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Win Decries Record Breaking Student Homelessness Spotlighted in Advocates for Children Report, Renews Call for Next Mayor to End Homelessness Crisis

Advocates for Children's <u>annual report</u> finds more than 150,000 NYC public school students were homeless last year

New York, NY – Today, Win, the largest provider of housing and supportive services for homeless families with children in New York City and the nation, issued the following statement following the release of Advocates for Children's report showing more than 150,000 New York City public school students were homeless last year, toppling previous records. In context, New York City has more homeless students than the Dallas public school system has students.

Win commends Advocates for Children for continuously shining a light on this crisis. With Advocates for Children's scrutiny, the city's homelessness epidemic, and regression, has become an unavoidable crisis for advocates and leaders alike, demanding immediate action. According to Advocates for Children's report, the city has regressed over the past year with 1 in 7 students experiencing homelessness over the course of the year, a change from 1 in 8 last year.

Today's report comes as Win continues to call on mayoral candidates to adopt a comprehensive action plan designed to end the family homelessness crisis. Among the recommendations, Win calls for the mayor to appoint a Deputy Chancellor for Students in Temporary Housing to exclusively serve the homeless student population, expand CityFHEPS, and build housing units for extremely low income families. The complete plan includes 40 recommendations designed to help families find and keep permanent housing, and can be read in full HERE.

"Over 150,000 students going without a permanent home – one in seven students – is a moral failure and a stark indictment on our city," said Christine C. Quinn, President & CEO of Win. "We know that homeless students face an uphill climb, from battling chronic absenteeism to struggling to meet the benchmarks their housed peers routinely meet. As our city prepares to welcome a new mayor, we have a ripe opportunity to bring new attention to this crisis and to finally end the family homelessness epidemic. I urge our leaders in City Hall to embrace bold, new solutions to get more families into permanent homes and to end this crisis once and for all."

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Win is the largest provider of shelter and supportive housing for families experiencing homelessness in New York City and the nation, operating 16 shelters and over 450 units of supportive housing across all five boroughs. For over 40 years, Win has provided safe housing, trauma-informed services, and innovative programs to help families rebuild their lives. In the past year, Win served nearly 12,400 people – including over 6,700 children – and helped almost 1,000 families transition out of shelter into homes of their own.