

# Community Access, Inc.



**Mission Statement:** Community Access assists people with psychiatric disabilities in making the transition from shelters and institutions to independent living. We provide safe, affordable housing and support services, and we advocate for the rights of people to live without fear or stigma.

**Service Area:** New York City

**Address:** 2 Washington Street, 9th Floor  
New York, New York 10004  
**Phone:** 212-780-1400  
**Website:** www.communityaccess.org  
**Total Employees:** Full-time: 241 Part-time: 22  
**Annual Revenue:** \$23,385,148  
**Year Established:** 1974

**Managing Executives:** Steve Coe,  
Chief Executive Officer

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## Why Community Access Matters

Every year, Community Access makes a big difference in the lives of nearly 2,000 people who are overcoming mental illness and homelessness. We help get people off the streets, out of shelters and hospitals, and into safe, affordable homes. We invest in people's unique talents and abilities—and strengthen the community—through job training, health and wellness programs, counseling, creative arts workshops, pet therapy, and so much more! Through all of these efforts, we empower individuals to understand that recovery is possible—and within reach.

## Of Note:

We maintain a core value that at least 51% of our staff at all levels of the organization are or have been consumers of mental health services. For Community Access, being a resource for people with mental illness starts with building a community within the organization that demonstrates inclusion and empowers people to use their life experiences and talents to help others.

Our affordable housing programs provide homes to over 1,100 individuals in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and the Bronx. Our programs enable people with mental illness to live side-by-side in buildings with working families. By successfully blending together these populations, we reinforce real world experiences—and fight stigma—by helping residents celebrate this simple fact: we are all a part of the same community.

In partnership with Foothold Technology, Community Access co-created AWARDS (Affordable Wide-Area Relational Database System), which has become an industry standard software for behavioral health care providers.

With over 800 graduates since 1995, our Howie the Harp (HTH) job training program has transformed the landscape of New York City's behavioral health care workforce. HTH graduates are found in most New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene-funded programs working as peer specialists, case managers, vocational counselors, and in many other positions. Outcome surveys indicate that 65% of graduates have full-time jobs with earnings that are at least three times above the poverty threshold, compared to 95% of incoming trainees who are earning less than \$10,000 annually.

We are a movement. We are pioneers. We are a proven solution to help individuals achieve their potential, overcome mental illness, and break the cycle of poverty and homelessness.

## Notable Awards and Recognition

- 2011:** • Top 10 Semifinalist, New York Times Company Nonprofit Excellence Awards  
• Supportive Housing Project Champion Award, Corporation for Supportive Housing
- 2008:** • Robin Hood Foundation "John F. Kennedy, Jr. Hero Awards" to Community Access CEO, Steve Coe, and HTH Director, Dwayne Mayes, recognizing achievements in combating poverty in New York City.
- 2006:** • Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing Development
- 2005:** • PBS Visionaries series hosted by Sam Waterston features Community Access as a model organization.

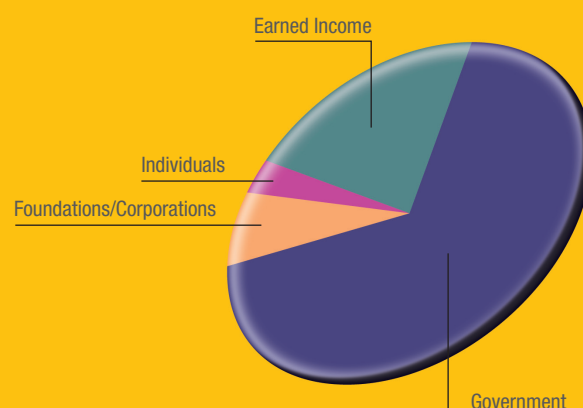
## Join our Cause. Help us to Help Others.

Community Access strives to be a place where individuals and families can come together for learning, support and opportunity. What we have learned, and continue to celebrate, is this simple fact: when people are given the opportunity to learn skills and tap into their innate abilities, a powerful transformation is triggered that benefits the individuals, their families, and our community.

Creating life-changing opportunities is only possible with the support of caring individuals, companies, and foundations who believe that access to housing, education, employment, and health care are fundamental human rights. We invite you to join our cause to help us make an even bigger impact. When you give to Community Access, you make an investment to support your neighbors, your friends, your loved ones...yourself.

## Top Sources of Funding

(by percent):  
Government – 70%  
Foundations/Corporations – 7%  
Individuals – 3%  
Earned Income – 20%



# “I finally have a home thanks to Community Access.”

**W**e all know someone who has been affected by mental illness. Whether it is a family member or another loved one, healing and recovery are only possible when there is access to all of the resources that are critical to survival. This means having a place to live, health care, income, a support system and—importantly—hope. When someone is struggling with mental illness, not all of these resources are easy to find, or to keep. Often, it is our vulnerable community members—individuals who have experienced homelessness, young people aging out of foster care, and victims of trauma and abuse—who suffer the most.

In New York City, Community Access matters because we are a vital resource for housing, healing, learning, and recovery for individuals who have no place to turn. We create opportunities where once there were barriers. We offer hope.

**Housing**  
**Job Training**  
**Health, Wellness and Recovery**  
**Creative Arts**  
**Pet Therapy**  
**Advocacy**  
**Volunteer Opportunities!**



**Be a part of our community.**  
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