



What We Do

For the past 16 years, WHEDCo has sustained its innovative work, successfully transforming the Bronx into a more beautiful, equitable, and economically vibrant place to live and raise a family. We set high standards and delivered high-quality results to over 8,000 individuals annually:

Building “Green” Homes

WHEDCo restores and revitalizes the Bronx, and helps low-income women and families by building beautiful, healthy, energy-saving, and internet-wired affordable homes. Our flagship apartment complex, Urban Horizons, is undergoing a basement-to-ceiling energy retrofit that will ultimately save over \$150,000 in utility costs and benefit the environment. Later this winter, approximately 430 adults and children will be residents of our second “green” affordable housing complex, Intervale Green, and an adjacent studio apartment building, the Louis Nine House, for youth aging out of foster care.

Family Support and Housing Services

WHEDCo’s social workers assist families in becoming emotionally and economically stable, and help homeless families transition out of the shelters into safe, affordable homes. We assist families in negotiating apartment leases, obtaining health insurance, identifying public benefits and initiating financial planning. Social workers provide crisis intervention and extensive psychological counseling, and offer free fresh food and groceries through our community Food Pantry.

Home-based Childcare Microenterprise Network

WHEDCo provides families with financial opportunity by helping community members start and grow successful home-based childcare businesses, providing children with high-quality, nurturing environments, and allowing parents to seek and maintain employment. Last year our network of 180 providers cared for nearly 2,000 children, while earning an estimated *\$8.1 million* annually. WHEDCo was recently selected by the New York State Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS) to serve as the only enrollment agency for informal childcare providers in the Bronx, expanding our reach and services to 10,000+ families annually.

Head Start

WHEDCo nurtures, educates, and develops 104 pre-school children from 18 countries, and helps their parents maintain jobs, by providing an Early Childhood Discovery Center. We provide parents the opportunity to participate in English language and family development classes through our Family Literacy program.

Education and Youth Development

WHEDCo encourages students to be community leaders and to attend competitive high schools and colleges. Students in our Grades K – 8 program engage in art, drama, chess, dance, fitness, music, sewing, computer technology and violin lessons. Middle school students participate in Project STEP, a program that focuses on issues of social justice, and teens meet every evening for athletics, academic enrichment and meetings with business professionals to learn about prospective careers. We serve almost 900 students annually.

Food Business Incubator

WHEDCo offers financial opportunities to emerging food companies by providing affordable space in a 4,500 square foot fully licensed commercial kitchen. The kitchen is currently home to four growing New York food manufacturers.