Housing Works and Bailey House Complete Their Merger

A new executive director is named, and the popular NYC fundraisers remain on the calendar.

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The merger of Bailey House and Housing Works is complete, bringing “renewed focus” to the fight against the dual epidemics of HIV and homelessness in New York City, according to a Housing Works press release. The merger was announced last summer.

The merger has resulted in the creation of a new housing development enterprise that retains the Bailey House name. Andrew Coamey will serve as its executive director. Previously, he served as Housing Works’ senior vice president for housing development, operations and facilities. Daniel W. Tietz, the CEO of Bailey House, will step down from that post.

The merger will expand access to services for clients in both organizations. Before the merger, Bailey House provided supportive housing and services for marginalized New Yorkers living with HIV or other chronic and behavioral health conditions. Housing Works provides similar services for the HIV community but is a federally qualified health center. It’s also known for its bookstores, cafés and thrift shops.

The Housing Works brands will continue to operate under their original names, and the organization’s calendar of fundraising events will remain in effect. For example, Design on a Dime NYC will take place April 24 to 27.

The Bailey House Gala & Auction will also continue as a main fundraising enterprise for that housing program. This year, it is scheduled for March 7.

“Housing Works and Bailey House have a long and deep history of partnership,” said Housing Works president Matthew Bernardo in the statement. “This merger brings renewed focus to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic in New York by 2020 and accelerates our efforts to improve access to housing, primary care, and mental health services in the state and across the country.”

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