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## SHNNY Honors Capitol Hall, an OCV Architects Rehabilitation Project, as “Residence of the Year”

*At the annual Supportive Housing Network of New York Awards Gala, supportive housing rehabilitation project Capitol Hall and OCV Architects are recognized.*

New York, NY, October 20, 2016 – On October 13, 2016, the [Supportive Housing Network of New York](#) (SHNNY) celebrated [Capitol Hall](#), a supportive housing Single Room Occupancy (SRO) on Manhattan's Upper West Side ran by [Goddard Riverside Community Center](#) (Goddard), by honoring the rehabilitation project by [Oaklander, Coogan and Vitto Architects, PC](#) (OCV) with an “Outstanding Residence of the Year” award. Laura Mascuch of SHNNY presented the award to Stephan Russo, Executive Director of Goddard.

Capitol Hall provides 202 units of supportive housing on Manhattan's Upper West Side to men and women vulnerable to homelessness because of their age, income, or disability. It was one of the first buildings in the late 1970s in New York City to be secured and developed as supportive housing for this at risk group. Almost 40 years later, the rehabilitation ensures that Capitol Hall will continue to serve its residents and the community for years to come.

Completed in 2014, the gut rehabilitation work was spearheaded by OCV's partner Richard Vitto and built by Notias Construction, with Rockabill as construction consultant, through a three-year, tenant-in-occupancy construction plan which rehabilitated and upgraded the existing arrangement of shared bathrooms and kitchens to one in which each unit is provided with its own private kitchette and bathroom. Tenants now enjoy the private use of basic facilities with continued access to community spaces. Offices and community rooms were also improved and expanded. Through a clever repurposing of the building's interior courtyard, space which was once used as trash storage was transformed into a new skylit community room.

### About SHNNY

The Supportive Housing Network of New York represents more than 180 nonprofit organizations and over 80 corporate partners that together fund, develop and operate supportive housing across the state. In addition to being the voice of the provider community, SHNNY oversees the operation of over 39,000 units of supportive housing and is the only supportive housing network in New York.

### About Goddard Riverside Community Center

Goddard Riverside Community Center serves some 17,000 people each year through 26 programs on the Upper West Side and throughout Manhattan. Founded in 1959 with the merger of two historic settlement houses, Riverside Community House (1887) and Goddard Neighborhood Center (1892), the new agency moved to the heart of the West Side Urban Renewal Area, the largest urban renewal area in the country, consisting of 20 square blocks from West 87th



John R. Coogan representing OCV Architects (left) and Stephan Russo of Goddard Riverside Community Center (right) with the award for Outstanding Residence of the Year for Capitol Hall.

Street to West 97th Street and from Central Park West to Amsterdam Avenue. In addition to starting a number of the programs and services still in operation today, the center became deeply involved in the issues of affordable housing that were central to the urban renewal process.

**About OCV Architects**

Oaklander, Coogan & Vitto Architects, P.C. is a versatile, award-winning architectural firm serving the New York Metropolitan area for over 30 years. OCV's body of work ranges from affordable and special needs housing to high-end private residences, from gut rehabs and historic preservation to innovative new construction. Having produced over 1,000 units of residential housing, the firm regularly partners with urban housing authorities and development groups to create sustainable, attractive residences within restrictive budgets. As a member of the U.S. Green Building Council and an Enterprise Green Communities Partner, OCV strives to bring to each design respect for a project's site, setting, history and culture, while making every effort to build responsibly and sustainably. For more on OCV please visit <http://www.ocvarch.com>.

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