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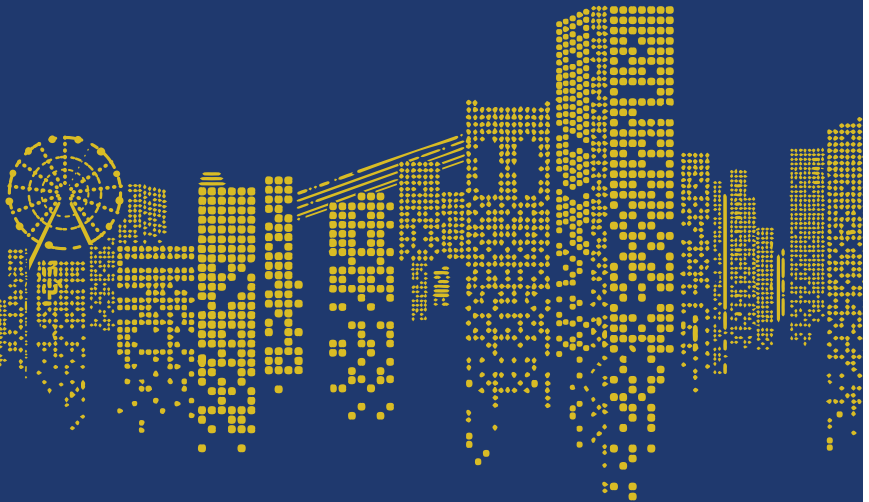
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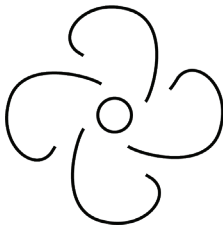
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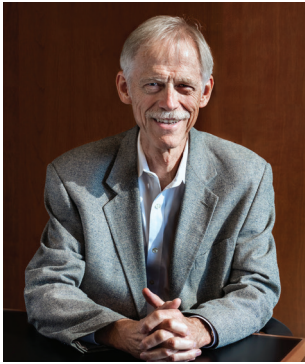
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## **BUILDER OF HOPE** Community Leadership Award

### **JENS PETER HANSEN**

*BCHS Board Chairman*

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**Peter Hansen** is a Vice Chairman and Principal at Monadnock Construction. Peter's current role includes oversight and advising on operational issues, as well as continuing to play a key role in the company's ongoing multi-phase Nehemiah Spring Creek project in Brooklyn. Prior to joining Monadnock in 1984, Peter was a residential contractor and worked for an architectural firm and a not-for-profit housing organization. Peter studied Architecture at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Peter joined the BCHS Board of Directors in 2009 and has served on various committees since then, most recently serving as Board Chair since 2017. Peter's expertise in the affordable housing and building industries have provided essential support to the organization, allowing BCHS to maintain its historic Brooklyn Gardens property while pursuing a substantial renovation. Peter's expertise has also been essential in helping BCHS pursue new housing developments that will create a significant number of new units of housing in the years to come.

Through Peter's leadership as Chair the agency's fundraising efforts have grown, while the Board has expanded, adding new areas of expertise that have greatly helped the organization. Finally, Peter's leadership has been vital in helping the agency navigate the Covid-19 pandemic, so that it could continue to operate effectively and help its formerly homeless residents remain healthy and safe during the last three years.

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## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: FRED TURBEE

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Fred Turbee is a remarkable resident of BCHS' Oak Hall program, exemplifying strength and resilience throughout his journey to sobriety and personal growth. Raised in Queens, Fred faced early challenges with substance abuse. After serving honorably in the Marines, he worked in the private sector, but eventually succumbed to addiction, resulting in the loss of his job and housing.

Seeking help, Fred turned to the V.A. and found himself referred to BCHS' Oak Hall program in 2001. Surrounded by supportive staff and fellow Veterans, Fred began opening up about his experiences, displaying immense courage and determination. He successfully managed his depression and triumphed over treatment for prostate cancer.

Maintaining his sobriety, Fred continues to reside at Oak Hall and has become a respected leader in the agency's Veterans' support groups. He also serves as a mentor to other residents in recovery. During his working years, Fred earned multiple promotions and made significant contributions until his recent retirement. He has found love and stability in a committed long-term relationship.

