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20 YEARS AND 137,000 SURVIVORS: RIBBON CUTTING UNVEILS BROOKLYN FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER'S MAJOR EXPANSION ON 20TH ANNIVERSARY

72 PERCENT INCREASE IN OFFICE SPACE DEDICATED TO CIVIL SERVICES AND NEW CLIENT-CENTERED AMENITIES REFLECT CITY'S COMMITMENT TO SURVIVORS

New York, NY – On the 20th anniversary of the Brooklyn Family Justice Center, the Mayor's Office and Brooklyn District Attorney's Office is unveiling a major expansion after serving more than 137,000 survivors of domestic and gender-based violence since 2005.

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Our new space on the 14th floor of 350 Jay St. is nearly twice as large and reflects our commitment to serving more Brooklynites in an environment that is safe, comfortable and healing. New features include:

- **Calm room** for rest and reflection
- **Lactation room**
- Client-accessible refrigerator with **fresh fruit and vegetables**.

Our focus on equipping service providers includes a training room that is five times as large, accommodates 60 people and can hold multiple courses simultaneously.

At the same time, the Kings County District Attorney's Victim Services Unit is more than doubling its office space. The Human Trafficking Unit will also join as a new on-site partner—bringing essential prosecutorial and support services together under one roof.

FAST FACTS (2005-2025)	HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW EXPANSION
137,652 CLIENTS	72% INCREASE IN OFFICE SPACE
394,197 VISITS	27 NEW OFFICES (TOTAL: 63)
152 COUNTRIES	CLIENT-CENTERED AMENITIES
104 LANGUAGES	STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY

“Being a domestic violence victim can be very lonely and isolating. However, with the Brooklyn Family Justice Center I was no longer alone,” **said Doreen Jones, an alumna of ENDGBV's committee of survivors, VOICES.** “I had support and access to resources to assist me with my journey from victim to survivor. I want to express my gratitude for everything that the Brooklyn Family Justice Center has helped me to

achieve. I am confident that through this expansion remarkable things will be achieved on a larger scale, for BKFJC's clients and their and their families.”

“For any individual or family experiencing domestic or gender-based violence, they need a safe haven,” said **Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, Suzanne Miles-Gustave**. “The Brooklyn Family Justice Center has been that safe haven for Brooklynites for 20 years and these renovations will enable the Center to serve even more people, long into the future. Thank you to the Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office for their partnership in this effort.

“The next chapter of our Brooklyn Family Justice Center deepens our commitment to ensuring survivors have access to the services they need to heal and seek justice,” said **Saloni Sethi, Commissioner of the NYC Mayor’s Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence**. “With our expanded space, we can serve more Brooklynites in a safe, welcoming environment for the next 20 years, while enhancing training for providers and community-based organizations to deliver trauma-informed care. We’re grateful to the Kings County District Attorney’s Office for funding this renovation, and proud to strengthen our partnership with their Victim Services Unit and welcome their Human Trafficking Unit into our shared space to provide coordinated, survivor-centered services for Brooklyn’s diverse communities.”

Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez said, “The Brooklyn Family Justice Center has been a haven for victims and survivors for 20 years, and we are excited that it will soon become bigger and better. The expansion will allow our Gender-Based Violence Division to further improve its services, meeting families where they are – with care, dignity, and support under one roof. I’m grateful for our partnership with the Mayor’s Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence and the many service providers that work together with compassion and purpose.”

“I’m incredibly proud of all that the Brooklyn Family Justice Center (BKFJC) has accomplished over the past 20 years. I’ve had the privilege of being part of this journey for more than 15 of those years, and I’ve seen firsthand how powerful trauma-informed care can be—especially when paired with real-time, accurate information and options for survivors and their families,” said **Alice Hawks, Executive Director of the Brooklyn Family Justice Center**. “Every day, I’m inspired by our clients, their children, and our dedicated staff—as well as by the Family Justice Center model itself, which is designed to reduce barriers and burdens for both service providers and the people we serve. I look forward to seeing how BKFJC will continue to grow and evolve in the years ahead, always adapting to meet the changing needs of Brooklyn survivors.”

The Brooklyn Family Justice Center opened in 2005 under a federal grant to expand services to survivors with multiple service needs. Since then, the BKFJC has been funded by a combination of city-funded services conducted by non-profit partners, and in-kind services by other city agencies and organizations. We serve Brooklynites regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, and primary languages. All our services are free and confidential.

Our core services include safety planning, case management, criminal justice assistance, immigration legal assistance, family court and matrimonial legal assistance, housing legal assistance and support, children and youth counseling, adult counseling and financial and economic empowerment.

About the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV)

ENDGBV supports survivors of domestic and gender-based violence by developing and delivering accessible and inclusive services to survivors, their families, and communities through collaboration with government agencies, community partners, survivors, and philanthropy. We strive to ensure that the City's services and resources reduce barriers, address gaps in service, and create new pathways to safety through program development, legislative and policy advocacy, research, training, community-based initiatives and engagement, and operation of the five New York City Family Justice Centers that service more than 2,300 clients per month.