



MHACY unveils \$5.2 million in renovations at Martinelli Manor

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Shown (from left) are: Council minority leader Mike Breen; city court judge Michael Martinelli and his wife Jeanne Martinelli; council majority leader Michael Sabatino; former councilman Richard Martinelli; MHA director Joseph Shuldiner, mayor Mike Spano; VP of MHA board Larry Sansone; senator Shelley Mayer, councilman Anthony Merante; city council president Mike Khader; and NYS assemblyman Nader Sayegh.

Yonkers, NY Martinelli Manor, a 45-unit senior housing complex, is the latest to benefit from renovations as part of a three-year plan by The Municipal Housing Authority and the city to upgrade more than 1,700 units of affordable housing in the city.

City, state and MHACY officials and members of the Martinelli family unveiled the newly renovated building with a tribute to the late mayor Angelo Martinelli, who the complex is named after. More than 25 pieces of memorabilia including photos, the glass insert from the mayor's door in city hall and a gold record of the city's 1970s theme song "I Believe in Yonkers," which was orchestrated by Martinelli as part of a marketing campaign. Martinelli, the city's longest serving mayor, died on Oct. 27 at age 91.

The display added the finishing touches to the \$5.2 million renovation, one of many going on at affordable housing complexes across the city. The interior and exterior work includes painting, new flooring, new kitchens and bathrooms with energy efficient appliances and lighting.

Apartment lobbies and elevators have been upgraded and new exteriors and windows added as well as improved handicapped accessibility.

Mayor Mike Spano said that Martinelli would have been gratified to see the renovations completed. The event was attended by NYS senator Shelley Mayer and members of the city council as well as members of the MHACY board and past Housing Authority officials.

"Angelo Martinelli was a great believer in the city of Yonkers," said Spano. "He loved this city and would have been proud to see the renaissance it is now undergoing. Knowing that our residents, particularly senior citizens, have a better, more comfortable place to live would have made him very happy. I can't think of a more fitting tribute."

Joseph Shuldiner, executive director of MHACY, said that renovations like those at Martinelli Manor are currently going on in 1,300 units of affordable housing throughout the city. He said the work

should be completed by the end of 2019. MHACY is working on obtaining additional funding to complete an additional 400 units by 2020, he said.

“Through the Rental Assistance Demonstration program we have been able to leverage private investment through tax credit incentives to improve our housing stock and create hundreds of construction jobs. We would not have been able to do any of this without the help of New York State, and, in particular, our local delegation and Governor Cuomo.”

Yonkers Chief City Court Judge Michael Martinelli said the Martinelli family was honored by this tribute to his father.

“My father was a big supporter of affordable housing and was instrumental in the construction of this particular building for senior citizens,” he said. “I sure that he would have been very proud. I’m only sorry that he could not be here today, but I’m sure he is with us in spirit.”

About MHACY The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (MHACY) is the largest provider of affordable housing in the City of Yonkers and the third largest public housing authority in New York State. MHACY has an unparalleled commitment to redeveloping, managing and administering its housing stock to provide low-income families, the elderly and disabled individuals with access to good, sustainable housing that improves the quality of the residents’ lives, fosters their economic success, and allows them to serve as integral members of communities in which they live. For more information visit www.mhacy.org

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