

Friends in the City, Inc.
Report to New York Quarterly Meeting
January 20, 2019

Dear Nancy Britton, Clerk, and Friends of NYQM,

Friends in the City has provided sponsorship and advisory support to the low-income housing residence, Cedars, at 745 Fox Street in the Bronx, for fourteen years.

Our role has been limited, although essential, during the start-up and foundational period of this supportive development's existence. We are grateful for the opportunity to have served formerly homeless and low-income tenants from throughout New York City. We are very happy to report that Cedars is successfully carrying out its stated mission—to house New Yorkers in an affordable, service-rich, and well-maintained apartment building respectful of community values and individual needs. The project exceeds the mission in many ways, such as achieving energy efficiency, stabilizing many homeless families and individuals, and creating a spirit of community sharing among tenants with different backgrounds and current life-goals.

Cedars is fiscally sound under the property management wing of the Lantern Organization (also doing business as Lantern Group), and successful in delivering program to once-insecure New Yorkers under Lantern Organization's social service agency.

Our committee asks New York Quarterly Meeting to lay us down. Our committee will work with Quarterly Meeting Trustees and Audit and Budget as long as we are needed to ensure legal passage of our sponsorship role to experienced, hands-on managers of housing program, property, and finances.

Our task has expired, and we are confident that the service mission Friends took up in sponsoring Cedars will be continued under the care of the supportive and low-income housing professionals we have been privileged to work with these many years.

Respectfully,
Clare, Carol Jackson

Steven Monroe Smith, Frederica Azania