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## Expanding Access to Health Care in the South Bronx



# BOOM!HEALTH MOVING TO MELROSE

BOOM!Health, a Bronx-based organization that is dedicated in transforming lives through health and wellness has signed a 25 year lease (with an option to purchase), taking over Brook House Furniture in the Melrose neighborhood of the borough. Once the renovations are complete, the building will also house BOOM!Cafe.

LGBTQ youth comprise nearly 40 percent of the homeless youth population in New York City, and Enterprise's [new BOOM!Health center in the Bronx](#) will go a long way in providing one of the city's most vulnerable populations with the quality health care, job training, and support system they need to succeed. [BOOM!Health](#) will convert a former furniture store into a five-story, 35,000-square-foot Wellness Center tailored to meet the needs of the LGBTQ community – a population whose experience being marginalized and stigmatized puts them at a [higher risk for poor health](#).

The Wellness Center will include a drop-in community center for LGBTQ youth; private consultation rooms for health coordination, legal aide and HIV/AIDS prevention services; a community health clinic and pharmacy. On the ground floor, BOOM!Café will double as a community space and workforce training center. BOOM!Health is working with Catalyst Kitchen, an incubator of food service social enterprise, to establish a training program and business model for the café.

This new Wellness Center was largely made possible through funding provided by the U.S. Treasury's [New Markets Tax Credit](#) and [Healthy Foods Financing Initiative](#) programs. Leveraging these programs, Enterprise, Chase and the Nonprofit Finance Fund partnered to make a \$10 million equity investment and provide a \$5 million loan to fully fund the project.

[Enterprise](#) has recently made multiple investments in the Bronx to expand access to health care. Read more about the BOOM!Health Wellness Center by accessing its [impact profile](#) and [press release](#) and Brightpoint Health Center's [impact profile](#) and [press release](#).

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