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F·E·G·S RECEIVES NONPROFIT DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTED BY THE NEW YORK HOUSING CONFERENCE AND THE NATIONAL HOUSING CONFERENCE

F·E·G·S was named Nonprofit Developer of the Year by the New York Housing Conference and the National Housing Conference at their 37th Annual Awards Luncheon, held on December 9, 2010 at the New York Hilton. In accepting the award, Gail A. Magaliff, F·E·G·S Chief Executive Officer stated, "We are honored to be recognized by the New York and National Housing Conference leadership. The extraordinary public/private



Stuart Oltchick, F·E·G·S President (second from left) with F·E·G·S Board members Thomas Blumberg, Judith Rose Margulies, Benjamin Ira Gertz, and Robert O. Lehrman, who is also an F·E·G·S past President, a Trustee of the National Housing Conference and Chairman Emeritus of the Housing Conference Luncheon.

partnership, which has built a national network of low income and specialized housing as represented by the many organizations and individuals here today, has given millions of individuals and families not only a place to live, but a home. F·E·G·S, with the support of many government partners and communities, is proud that so many individuals with disabilities who reside in an F·E·G·S apartment or residence now have a home and can live with dignity and independence."

F·E·G·S RESIDENTIAL AND HOUSING PROGRAMS SERVE SOME 1,300 ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

F·E·G·S has provided residential and housing alternatives for more than 30 years, and currently provides housing programs and support services to individuals with mental illness, intellectual disabilities, those who are deaf or hard of hearing,

deaf/blind, individuals with significant medical problems and those who were formerly homeless. Through several decades, F·E·G·S has assumed the operations of 14 organizations, including the New York Society for the Deaf, and continues to operate all of the former NYSD housing programs. F·E·G·S housing initiatives receive primary funding through our many partnerships with government, including: the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York; the New York State Office of Mental Health; the New York State Office of People with Developmental Disabilities; and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Some 1,300 people were served in the fiscal year 2009-10, with F·E·G·S providing more than:

- 750 beds for people with a mental illness;
- 300 beds for people with an intellectual or developmental disability;
- 200 beds for people with other disabilities, primarily deaf or hard of hearing.



(L-R) Gail A. Magaliff, CEO, F·E·G·S and Ira Machowsky, Executive Vice President, F·E·G·S accept the Nonprofit Developer of the Year Award presented by Lorraine Y. Collins, Policy Advisor, N.Y. State Homes & Community Renewal, a member of the Young Leadership Council of the New York Housing Conference.



(L-R) Yolanda L. Robano-Gross, Vice President, Developmental Disabilities, Residential Services, F·E·G·S; Gerardo Ramos and Martin Sussman, Assistant Vice Presidents for F·E·G·S Behavioral Health Residential Services; Caren Abate, Deputy Director of Housing, New York State Office of Mental Health; and Peg Moran, Senior Vice President, F·E·G·S Residential and Housing Services.

F·E·G·S facilities range from apartment buildings with 137 units, to 50 community residences, to small family-like group homes, to individual apartments, providing a continuum of care and a spectrum of services that residents receive from a diverse and highly skilled staff and the agency's network of health and human services and partnerships with community organizations, businesses, religious institutions and friends and families.

ADVOCATES FOR HOUSING POLICY AND SOLUTIONS

The New York Housing Conference (NYHC) is a broad-based coalition of nonprofit and private developers,

owners, managers, professionals, and funders of affordable housing whose goal is decent, affordable housing for all New Yorkers. NYHC advocates for the housing needs of all New Yorkers through education and positive change in public policy. NYHC is an affiliate of the National Housing Conference, which acts as a nonpartisan advocate for effective housing policy solutions at the local, state, and national levels.

LEADERS IN DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE HOUSING ARE HONORED

The housing conference also honored the following individuals and organizations for their exceptional service to the community: *Public Service Award* – **Marc Jahr**, President, **New York Housing Development Corporation**; *Clara Fox Award for Outstanding Achievement* – **William R. Frey**, Executive Vice President; *Private Developer of the Year* – **The Bluestone Organization**; and *Special Recognition* to **Federal Home Loan Bank of New York**, on the 20th anniversary of its Affordable Housing Program.

The Conference event annually attracts more than a thousand business and community leaders from businesses and organizations that deliver affordable housing. Prior to the luncheon, morning symposia explored new options in financing, tax credits, and funding for future affordable housing development. ■