosh. "With ESL, literacy, and a state-of-the-art computer lab, we will help teens and adults pursue educational and career goals. We are using our highly successful West Farms site as the model and calling on the expertise of our talented staff to develop the programs and classes."

Along with literacy and ESL instruction and a range of computer classes, the Phipps Opportunity Center is a pilot site for Opportunity NYC Work Rewards, an employment study/incentive program launched by the Mayor's Center for Economic Opportunity. This program will enable Phipps CDC to provide educational, employment and training referrals to a larger group than usual and measure outcomes. By January 2008, the site will also feature a Family Resource Center and on-site childcare for parents enrolled in classes. When the Center is fully operational it will include a GED program, SAT preparation, and college advisement counseling.

And starting in March 2008, the Center will also house a Neighborhood Financial Empowerment Center, through a grant from the Department of Consumer Affairs. This program will offer one-on-one counseling and workshops on debt, credit and banking services, and managing personal finances.

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