

WHO WE ARE

ACE is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that works with recovering homeless men and women throughout New York City, providing job-training, work experience and a lifetime support network to help our program participants achieve their goals and establish economic independence.

WHAT SETS ACE APART

Our mission is all about empowerment. We stand out from other rehabilitation initiatives by making it our highest priority to instill accountability and responsibility in our participants – rather than passively placing them in jobs secured through partnerships or created specifically for our program, we furnish them with the tools they need to take charge and seek out opportunities on their own. We are proud of our family-style approach and the long-lasting personal connections our employees – program staff as well as development and administrative staff – develop with each of the men and women we serve. Most importantly, unlike other re-entry programs, we make great efforts ensuring our graduates stay employed and on track, by providing a unique suite of lifelong aftercare and employment retention services.

WHAT WE DO

ACE transforms the lives of homeless men and women by helping them obtain and retain full-time employment, reunite with their families, secure permanent housing, and live independently. Each year, we serve more than 400 homeless New Yorkers through our three comprehensive programs:

Project Comeback furnishes recovering homeless individuals with the skills they need to find full-time employment and become self-sufficient. Program participants gain supported work experience on the ACE maintenance crew, providing street sweeping, snow/ice removal and horticultural services throughout NYC. They also receive job readiness training (interview etiquette; workplace conduct), basic adult education (literacy; math; computer knowledge), employability-skills training/certification (Occupational Safety & Health Administration



[OSHA]; Food Protection; MS Office), and vocational support services (job search assistance; mock interviews; access to professional clothing). Participants attend the program five days weekly for 4-6 months, graduating once they secure full-time employment.

Our **Adult Education Program** is an essential cornerstone of *Project Comeback*. The program offers daily classes and workshops in literacy (basic reading and writing skills; résumés and cover letters; filling out job applications; crafting thank you notes), numeracy (life skills math: household budgeting; balancing a checkbook; understanding a paystub), computer proficiency (email use; online job search), and job readiness/life skills development (interview etiquette; workplace ethics; time management; conflict resolution).

Project Stay is our aftercare program, which offers our graduates lifelong support and enrichment services to help them stay employed, explore opportunities for career growth and develop their daily living skills. *Project Stay* offers support groups to help graduates maintain sobriety, events and workshops geared toward professional advancement (career fairs; financial literacy workshops; employability-skills/certification opportunities), and a variety of recreational activities (women's luncheons; movie nights; staff/graduate socials).

Project Home is our housing program, which was launched in 2012. The program assists select ACE graduates during their transition to living independently, by providing them with a declining three-year rent subsidy to help meet the financial demands of living in their own homes. In return, participants must pursue education and/or hard-skills training to increase their earning power and develop their career prospects.

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