535 Fourth Avenue Family Residence Overview

General Facility Details

- The 535 Fourth Avenue Family Residence will be a mixed residential site featuring up to 146 units of Tier II shelter, childcare and program space for Win families, as well as 3,500 square feet of retail.
- The site, currently under construction, will be located at 535 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215.
- The site’s retail space could accommodate two businesses, with storefront opportunities along Fourth Avenue.

Facility/Construction Details

- The expected timeframe for occupancy is September 2019.
- The facility will have twelve floors, plus additional program space in the basement.
- The first floor will feature the retail spaces, as well as the residence’s childcare space and program space. The remaining eleven stories will be transitional residential units.
- Additional program space and the residence’s office will be located in the basement.
- The general layout will include:
  - Up to 146 fully-equipped and furnished apartments of different sizes intended to meet the needs of Brooklyn families. Each unit will have a bathroom, kitchen and closets.
  - Office and counseling space.
  - Childcare room with separate spaces for infants and toddlers.
  - After-school and recreation spaces.
  - Computer lab for employment searches and educational programs.

Residents

- The facility will be for families, mainly single mothers, with children.
- Priority will be given to families who currently live in Brooklyn.
- The current plan for the facility will house up to 146 families.
- Based on previous family composition data and Win’s experience, roughly 1/3 of school-age children will attend local public schools, mostly elementary schools. The rest – and majority of them being older children – will be bused or take public transportation to the schools they were previously attending.
- More than 50% of Win’s clients are employed, typically in the retail, food service and cleaning and maintenance sectors.
- More than 42% of the children living in Win shelters are under the age of six.
- The average age of Win’s homeless moms is 33, with an average of two children, ages newborn to teen, living with them.
- The average length of stay in a Win shelter is a little over one year.
Services and Programs

- General Case Management – ‘Way to Win’ model
  - Intake process
  - The Independent Living Plan
  - Childcare and after-school recreation programs
  - Camp Win
  - Income Building and Career Counselling
  - Medical and Mental Health

- Housing Services
  - Connection to vouchers
  - Apartment searches
  - Move-outs

Site Employees

- This new facility will add roughly 85 full time jobs to the community. All jobs at this facility will be available to qualified community members. Onsite staff will provide social services, security, maintenance and childcare.
- Win will give preference on hiring members from the Brooklyn community for any open positions.
- The general staff composition includes:
  - Management/Administration positions
  - Case Managers, Clinical Social Workers, Employment and Housing Specialists
  - Head Teacher, Assistant Teacher, Youth Services Coordinator, Child Care Associate
  - Security Guards & Additional Security Staff
  - Maintenance, Porters and Drivers
  - City Staff – Department of Education Liaison and Human Resources Staff