



HOPE

for the Holidays

Dear Friends:

As the holiday season approaches, we give thanks for your support of **Abraham House**. We invite you to join us as we celebrate the achievements of the young men and women who graduated from programs made possible by your generous donations.

Our graduates include **Noemi and Oscar** – two inspiring young people from the South Bronx who first began attending our After School Program as toddlers. Over the years, Noemi and Oscar have received tutoring, homework assistance, personal guidance and participated in cultural activities through our Saturday and Summer programs. Now, Noemi and Oscar are both freshmen at college — attending Hunter and Iona respectively — taking the lessons they learned at Abraham House with them into the real world. **Both Noemi and Oscar attribute their ability to transcend the distractions of life in the inner-city to their access to the safe haven and youth programs provided daily at Abraham House.**

And, residents like **James** who recently graduated from our Alternative to Incarceration Program. James was referred to Abraham House because his attorney saw his potential in turning his life around and did not want a one-time offense to define who he was or could be. **Thanks to the case management, life counseling, spiritual guidance and job skills James received at Abraham House, James has successfully paid his debt to society and is now fully employed as well as re-connected with his beautiful, young family.**

With help from Abraham House, these three individuals overcame the stigmas that often plague the residents of urban areas. Noemi, Oscar and James are proof that together we can break the cycle of incarceration that families affected by poverty and societal ills may face. **Graduates like Noemi, Oscar and James remind us that the mission of Abraham House is alive in each person that walks through our doors and is transformed by the sense of hope, faith and community that flows through our halls.**

For more than twenty years, our staff and volunteers have been committed to honoring the potential for greatness that each human being possesses and helping them to access the resources they need to achieve their goals. **At Abraham House, lives are rebuilt, families mended, and lessons are learned.**

Abraham House is an oasis in the Bronx where men, women, and children receive the spiritual, social and practical tools to become productive citizens. And, our unique approach is shared with residents, participants, youth, their families and the entire community — all are our partners in the effort to improve the lives of those we serve.

This year, Abraham House will provide services to more than 500 people, and feed 15,000, because of your generosity. Please help us keep the doors of Abraham House open so we can continue to deliver a sense of hope and community to all those who may be in need. *Please review the enclosed donation card to select a way to help us deliver hope for the holidays.*

Wishing you and yours the happiest and most joyous holiday season,



Andre Pabon, MSW, Executive Director

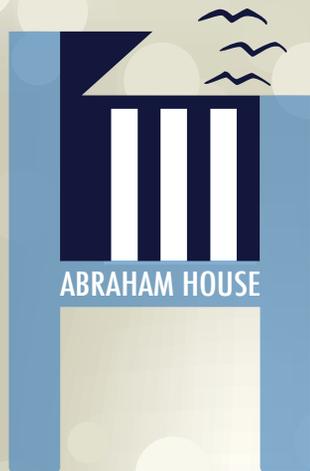
P.S. Your generous holiday gift today will help young people and their families in the South Bronx break the cycle of incarceration and reach their full potential. Thank you for sending your contribution to Abraham House before **December 31st.**



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**To preview
a video of
personal stories
highlighting the
impact of Abraham House
please visit abrahamhouse.org**
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ABRAHAM HOUSE

A place of hope and community.
Breaking the cycle of incarceration.
Serving the South Bronx for over 20 years.

ABRAHAM HOUSE depends on the generosity of individual donors like you to fund our successful on-site programs and support services for families in need which we offer every day, all year round.

Your donation counts...on average it costs nearly \$60,000 in taxpayers' dollars to incarcerate, feed and house a low-level offender. At Abraham House, it costs only \$20,000 to rehabilitate and transform that same individual into a productive, law-abiding citizen.

PLEASE HELP US TO CONTINUE OUR MISSION BY MAKING A DONATION.



FUNDING

-  INDIVIDUAL DONORS
-  Other
-  Private Foundations

OUR PROGRAMS



The **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

offers a safe haven, academic support, counseling, and a youth development curriculum to help children move ahead to the next academic grade, graduate from high school, and stay free of juvenile delinquency and criminal activity.

“Our youth have a 97% graduation rate which is 23% higher than typical after school programs.”

“Our holistic approach has a 95% success rate at reducing criminal relapse.”



The **ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION PROGRAM**

is a core component in Abraham House's mission to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty and crime. In lieu of prison, this program works with mostly non-violent criminal offenders who have been assigned by the judicial system to Abraham House for a period of rehabilitation lasting 1 to 3 years. Our "Road to Employment" initiative provides job training, GED and College preparation, family intervention, personal as well as spiritual counseling and mandatory participation in community service projects.

“The Family and Pastoral Center serves more than 15,000 individuals in need of a hot meal and a place to engage with their neighbors.”



The **FAMILY AND PASTORAL CENTER**

provides a place of community and strength, where families affected by incarceration, poverty and other social ills, can receive the crucial, supportive services needed to help them navigate life in the inner city.

To see a video about Abraham House or to make an online donation, please visit www.abrahamhouse.org

ABRAHAM HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS



SPRING BENEFIT | At our Spring Benefit, we honored **New York City Council Speaker Melissa Mark Viverito** who called Abraham House “an oasis in The Bronx.” The Spring Benefit served as our public celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the mission of Abraham House and was held at NYU’s Kimmel Center.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION | With the help of Abraham House Board member, **Sarmad Khojasteh** and his wife **Anjella Teimoori**, the owner of the events firm **Many Little Details**, we hosted a Halloween party for the children in our After School program to ensure that they had a safe space to enjoy trick or treat festivities.



HOLIDAYS HAPPENINGS | **Abraham House hosts three wonderful events for the holiday season:**

- A dinner for ATI program members so they can engage with their families in a safe, loving environment.
- A pre-Thanksgiving distribution of 250 turkeys to the entire Mott Haven community through the Food Pantry services within the Pastoral and Family Center.
- The giving season is highlighted by a community holiday party and toy presentation on **December 18th**. All are invited to attend this event to share in the mission of Abraham House.

To support our holiday toy drive or to schedule a visit, please email info@abrahamhouse.org.

HELP US TO DELIVER **HOPE** *for the Holidays*

Please select a way to support Abraham House:

- \$200** | Provides school and educational supplies for children in need
- \$500** | Provides religious instruction classes as children prepare for First Communion
- \$750** | Provides art, music, and cultural activities for students in our Saturday Program
- \$1,500** | Provides job training courses for young adults in our Road to Employment Program
- \$2,500** | Provides crisis intervention services for families in need
- \$3,500** | Provides hot meals to the community every Saturday for 2 months
- \$5,000** | Underwrites tutoring to help children excel in math and reading
- \$10,000** | Underwrites our After School Program for a school year
- \$20,000** | Underwrites the cost of feeding and housing a resident in our Alternative to Incarceration Program
- other** | \$ _____
- monthly donation** | A little goes a long way. Please consider making a monthly, repeat contribution via credit card to help Abraham House meet its mission | **\$25** **\$50** **\$100** \$ _____



PAYMENT

Kindly reply by **December 31, 2014**

- Payment enclosed | \$ _____
- Payment by check | Payable to **Abraham House**
- Payment by credit card: Mastercard Visa AmEx

card number _____ exp _____ cvv _____

name (as it appears on card) _____

signature _____

address _____

city _____ state _____ zip _____

phone _____ email _____

How would you like to be listed in acknowledgements?