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50 Percent of New Yorkers Cannot Afford to Live There

Last December POTS' Annual Breakfast Forum focused on the 2023 True Cost of Living Report, revealing that 50 percent of working age New York City residents cannot afford to live on what they earn. Using national, New York City and Bronx data, and the session showed the difficult realities of low-income New Yorkers who are currently over-looked and undercounted, affecting their access to the public benefits they desperately need.

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Peggy Martin's Legacy

Margaret Conroy Martin, known as Peggy, lived a life of service, as a government official, family therapist, and wife and mother. She was also a POTS volunteer for many years. Since she was raised in The Bronx at a home on Morris Avenue, her family thought it appropriate to honor her by contributing to opening POTS' new classroom at 2450 Grand Concourse. It is fitting that her name now graces the space where a new generation of Bronx residents will learn how to build more sustainable lives for themselves and their families.

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Meet Kelly Garvey, POTS' New Development Director

Meet our new Director of Development, Kelly Garvey. Kelly brings more than 20 years of experience managing nonprofits, in both development and programs, and a deep commitment to building a diverse community of supporters. She combines a strategic perspective to fundraising and a powerful gift for sharing the spirit of POTS, its respect for our neighbors, especially in their most difficult times.

"I am excited to spread the word, make even more friends for POTS and even invite old friends to join us again." K. Garvey.

Breaking Down Walls, Building Up Hope

POTS' original home at 2763 Webster Avenue, was demolished to add space to our headquarters next door. The "new" building will provide much more space for our pantry and long term client services. The renovation will improve the flow of people, allow us to return to a self-select pantry model, enhance the quality of our services and increase our opportunities to engage with the community in new ways. Follow us on social media @POTSBronx to stay tuned about exciting new changes happening in 2024.