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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE COALITION ON HOMELESSNESS

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DSS HOTLINE: PHASE-OUT OR BAILOUT?

On November 1st, in the wake of the quake, the Department of Social Services (DSS) called a special meeting comprised of non-profit housing developers, homeless advocates, and members of the grassroots private sector.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform the concerned parties of a new City ordinance and will in the way that the Department would address homeless services; namely, the gradual phase-out of the Hotline Hotel system, and the replacement of the system bed-to-bed with a new, humane, comprehensive, cooperatively developed system of dealing with the homeless problem.

At the time, the parties involved were concerned by the existing reversal positions on the part of the DSS, and expressed concern that the DSS was relying on marketable money and the reallocation of the \$3 million previously used in the Hotline program to develop the new program.

At a follow-up meeting to begin to cooperatively develop this new system, one of the first concerns expressed by several individuals present was that the transition from the Hotline program to any new system should ensure that no person presently housed in the Hotline system be placed in a position where they would be forced onto the streets or into any of the already saturated emergency shelters.

To allay this concern, the Department of Social Services assured those present that the department would accomplish that very goal by

taking the following steps:

1. making an aggressive effort to assist current Hotline tenants in obtaining General Assistance (GA) entitlement and placing them in the GA Modified Payment Program, thereby insuring some housing stability; and
2. continuing to provide Hotline hotel rooms for the following populations:

- a) individuals who are denied GA for any reason;
- b) individuals whose GA is discontinued for any reason;
- c) undocumented persons;
- d) individuals who are hospital discharges.

On December 11th, the first group of individuals affected by these changes spent their final day in Hotline with the following results: of the approximately 114 people displaced on that day, 20 applied for GA. Of the 20, only one person was actually accepted. Twenty-five people have signed up for the GA Modified Payment Program and received more permanent housing. It seems that 88 people have filled through the gaping holes in the safety net provided by the Department of Social Services, holes created by the department's reliance on its initial promise to house undocumented individuals, and by the department's refusal to loosen in any way the current GA requirements.

In light of the current progress of the plan, one would have to wonder if DSS planning a phase-out or a bailout of the Hotline system? Are they planning to help people out of the homeless cycle, or simply help them out of town?

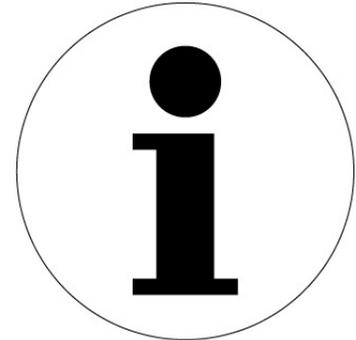
RENEWED CALL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF COH HOUSING RECOMMENDATIONS

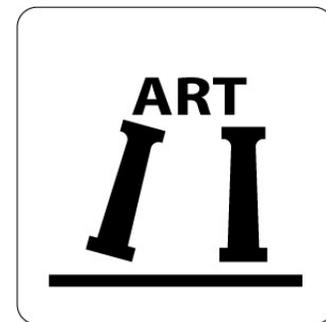
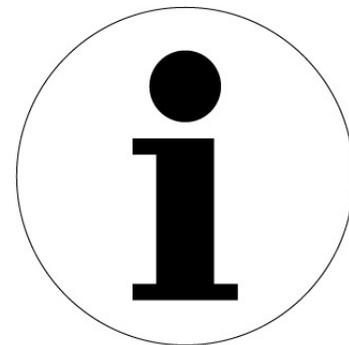
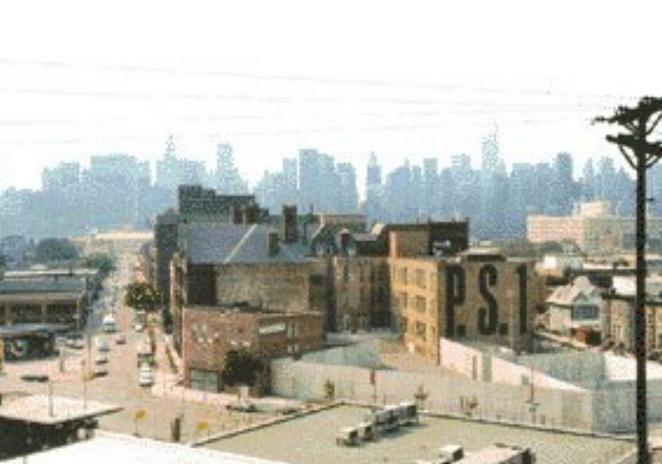
Much of the recent activity and discussion of the Coalition on Homelessness (COH) staff and committees, and at December's General Membership Meeting, has been around the major changes in the City's homeless program following the October 17 earthquake. When the quake destroyed over 20% of the Hotline hotel rooms, the Department of Social Services (DSS) was faced with the dilemma of either funding the development of new emergency shelter units, or seeking another program.

