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Pictured l-r: Frost Street resident, Alex Brygider; CEO, Dunn Development, Martin Dunn; Frost St. resident, Angel Pagan; CFS Board Member, Carol Dillon; CFS Executive Director, Steve Vernikoff; and CFS Chairman of the Board, Lloyd Stabiner.

Dunn Development digs deep to provide homes

The Center for Family Support (CFS) and Dunn Development Corp. held a ribbon cutting and open house at CFS's newest residential apartments, located at 59 Frost Street in Williamsburg.

CFS service recipients, who have recently moved into the Frost Street Apartments, spoke about what it means to them to have a home of their own and to live independently and with purpose.

Local elected officials, representatives from the NY Office of People with Developmental Disabilities, the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, Dunn Development Corp., and CFS leadership attended.

"This is a defining moment for eight of our adults with intellectual disabilities and their families. Through CFS's partnership with Dunn Development Corp., we have been able to provide a viable and permanent solution for our adults with intellectual disabilities," said Steven Vernikoff, Executive Director, The Center for Family Support.

Frost Street Apartments uses New York City's Inclusionary Housing Program, Federal and New York State low income housing tax credits, a loan from JPMorgan Chase Bank, and an investment from JPMorgan Capital Corporation to provide deeply affordable housing near McCarren Park, a neighborhood increasingly dominated by luxury housing.

Newly constructed on private land, the 47-unit building serves households at 50, 60, and 80 percent AMI with eight apartments set aside to provide independent living opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities who have access to on-site support from The Center for Family Support.

Frost Street Apartments is the first Dunn Development project to be built using insulated concrete forms, which provides a continuously insulated cast-in-place concrete structure that significantly enhances thermal efficiency and performance when compared to traditional CMU or cast-in-place structures.

"We are thrilled to have The Center for Family Support's residents living in our developments and sharing the opportunity to enjoy a beautiful, safe, and supportive community and to live independent, productive, and fulfilling lives," said Martin Dunn, president of Dunn Development Corp.

"Frost Street Apartments and our recently opened Livonia Commons project bring our total number of apartments with CFS for people with intellectual disabilities to 45. These supportive apartments provide desperately needed permanent and supportive housing for CFS residents in a diverse, mainstream, community setting."