



Board Chair Dick Jay, Borough President Melinda Katz, Senior VP Deep Ghosh, CEO Traci Donnelly, State Assembly Member Michael Simanowitz (D-Flushing), City Council Member Karen Koslowitz (D-Forest Hills), and other elected officials helped cut the ribbon in Forest Hills Tower on February 10.

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**The Child Center of NY Cuts Ribbon on New Office in Forest Hills**

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**NEW YORK, NY -**

The Child Center of NY was pleased this morning to host an official ribbon-cutting ceremony for its ***new Central Office in Forest Hills Tower, located at 118-35 Queens Boulevard.***

This open-press gathering of staff, members of the Board, donors, and elected officials celebrated an exciting milestone in the social impact organization's 60+ year history. Students from nearby PS 182 represented their roles in the recent #DreamsTakeFlight awareness campaign.

Last fall, The Child Center moved its headquarters from a small, cramped location in Woodside to take over the entire sixth floor of Forest Hills Tower. Now accommodating 150 administrative and program staff of the nearly 1,000 Child Center employees throughout New York City, the offices are fitted with modern

sound-reduction technology and large conference and swing spaces and replete with natural light conducive to and representative of the uplifting work the agency does every single day. The Forest Hills offices are also more centrally located and closer to many of the agency's wellness centers and partner schools in South Queens.



U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) and students from PS 182 in Jamaica

"The Child Center of NY does an excellent job of promoting healthy child development and supports countless families in Queens and throughout New York City," said Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, who helped cut the ribbon. "We wish The Child Center much success at its new home in Forest Hills Tower and thank the organization for its incredible programs and advocacy."

Board Chair Dick Jay spoke of his long history with the agency. "This space is symbolic of where The Child Center has come from and where it's going. My parents were immigrants to this country, and they landed in Queens. I lived the American Dream, my dreams took flight, and our goal is for children's dreams to take flight also."

Administrative staff at the organization see the move as both a new beginning and a renewed opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the City's children and families. Said Traci Donnelly, CEO and Executive Director, "At The Child Center of NY, we strive every day to provide wraparound services to children and their families, in a climate where progressive work isn't always celebrated and organizations like ours struggle to get the backing we so direly need. I'm grateful for the support of our donors and colleagues in city and state government, without whom our ongoing work – as well as this new office – wouldn't be possible."



City Councilmembers Donovan Richards and Karen Koslowitz, State Assembly Member Michael Simanowitz, U.S. Rep. Grace Meng, Borough President Melinda Katz, Senior Child Center administrative staff, and friends gathered in Forest Hills for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on February 10.

**About The Child Center of NY:** The Child Center of NY's mission is to strengthen children and families with skills, opportunities and emotional support to build healthy, successful lives. Founded in 1953, it is a multiservice organization that annually reaches more than 21,700 children from birth through young adulthood at more than 60 school and community locations. The Child Center works in five main program areas: early childhood education; behavioral health; prevention and family support; health homes and integrated care; and youth development. The Child Center is based primarily in Queens but also serves children and families in Brooklyn, the Bronx, and Manhattan. To learn more, please visit [www.childcenterny.org](http://www.childcenterny.org).

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