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Friends of Affordable Housing Hosts “We Love Bergenline” End of Year Celebration on December 17 in West New York

Free community celebration brings Hudson County families together for dinner, music, a live art auction and $6,000 in student scholarships

WEST NEW YORK, N.J. — Friends of Affordable Housing (FOAH) will host its End of Year Celebration, *We Love Bergenline — United for Hudson County*, on Thursday, December 17, 2026, from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) at Salon Amistad (Orden Fraternal Unida), 6016 Adams St., West New York, NJ 07093.

Admission is free, but RSVP is required. Capacity is strictly limited to 150 guests, including children, and doors close once capacity is reached. Guests can RSVP online at joinfoah.org or through the RSVP form.

The evening brings together families, seniors, youth and local leaders from West New York, North Bergen, Union City and Jersey City. It celebrates the culture of the Bergenline corridor while focusing on the housing pressures facing Hudson County families. The program includes a housing briefing from FOAH President John Restrepo on pathways to stable housing and homeownership, a Latin dinner buffet, a live DJ, and a live art auction with MUSART to support FOAH's work.

“Bergenline is the heart of our community,” said John Restrepo, President of Friends of Affordable Housing. “On December 17 we celebrate the families who built it, honor the young people who will lead it, and raise the support our neighbors need to stay housed.”

$6,000 in scholarships for students

FOAH will present $6,000 in scholarships to Hudson County student leaders who show excellence, leadership and commitment to their community. The scholarships are funded by:

- PRAHD (Kim Victoria Ruiz)
- Radical Solutions (Gillian Sarjeant-Allen)
- Mike Milla, Milla Architectural Studies
- John Restrepo, Restrepo & Associates

Students may nominate themselves or be nominated by a teacher, coach, youth program or community member. Nominations close Monday, December 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. through the nomination form or joinfoah.org. FOAH will also honor community housing heroes during the program.

Guests are encouraged to bring a new coat or holiday toy for the PERC Shelter Drive, collected at the door. PRAHD and Save Latin America are event partners.

Support housing justice

FOAH is raising $15,000 to help more Hudson County families find stable housing and to expand pathways to homeownership. Every gift supports FOAH's 2027 housing work and this year's community celebration.

Scan the QR code to give, or donate online at givebutter.com/c/help-more-families-find-stable-housing-kqchya.

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Escanee para donar

At a glance

What	We Love Bergenline — United for Hudson County, FOAH's End of Year Celebration
When	Thursday, December 17, 2026, 6:00–9:30 p.m. (doors and check-in 5:30 p.m.)
Where	Salon Amistad (Orden Fraternal Unida), 6016 Adams St., West New York, NJ 07093
Admission	Free. RSVP required; strict 150-guest capacity, including children
RSVP	joinfoah.org, RSVP form (QR below), or friendsofaffordablehousing@gmail.com
Nominations	Open until Monday, December 7, 2026, 5:00 p.m. (nomination form; QR below)
Donate	givebutter.com/c/help-more-families-find-stable-housing-kqchya (QR code above)
Bring	A new coat or holiday toy for the PERC Shelter Drive
For media	Media are welcome. Photo opportunities: scholarship presentation (about 7:45 p.m.) and live art auction (about 8:05 p.m.)

Scan to RSVP or nominate a student

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Free, 150 seats · Escanee para confirmar

SCAN TO NOMINATE
Closes Dec 7, 5 p.m. · Escanee para nominar

About Friends of Affordable Housing

Friends of Affordable Housing (FOAH) is a Hudson County community organization working on affordable housing, housing justice and pathways to homeownership. FOAH is based at 4608 Tonnelle Ave, North Bergen, NJ 07047. Learn more at joinfoah.org or on Instagram at @friendsofaffordablehousing.

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