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Nazareth Housing Partners with Council Members Ritchie Torres and Vanessa Gibson to Raise Awareness for Domestic Violence

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Nazareth Housing and Thorpe Family Residence will partner with Council Members Ritchie Torres and Vanessa Gibson to host a press conference on Thursday, October 16th at noon to inaugurate the Council Members' Roundtable on Domestic Violence. The Roundtable is a new initiative to combat domestic violence in New York City through outreach, education, prevention, and supportive services. Council Members Torres and Gibson will announce the "scope and shape" of the Roundtable at the press conference, located at Thorpe Family Park, Park Avenue and 183rd Street in the Bronx.

"Engaging the community around the issue of domestic violence is a crucial step to prevent and end the cycle of abuse. I look forward to starting a dialogue along with several other organizations representing non-profits from across the five boroughs," states Nazareth Housing Executive Director Callaghan. Those in attendance will contribute to a "Purple Corner," a unique opportunity to share domestic violence information and resources.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month. In New York City, 62 family-related homicides were reported in 2013 (Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence). Together the community can stamp out domestic violence.

About Nazareth Housing: Founded in 1983, NH celebrates thirty-one years of leadership in low-income housing and support services for families, singles and seniors. Since 2006, NH has served over 21,000 unduplicated households through homelessness prevention, emergency shelter services, and permanent housing. NH is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit, non-sectarian organization, a HUD certified housing counseling agency, and the only HUD certified agency in New York City that works exclusively with low-income and fair housing rental issues. For more information on NH, visit our website at www.nazarethhousingnyc.org.

About Council Member Ritchie Torres (Torres): A lifelong son of the Bronx, Torres was raised in a single-parent household, growing up and living most of his life in a NYCHA public housing development. Torres' deep-seated commitment to serve New York's low-income and working class communities began with his own family's hardships. Torres worked for James Vacca's first campaign in 2005 and by 2011 was named Council Member Vacca's first Housing Director. Torres was elected to office in 2013 to represent the communities of Central Bronx through Council District 15.

About Council Member Vanessa Gibson (Gibson): Born and raised in the Bronx, Gibson is committed to serving New York City. Stemming from her upbringing in the City's public school system, Gibson's dedication to her community ultimately led to her successful election to a seat in the New York State Assembly in 2009, and more recently, to the New York City Council to represent the 16th Council District of Bronx County.

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