Senda De Bendición Ministries, Bronx, New York

Senda de Bendición Ministries partnered with nonprofit developer SoBRO to build 36 units of affordable housing on the site of the former church building and two adjacent vacant lots. The development, which is being built with the help of city and state tax credits, will include 5,700 square feet of space for the church on the ground floor and cellar and will allow the church to add a food pantry and soup kitchen and more than triple its current size.

To read more: http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/bronx/bronx-church-blessed-boost-affordable-housing-plan-article-1.2089696

Church of the Resurrection, East Harlem, New York

The Church of the Resurrection in East Harlem and its affiliated Booker T. Washington Learning Center had outgrown their space, but could not afford an expansion. Instead, they sold their air rights to developer Hub Realty to build market rate housing on the site. The church occupies and owns the first two floors, totaling 16,000 square feet, and the land they sit on; they also receive 10% of the market rents. The developer agreed to cover the church’s legal fees, the costs of moving to and from a temporary facility, and the salaries of teachers who lost work to the construction.


Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, New York

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Yonkers sold its property to Westhab, a nonprofit provider of affordable housing and supportive services, for $1. Westhab converted the church into the Dayspring Community Center, which will provide after school, educational and social programs to the neighboring community. As part of the agreement, the church’s congregation will be allowed to hold services in the center.