

## New York State Division of Housing & Community Renewal

### New Supportive Housing Residence Opens in East Patchogue



Commissioner Deborah VanAmerongen joined local officials and residents to celebrate the opening of Concern East Patchogue which will provide 50 units of supportive housing for people with special needs.

Concern for Independent Living, Inc. has converted a dilapidated and overcrowded Adult Home in East Patchogue into beautiful, high quality housing for people with disabilities, and DHCR was on hand recently for the Grand Opening celebration.

Concern East Patchogue on Patchogue-Yapank Road provides housing and supportive services for 50 very-low income adults with psychiatric disabilities. Each unit includes a private bath and kitchen, and the building and grounds feature a communal dining room, recreational areas, a library, a computer room, and laundry facilities.

Funding was provided by DHCR, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH), Community Preservation Corporation, National Equity Fund, the Federal Home Loan Bank through the Affordable Housing Program, Fannie Mae and Astoria Federal. The facility is OMH-licensed housing designed to help people with mental illness live independently in the community.

Commissioner [Deborah VanAmerongen](#) said, "Concern East Patchogue will provide residents with the affordable housing and support services they need to be active, independent and productive members of society. DHCR is proud to have worked with the State Office of Mental Health, Concern for Independent Living and all our other partners to help make these beautiful homes a reality."

Scott Girgenti, a resident at Concern East Patchogue said, "I look forward to sleeping and waking in my own apartment, apartment upkeep, and the opportunity to prepare my own meals. I feel blessed and privileged to have been given this opportunity and I thank the Concern organization for the wonderful job they have done and the support they show daily."

In 2007, DHCR helped fund [Pollack Gardens](#), Concern's first adult home conversion located in West Sayville. Pollack Gardens has been lauded as a model facility throughout New York State. And in 2008, DHCR helped finance Concern's second supportive housing development in [Riverhead](#).

Concern for Independent Living, Inc. founded in 1972, is a not-for-profit corporation that provides housing and services to people recovering from psychiatric disabilities.

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