

October 14, 2010

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Dear Mr. Nish,

On behalf of Community Board 10, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of your application to the New York State Department of Health, Adolescent Health Unit's request for applications (RFA #1007301230) for Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention. It is our understanding that with the aforementioned funding, Safe Horizon's Streetwork program will expand its critically needed comprehensive sexual health programming including family planning and reproductive services, pregnancy prevention, and HIV & STI prevention services for homeless youth in New York City.

Since 1984, the Safe Horizon's Streetwork program have worked with homeless and street-involved youth in New York City to provide them with opportunities to achieve stability; reduce unhealthy behaviors, and ensure their health through a range of practical and supportive services. Streetwork's mission is to offer homeless, runaway and street-involved youth respite from hunger, cold, loneliness and fear and the opportunity to reclaim a sense of dignity and self-worth. The core service is long-term one-on-one counseling, which is offered in a non-judgmental and holistic manner. Additionally, services such as meals, groups, legal, medical and mental health services, and HIV testing are offered. Services are provided at two drop-in centers, located in Harlem and the Lower East Side, and at two emergency shelters, located in Harlem and Midtown.

Sincerely yours

Hazel N. Dukes
Chair of Health & Human Services