



HELP ONE

Project Typology: Housing and Shelter

Year Built: Proposed redevelopment

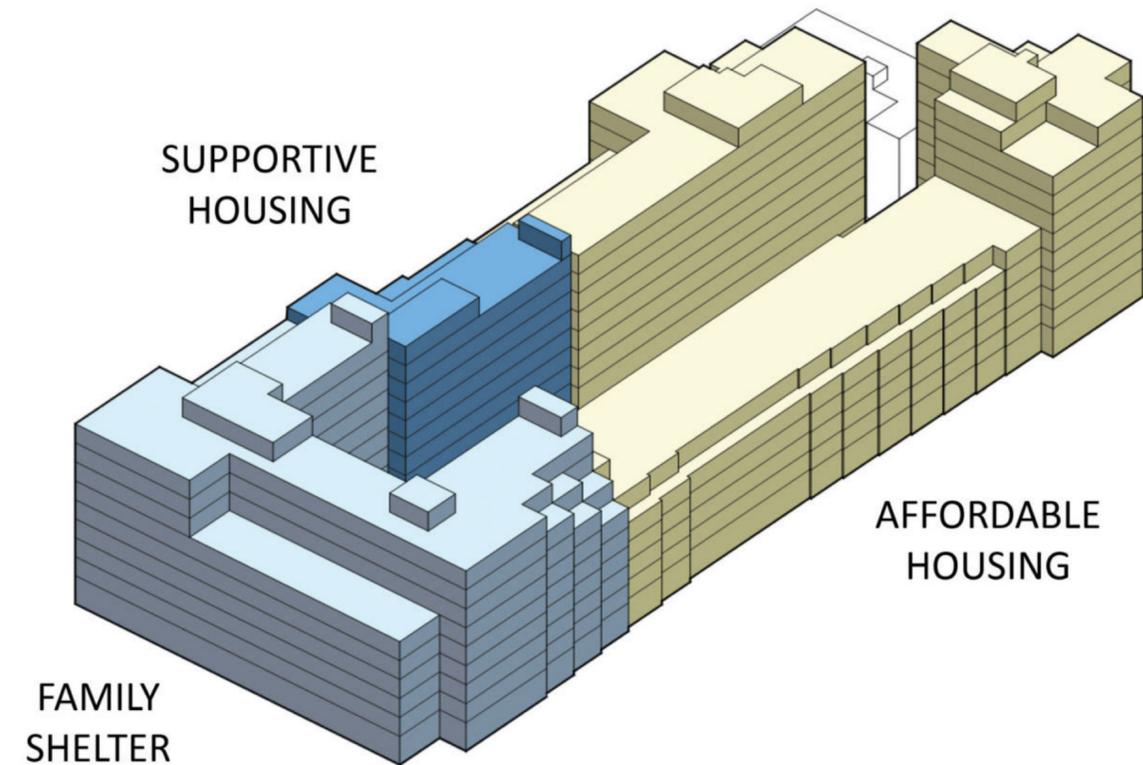
Location: East New York, Brooklyn, NY

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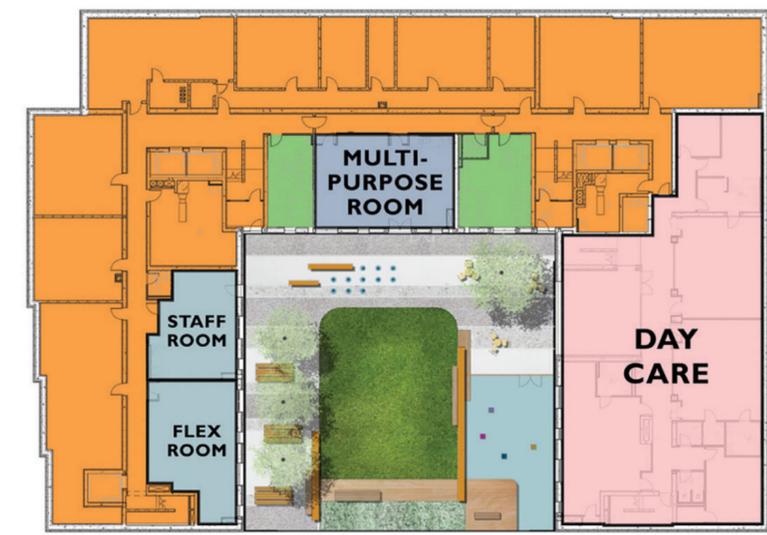
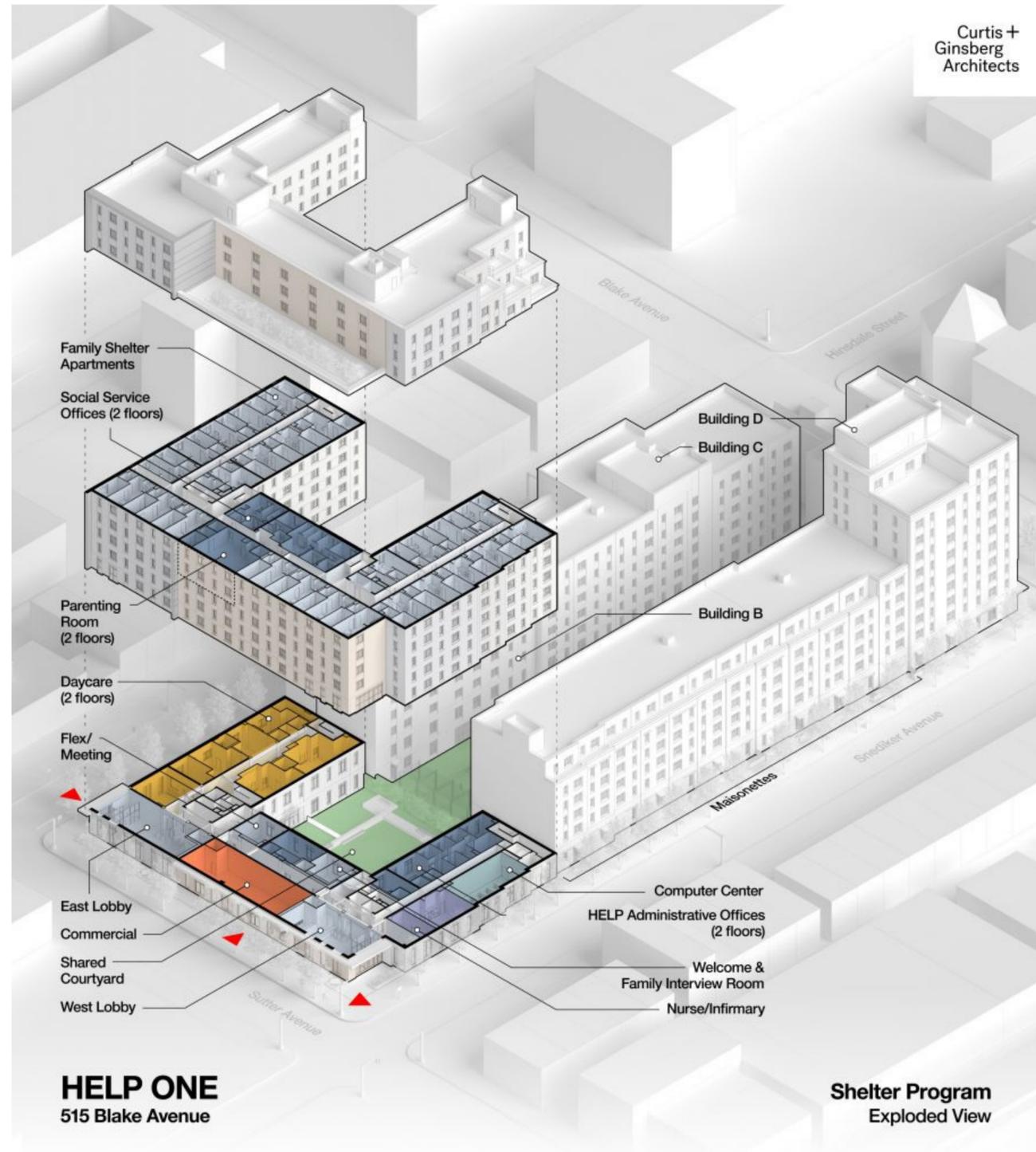
Architects: Curtis + Ginsberg Architects LLP

Client: H.E.L.P.

HELP ONE is a redevelopment of an existing shelter located at 515 Blake Avenue in Brooklyn. The project is a part of New York's push to relieve the homeless crisis raging in the city. HELP ONE, which covers a 200' x 500' city block, focuses primarily on families and children through its function as a family shelter.