DSS decided to seek an alternative to the Hotline, and initiated a working group with the Mayor's Homeless Coordinator Bob Prentice and representatives from COH, the Homeless Task Force, COH/WAC, the Council of Community Housing Organizations (CCHO), and the United Way. To replace the Hotline, the City has expressed interest in quickly implementing the COH's Transitional Housing study recommendations for a new nonprofit entity to coordinate the development of housing for homeless people with transitional support services.

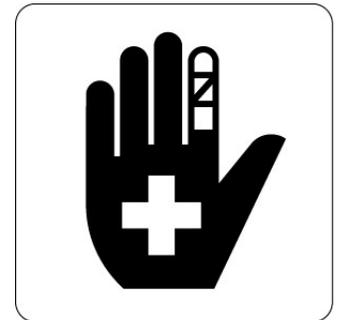
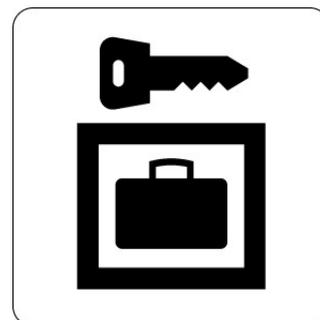
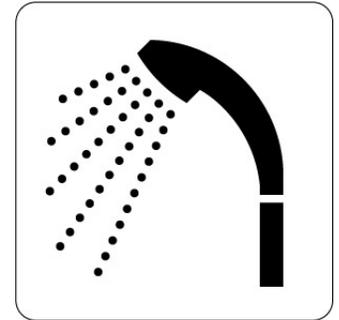
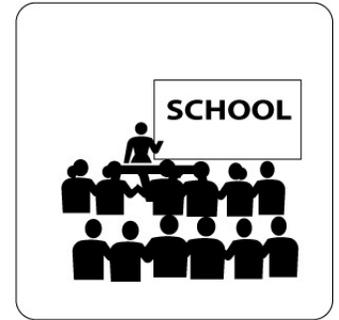
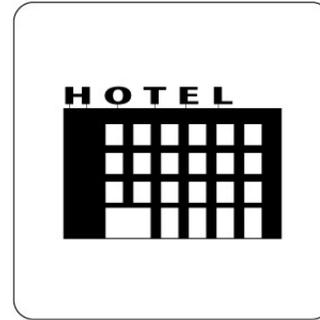
A New Entity to Expedite Opportunities for Homeless People

