

Ironbound Community Corporation's Van Buren Office Destroyed by Fire Relocation Effort is in Full Swing

Newark, N.J., Mar. 21, 2014– On the evening of February 25, a fire destroyed Ironbound Community Corporation's Van Buren Avenue office. The building housed the offices of Administrative Staff, Finance, Development, Parks and Programming as well as Disaster Relief. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

The fire destroyed office equipment and furniture. Additionally, the fire and subsequent smoke and water damage destroyed many of ICC's archival documents, records and photographs that were being temporarily housed at the office. Employees also lost personal items that were of great personal significance including old family photos, photo albums, books and even a lucky sweater.

Although overall recovery has been slow, all services previously provided at the Van Buren office have been restored to full capacity and ICC is continuing to provide the quality support and programs the Ironbound community has come to expect over its 45 year history in the community.

ICC is currently seeking out new office space. Once a new office is acquired, ICC will post the information on its website, Facebook page and through e-news alerts. To receive e-news alerts on your phone please text "Ironboundcc" to 22828.

Donations of office furniture and equipment are greatly appreciated. Volunteers to assist in a variety of capacities are also appreciated. For more information, please contact Katilia Velez at katvelez@ironboundcc.org.

To make a monetary donation to support recovery, please visit:
<http://www.firstgiving.com/IronboundCC>

Or mail a check to:
Ironbound Community Corporation
1 New York Avenue
Newark, NJ 07105
Please write "Fire Recovery" on the memo line

About Ironbound Community Corporation

The Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC) is a multi-service, community-based organization rooted in and representative of the diverse Newark neighborhood called Ironbound. Founded in 1969 by residents, ICC's mission is to engage and empower individuals, families, and groups to realize their aspirations and, together, work to create a just, vibrant, and sustainable community.

Today, ICC serves nearly 1,000 people on average daily and thousands annually with a broad array of programs and services including early child care and education, parenting education and family support services, health services, adult education, senior citizen services and environmental and community development initiatives. For more information, contact ICC at 973.465-0555 or visit www.ironboundcc.org

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