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- ▶ From left, homeless, mentally ill women residents of the Transitional Living Community (TLC); Susan Goberman of Trees New York; Wallace P. Parker Jr. of KeySpan Energy Delivery; Donna Santarsiero and Donald Starcke of the Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service; and David Crutchfield, TLC Horticulturalist.

Planting trees for a healthy community in East New York



The Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service partnered with Trees New York to present the Healthy Community Tree Planting event on Monday, November 20 in an effort to improve the urban environment in East New York, Brooklyn. This community-building event brought together Brooklyn's community leaders planting trees alongside the homeless, mentally ill women of the Brooklyn Bureau's Transitional Living Community program in East New York as part of an environmental stewardship program to decrease adverse environmental conditions in this community. The goal of the Healthy ▶

- ◀ William Bryant Logan, owner of Urban Arborist, Inc. and Board Member of Trees New York, prepares a tree pit near 116 Williams Avenue with the women of TLC.



East New York Green Thumbs Pretty Up Williams Avenue



▶ The tree planting received publicity in the East New York edition of the *Brooklyn Courier* (above), and the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* papers.

Community Tree Planting is to increase the canopy cover through community participation and education. A total of five honey locust trees were planted along Williams Avenue in East New York. This project has been generously funded by New York Community Trust, LuEsther T. Mertz Charitable Trust and ConEdison.

- ▶ William Turner, third from left, Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service Board Member and President of Cross Boro Realty Co. in Brooklyn, shows his support of the Healthy Community Tree Planting project.



▲ Clients, staff, volunteers and friends of the Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service walking at its first Fun Walk in Prospect Park

Walking to raise awareness and funds for adults with developmental disabilities

A multitude of Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service clients, staff and supporters took part in the agency's first **Fun Walk** at Prospect Park Sunday, October 22 and helped raise more than \$4,000 of much-needed funds to expand the recreation programs for adults with disabilities who live in Brooklyn. The Brooklyn Bureau's recreation programs offer a bowling league, art classes and weekend trips in the community, plus opportunities to establish friendships, build skills and self-confidence. Local **Fun Walk** supporters included JPMorgan Chase, Pfizer, Walgreens, Sysco Foods, Miracle Grill, Il Camelion Beauty Salon, Pilo Arts Salon and Day Spa, and the Park House/Circles Restaurant.



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Brooklyn Bureau social worker receives The Child Welfare Fund Best Practices Award

Eugene Chukumwa Okafor, a preventive services social worker with the Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service's Bedford-Stuyvesant Family Center, was awarded a Best Practices award in the category of Caseworker/Specialist by the Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA) on Thursday, November 9. COFCCA administers The Child Welfare Fund awards. These awards honor those people who consistently go above and beyond the "call of duty" in practice standards for children's permanency planning. Okafor received a \$1,000 cash award.

- ▶ David Tobis, Executive Director of The Child Welfare Fund, presents Eugene Chukumwa Okafor with the Best Practices award.