Fred's journey serves as an inspiration, highlighting the importance of a strong support system. Throughout his struggles, his parents have consistently provided love and encouragement, which have been instrumental in his recovery.

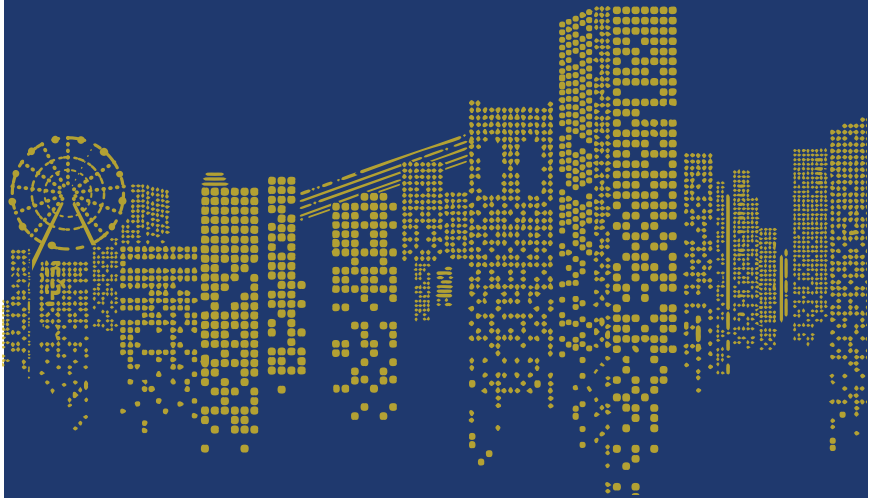
Fred's story is a testament to the transformative impact of programs like Oak Hall and the unwavering dedication of BCHS. He serves as a shining example of personal triumph and the potential for positive change when individuals receive the support they need.

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to Jeff Nemetsky and  
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to Peter Hansen for his  
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*Nellie Perera and Tony DeAngelis*

## SPECIAL PERFORMANCE: BRYAN BAUTISTA

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Bryan Bautista the Puerto Rican/Dominican singer out of Brooklyn, New York, is now an emergent star who channels the most profound R&B ethos with lush power, able to infuse the myriad Latin rhythms and Spanish language naturally all into the most appealing Pop sensibilities.

This joyous rise from local shows to notoriety began with his singing of the National Anthem at Brooklyn’s Barclays Center while he was working there as an usher. This led to his discovery on Season 10 of *The Voice*, finishing as a semi-finalist.

He is also working on his debut EP produced by the prolific Jerry Wonda. The EP already includes a stellar rendition of a Miguel penned song, “Do You Ever Wonder Baby.”

Wishing BCHS much success with the  
**2023 FEELS LIKE HOME GALA!**

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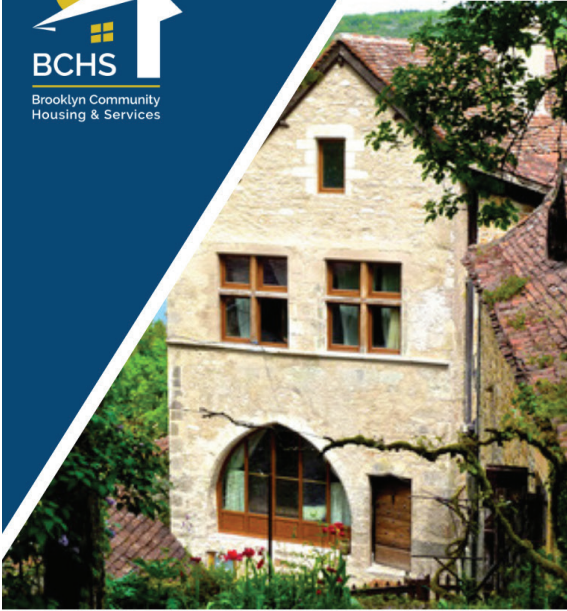


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## BCHS' HISTORY

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Brooklyn Community Housing & Services (BCHS) was founded in 1978 to address homelessness and provide essential support in Brooklyn. In 1980, BCHS pioneered one of the first Scattered-Site Apartment Programs for homeless mentally ill adults, offering private apartments with necessary services.

