



# THORPE FAMILY RESIDENCE

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### Thorpe Family Residence Annual Holiday Party Held at Park Avenue Thorpe

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A festive holiday party for families in supportive housing and shelter from Thorpe Family Residence was hosted at Park Avenue Thorpe on 184<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Ave. The party was a high energy evening as residents enjoyed holiday music, face painting, and photos with Santa, gifts and tons of fun.

Residents received toys, food, clothing and personal supplies provided by the Safety Net Project at the Urban Justice Center and Bronx Council Member Ritchie Torres.

The Safety Net Project at Urban Justice Center distributed toys and clothing to each child at the holiday party. The Safety Net Project is a dedicated legal response team in pursuit of a city that guarantees social and economic justice to all New Yorkers. Councilmember Ritchie Torres donated and personally distributed over 700 toiletries to the women and children receiving services from Thorpe Family Residence. Council Member Torres has shown unwavering dedication to improving the livelihood of New Yorkers from all walks of life, especially low-income and underrepresented communities.

“Families at Thorpe Family Residence are appreciative of the support they received from the Safety Net Project at the Urban Justice Center in building their future stability,” said Michael Callaghan, Executive Director. “Council Member Torres and his commitment to housing and family safety is a tireless advocate for families in his district and across New York City. As we mark celebrations of faith and hope this season, we thank them both for their ongoing support.”

#### About Thorpe Family Residence

Thorpe Family Residence, founded by the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, and now under the auspices of Nazareth Housing, has been providing critical services for over 26 years. Currently Thorpe provides 36 units of housing – 16 units of emergency family shelter and 20 units of permanent supportive housing. TFR also provides food security support for 115 households each week at its food pantry, along with domestic violence outreach and prevention support activity, financial literacy, and nutrition and wellness workshops.

#### About Nazareth Housing

Nazareth Housing was incorporated in 1983 under the leadership of founder Sr. Marion Agnes Daniel’s innovative spirit to reclaim safe and secure housing in the Lower East Side. More than thirty years later Nazareth Housing continues to deliver social impact by providing critically needed supportive and low income housing, homelessness prevention services, urgent needs assistance, and emergency family shelter. Since 2006, nearly 21,000 unduplicated households have been engaged in these critically needed programs. A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, non-sectarian organization, Nazareth Housing is 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, visit [www.nazarethhousingnyc.org](http://www.nazarethhousingnyc.org).

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