In addition to providing almost 200 units of family shelter, HELP ONE also offers supportive housing and affordable housing. Several family oriented services the residents can benefit from include childcare and youth activities, along with various family support rooms and classrooms. Outdoor spaces protected from the street offer residents a protected and secluded place to enjoy.



Division of interior spaces are designed to create a more comfortable scale for the living spaces. Lower levels accessing the street contain public functions such as entrance lobbies, childcare and staff offices. Private living spaces and specialized service spaces are contained in the upper floors. As part of the project's goal of encouraging community acceptance of a homeless shelter within the neighborhood, HELP ONE provides several community focused spaces such as the inclusion of retail units on two of the four street fronts.

Through careful consideration of intended user and community needs, the proposed project at 515 Blake Avenue holds the potential to aid in the de-stigmatizing of homelessness and assist struggling families to gain a footing as they work their way back into society.



THE ADA AND TAMAR HOUSE

Project Typology: Housing

Year Built: 2018

Location: Tel Aviv

Size: 9,150 sf

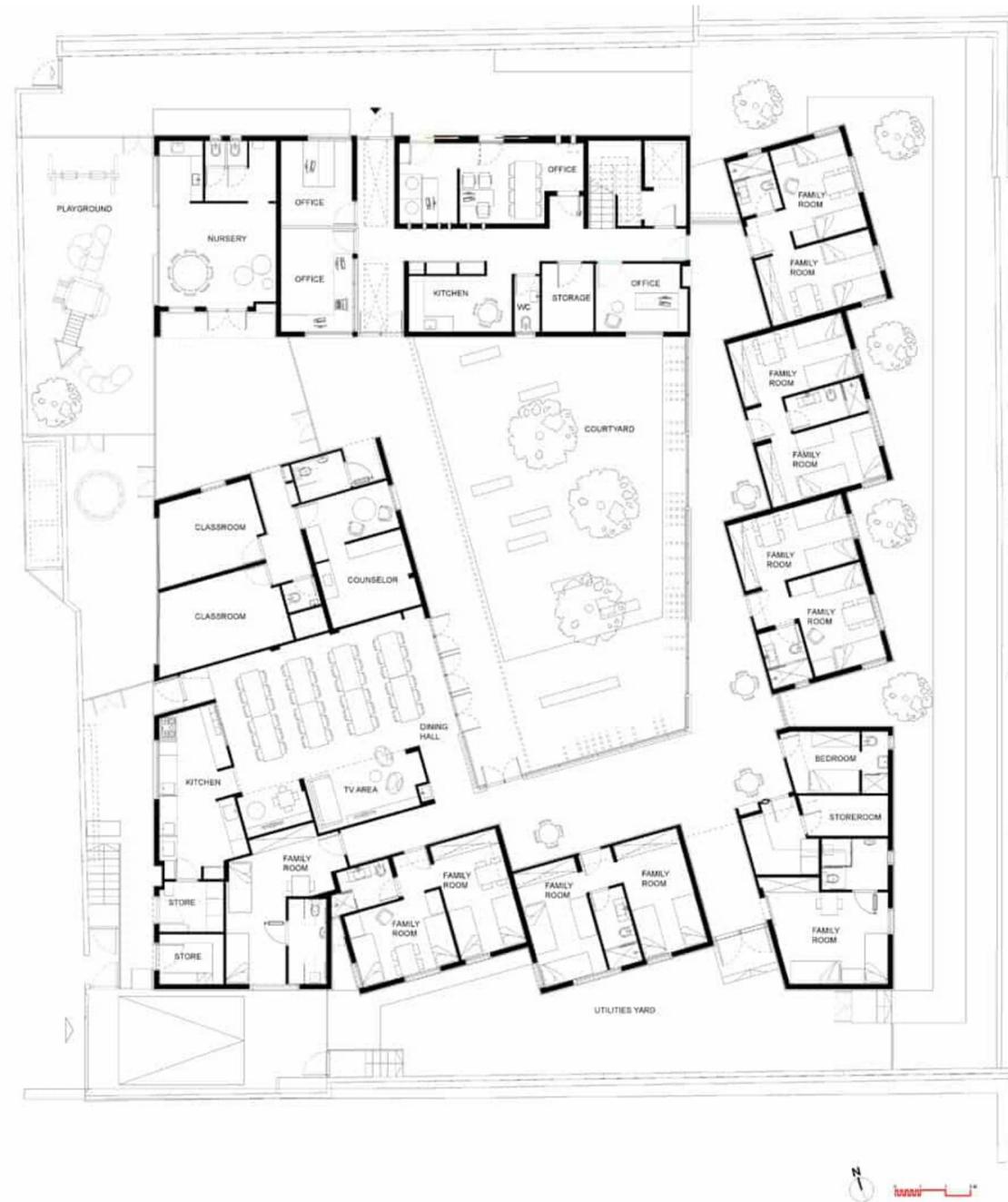
Architects: Amos Goldreich Architecture

Client: No 2 Violence against Women

Due to the extreme prevalence of domestic violence in Israel, the organization No 2 Violence opened a series of shelters for abused women and children. These shelters have previously used slightly renovated buildings which often posed a struggle for the residents due to their unconventional layouts.

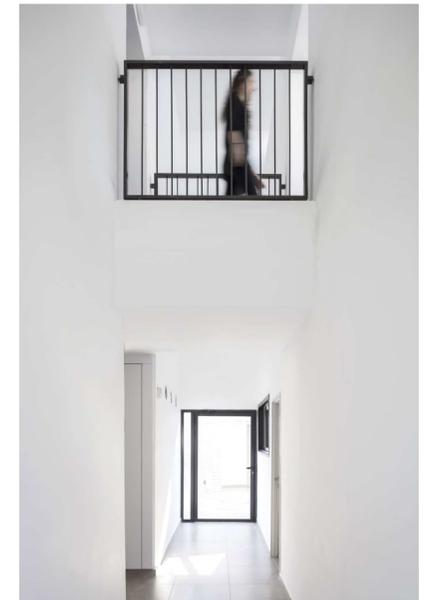
The design of the Ada and Tamar House was to have all of the services revolve around a central community building courtyard to be used exclusively by the residents. From the main entrance to the compound, functions within the building are placed on a scale of very public to very private. Staff offices are adjacent to the entryway and the individual living spaces are across the courtyard.





Women suffering from abuse are given a private dwelling and are offered childcare, and medical and legal assistance. The shelter also offers its residents both shared and private spaces. 12 individual dwellings are connected to shared kitchen and dining spaces, a kindergarten and computer room, as well as staff offices and a laundry room. The connecting hallway overlooks a private courtyard that the residents can utilize for play and interactions.