In 1991, BCHS opened Brooklyn Gardens, a historic housing complex for 180 formerly homeless and vulnerable New Yorkers. This large-scale supportive housing development provided short-term, transitional, and permanent housing. Its design promoted community through the use of a shared courtyard and ample interactive spaces.

In 2006, BCHS became one of the first supportive housing agencies to provide specialized services for formerly homeless seniors and individuals returning to the community after incarceration. BCHS has since created specialized programming for domestic violence survivors, families experiencing trauma, and Veterans.

In 2012, with its partners, BCHS launched Navy Green, permanent supportive housing on the site of a former U.S. Navy jail. It served formerly homeless individuals with mental illness and low-income working adults. Navy Green offered case management, counseling, vocational training, and recreational activities.

In 2012 BCHS also established the Brooklyn Housing Assistance Center (BHAC), a comprehensive approach to homelessness prevention. The BHAC worked with low-income adults and families in Brooklyn, providing case management, landlord mediation, legal assistance, financial aid, and other support.

During this period BCHS further developed its clinically

## **BCHS' HISTORY**

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based recreational activities, establishing art therapy, horticultural therapy, and drama therapy initiatives. Additional therapeutic activities have been created around music, tennis, wellness, and knitting and crochet.

BCHS's Moving On initiative started in 2017, funded by the Robin Hood Foundation and CSH, and promoted maximum independence for formerly homeless individuals. It helped stable residents transition from supportive housing to independent living in the community.

BCHS has plans for three new housing developments underway. Today, BCHS provides housing for 412 individuals daily and 1,200 annually, serving the community in its quest for a future where everyone has a place to call home.

### **BCHS Staff**

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BCHS is committed to ending homelessness in Brooklyn. We provide safe and clean supportive housing each year for more than 1,200 formerly homeless and at-risk women, children, and men, and help them learn how to live productively and independently, with dignity and hope.

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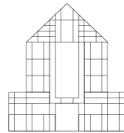
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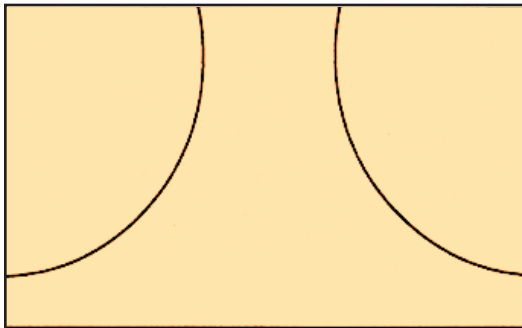
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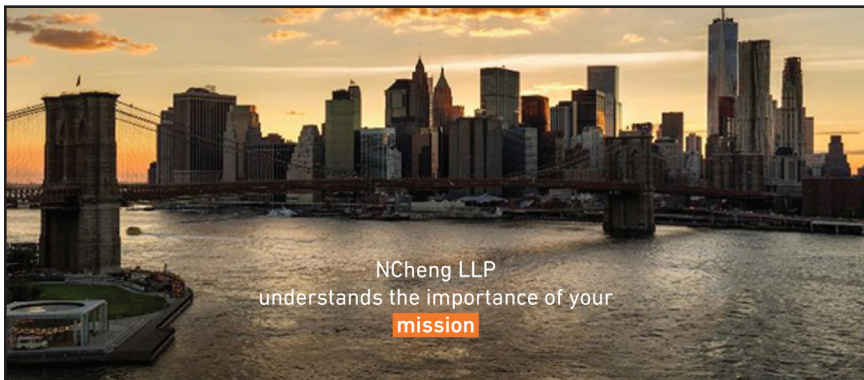
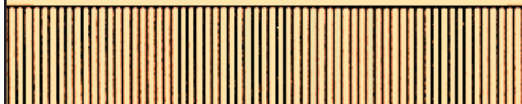
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