

## Mission

To serve—holistically and without judgment—individuals who may have been denied compassionate and considerate treatment elsewhere due to their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, developmental level, health status, criminal or substance abuse history.

## Goals

- To provide housing and comprehensive support services designed to meet the physical, social and emotional needs of each individual;
- To help individuals whose needs have been neglected or whose circumstances have prevented use of existing services;
- To promote greater public understanding of the unmet needs of individuals with special needs.

Unique People Services (UPS) seeks to accomplish these goals by addressing the total needs of our clients, with emphasis on individuality of services, the creation of homelike and caring environments and by maximizing each individual's strengths and assets.

UPS has a commitment to revitalize the communities in which our programs are located through renovation of housing stock and the provision of job opportunities.

UPS also provides residential and support services for individuals with mental illness and those with developmental disabilities in the Bronx and Queens.

UPS is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization.



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# Unique People Services



Understanding people.  
Providing homes.  
Serving communities since 1991.

## José Gonzalez House

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## José Gonzales House

The primary goal of the program is to provide safe and comfortable housing and support services in a stable environment for people who have contracted HIV or AIDS to begin treatment for their health and emotional needs in order to lead a fuller life.

Unique People Services José Gonzalez House provides transitional housing for up to six months offering support to people living with HIV/AIDS to prepare themselves for placement in permanent housing. Furnished shared rooms and bathrooms and three meals a day are provided for all residents. Twenty-four (24) hour staffing is on site. Residents of José Gonzalez House come from a variety of settings including hospitals, shelters, community organizations, prisons and commercial single room occupancy units. All client referrals come from the New York City Human Resources Administration Division of AIDS Services.

### On-site support services include:

- Case management
- Health and nutrition education
- Mental health assessment and referral assistance
- Activities of daily living training

- Entitlement benefits assistance
- Money management skills
- Transportation assistance
- Referral assistance
- Permanent housing placement assistance
- In-house recreational activities

Through our extensive network of affiliations, additional off-site community services are offered such as:

- Substance abuse assessment, counseling and treatment
- Recreational activities
- Housing placement assistance



José Gonzalez House encourages active resident participation. We provide a variety of community-based support groups and recreational activities designed to bring dignity and structure to their lives.

As residents stabilize their lives, case management staff assist them in securing appropriate permanent housing.

