



News from the Front Lines...

2018 was a strong year for Care For the Homeless. So to ring in 2019, we're thanking a few of the many supporters who joined us in our mission to end homelessness!

Also, we're jumping right into the new year with our Annual Pocketbooks for Paps Drive! We hope you can join in and help!

Homeless Persons' Memorial Day 2018



On December 19th, 2018, Care For the Homeless and Urban Pathways observed Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. The annual event is always held on or about the Winter Solstice – the longest, darkest day of the year. This year, the names of 163 individuals who passed away while homeless or unstably housed, were memorialized.

In addition to speakers from CFH and Urban Pathways, the program also featured City Councilmembers Ben Kallos and Carlos Menchaca, Manhattan Borough President Gale

Brewer, and New York State Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi. We were also honored to be joined by the Commissioner of the Office of Temporary Disability and Assistance Samuel Roberts.

At the state level, Assembly Member Hevesi, has long been an advocate for those experiencing homelessness. His **Home Stability Support** plan aims to introduce rent supplements that will keep over 80,000 families who are facing eviction and homelessness in their homes.

[Did You Know: It is well-documented that keeping people in their homes is more cost effective for the city and state, than housing them in the shelter system.]



In his speech, the Assembly Member touched on the senselessness of the issue. “People are dying on the streets who don’t have to be dying,” he commented. “Just last week I went to a funeral for a man from Ridgewood [Queens] who froze to death. It didn’t have to happen.”

Care For the Homeless is genuinely grateful to all who made Homeless Person’s Memorial Day meaningful. Likewise, we’d like to thank our local elected officials for their consistent commitment to ending homelessness.

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Donor Dossier | Memory Lane's Forget-Me-Not's



Memory Lane's Forget-Me-Nots recently traveled over 330 miles from their hometown of Rimersburg, PA, to donate 150 blessings bags and 174 female hygiene kits to Care For the Homeless.

Team Captain Tina Flick sat for an interview, where she spoke on the project's origins, the power of small town unity, and how you can start your own fundraiser.

[Read Her Full Interview](#)

Provider Profile | Dr. Nickisha Berlus



Dr. Nickisha Berlus has been practicing medicine at Care For the Homeless' Bushwick Health Center in Brooklyn, NY, since early November 2018. The Brooklyn native is both happy and proud to be "serving a patient population that helped me become who I am."

Dr. Berlus primarily works with families and individuals who are under-insured or uninsured. In her interview, she details how she came to work for CFH, her connection to her hometown, and the challenges that accompany serving her patient population.

[Read Her Full Interview](#)

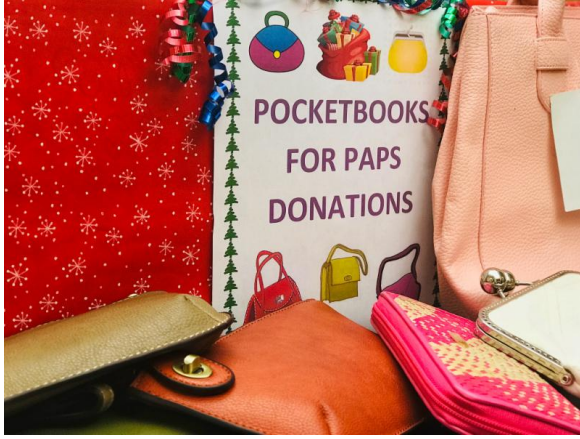
Help Us Promote Cervical Health!

In observance of Cervical Health Awareness Month, CFH is hosting "**Pocketbooks for PAPS.**" The annual drive encourages clients to take care of their cervical health by getting a PAP smear. As a thank you for their participation, the ladies can choose a pocketbook or jewelry from the donations we collect.

Donations are being collected at our 33rd St. office and at **Susan's Place** until

January 24th.

Any questions can be answered by **Ilkia Solano** or **Michael Falcon**.



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