

Dwight School Opens Athletic Facility in East Harlem

Innovative Community Partnership Brings Shared Value and New Programs to Dwight Students and East Harlem Residents

NEW YORK, NY, June 12, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- GRAND OPENING OF THE DWIGHT SCHOOL ATHLETIC CENTER IN EAST HARLEM

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel's Deputy Chief of Staff Geoffrey Eaton, New York City Councilwoman Melissa Mark-Viverito, and Other VIP Guests Gather for Remarks and a Ribbon-cutting in Celebration of Innovative Community Partnership

Dwight School, a leading independent school on Manhattan's Upper West Side founded in 1872, will open a newly refurbished, 40,000 square-foot athletic facility located in the East River Landing cooperative at First Avenue and 108th Street on Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

Six months after entering into an innovative community partnership with the 1199 Housing Corporation, owner of the East River Landing housing cooperative, Dwight School and the 1199 Board will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tours with members of the community.

Due to financial reasons, the facility had been unused by residents for years prior to Dwight's signing a 20-year lease with the 1199 Housing Corporation in January 2013. After upgrades and enhancements, the space will open to benefit both Dwight students and residents of the East River Landing cooperative of all ages. It features: a regulation-size high school gym with bleachers to seat 200, a 25-yard swimming pool, exercise and dance rooms, learning spaces, locker rooms, saunas, and two rooftop tennis courts.

Mike Bailey, former Director of Youth Sports at Asphalt Green, serves as Director of the Dwight School Athletic Center. Dwight will use the Center for: weekday PE and swimming classes; team practices and games for basketball, volleyball, swimming, and tennis; and after-school and summer day camp programs. 1199 residents will have full use of the facility mornings, evenings, and weekends. Joint student-resident programs will be developed, further enhancing fitness, learning, and leadership opportunities for all. In addition, Dwight School is providing scholarships to qualified residents in need and introducing them to Dwight's unique "spark of genius" educational philosophy, which fosters the development of every child's individual talents or passions. Learn more about Dwight at: www.dwight.edu

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