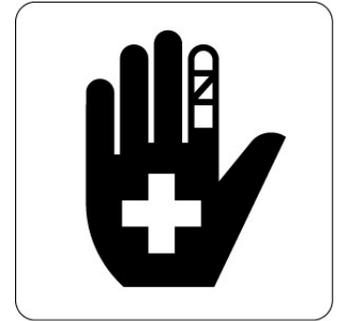
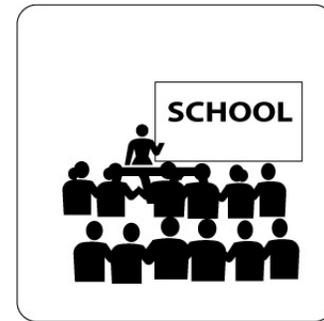
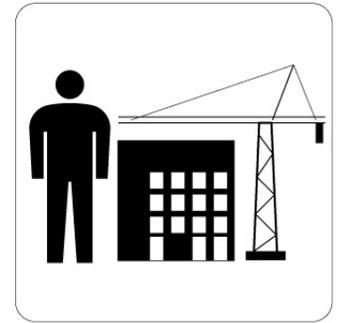
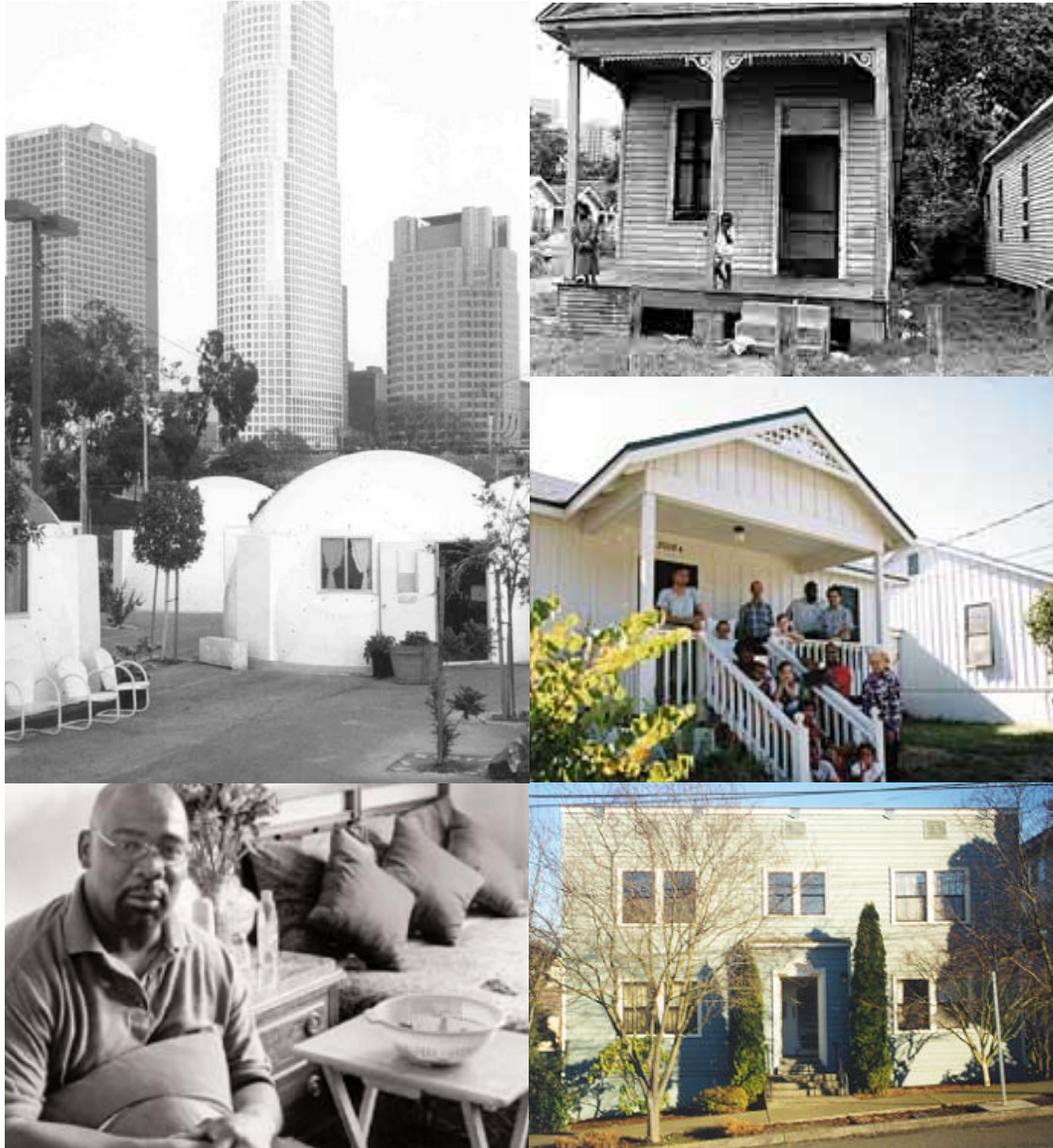
Lastly, the COH Housing Committee completed its study: *Transitional Housing: The Next Step*. The study proposed the creation of a new entity to coordinate the integration of homeless housing with other