Due to the multicultural context of the project and the diverse ethnicities of the users, a simple and neutral design language was used. Additionally, the qualitative experience of the users was a huge consideration for the project. Design elements and organization of the project were created to provide a perception of security. The nature of the central courtyard was also designed to allow for outdoor activities and small social gatherings at a comfortable scale.





POSITIVE TOMORROWS SCHOOL

Project Typology: Education

Year Built: 2019

Location: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Size: 41,379 sf

Architects: MA+ Architecture

Client: Positive Tomorrows

In response to the ever-present need for food, shelter, and education by homeless families, the Positive Tomorrows School is designed specifically to facilitate learning and living for homeless children. Part of the design process for the project included listening to special requests from homeless children themselves. Not limited to just education, the school offers family spaces, food preparation rooms, play areas, homework areas, and laundry facilities. The school is aimed at serving as a makeshift home for children while their families work to find their feet.



Organized like a suburban home, the entrance of the school opens into the cafeteria called the family room, much like a front door might open into a living room. Services, like the parent's room, open off of the main hallway and the classrooms, like the children's bedrooms are pushed farther down the hall. The playground, called the backyard, is accessible from the family room and is visible from other rooms in the school.



Due to the focus on the needs of homeless children, the project includes such features as study lounges, a room called the Food Lab where the children's families can cook meals together and a laundry room where children can get their clothes cleaned. The design of the project incorporates an abundance of natural light into primary spaces within the building. Incorporation of colored glass in the cafeteria adds a layer of fun to the admitted light and casts diffused shadows across the room.

The life of a child who is experiencing homelessness with his family can be frightening and isolating. The design of Positive Tomorrows school addresses the negative impacts of homeless life with fun, welcoming spaces that incorporate community and family.