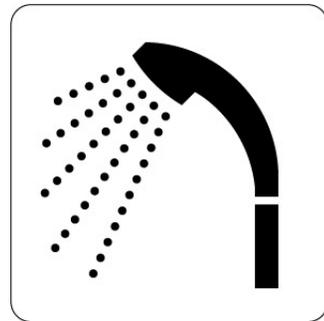
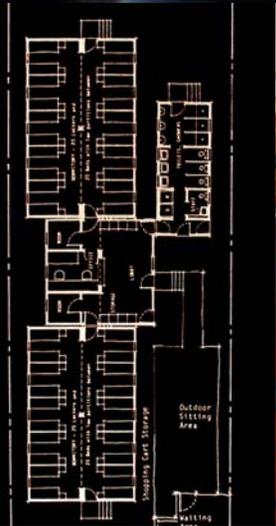
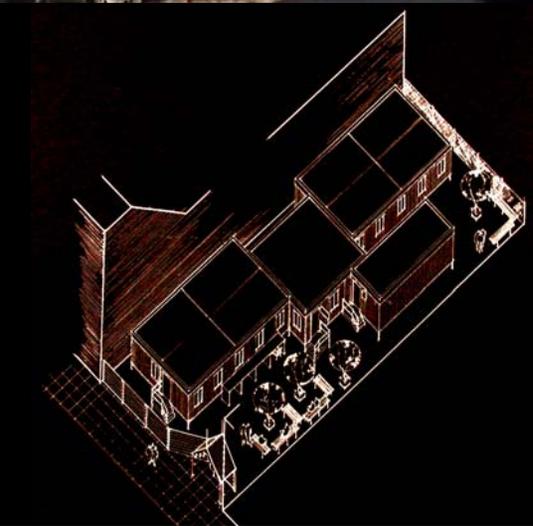


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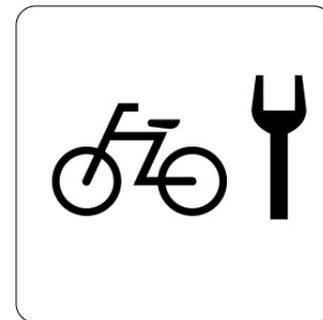
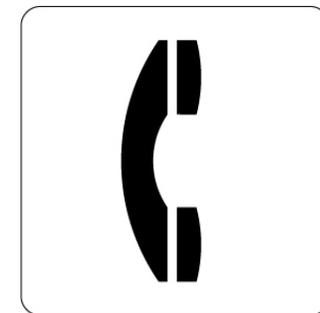
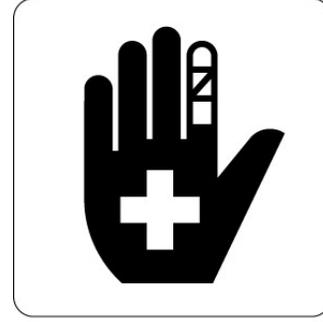
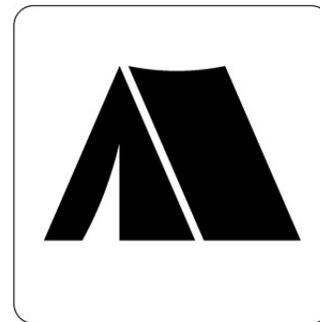
Transitional housing/ abitazioni transitorie

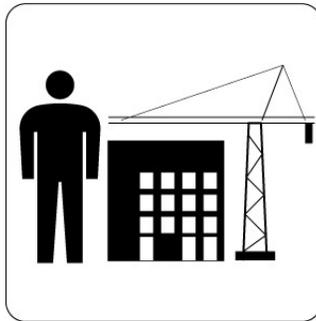
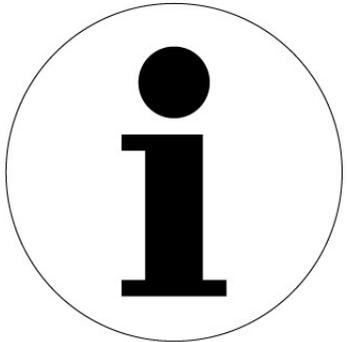
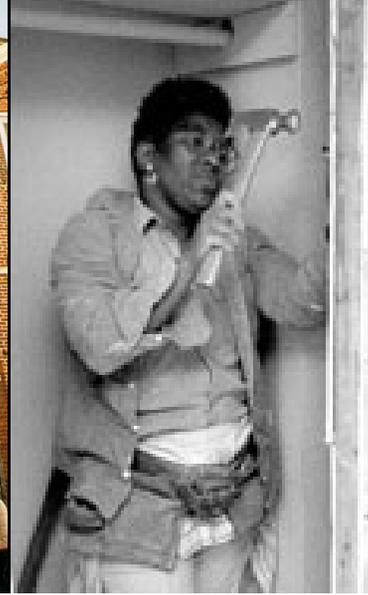


Emergency shelter/ dormitori



Trailer houses/
Case mobili





Squat mutual houses/ abitazioni occupate e assistite

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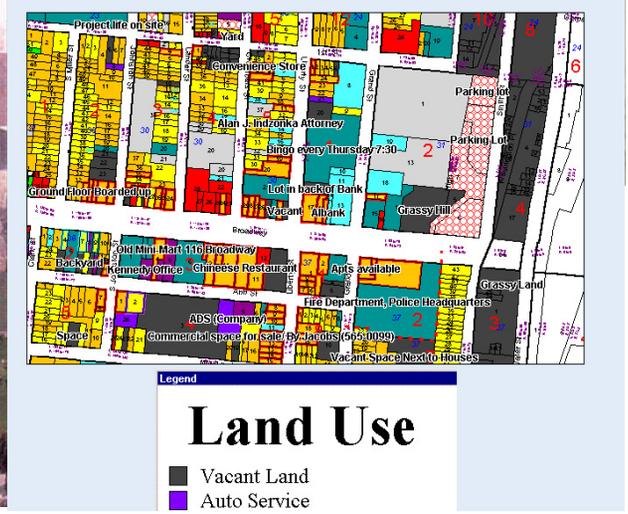
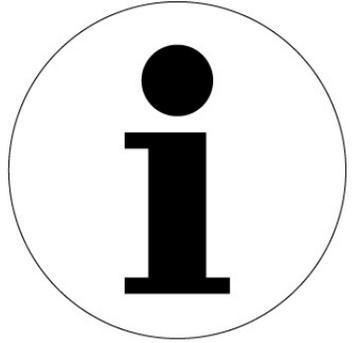
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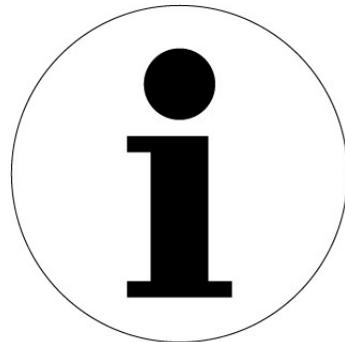
Mutual Housing Association, Brooklyn, New York

Three Neighborhoods were the major recipients of the Mutual Housing Association of New York's (MHA NY's) Scattered Site Program: Prospect - Crown Heights, Bushwick, and East New York. Between 1968 and 1997, 360 units in 189 buildings were created. Each of the addresses are represented by the yellow stars.

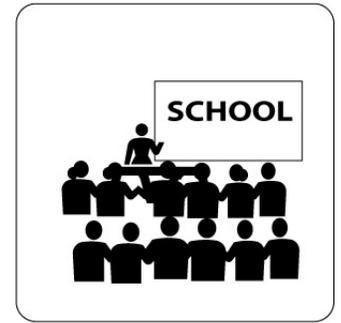




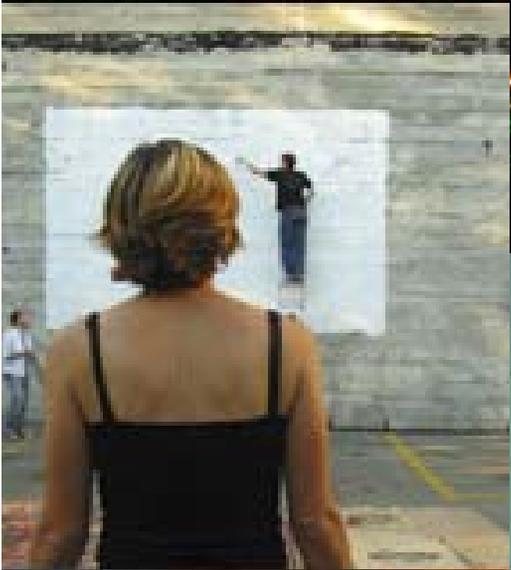
Community gardens/
Giardini di comunità



farmer markets/
Mercatini



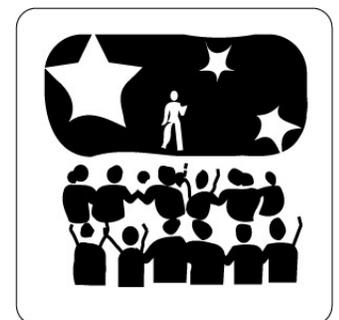
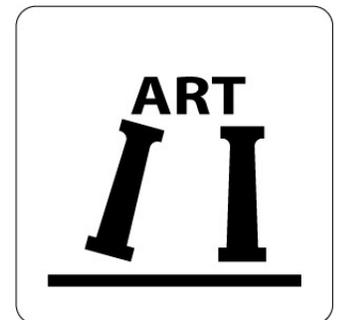
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bankside area with attractions
such as The Globe, Tate Modern,
Southwark Cathedral,
the Millennium Bridge and Borough
Market, all within a short walk. Can



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