Fighting together for social justice

We are dedicated to advancing social and economic justice and fighting for the rights of poor, low-income and working individuals and families. With a primary focus on strengthening and preserving affordable housing, we seek to promote a vibrant and diverse community with the power to shape its own future.

Last year HCC helped

4,177

NYC residents with legal assistance, community and tenant organizing and weatherization services.

Our services:

✔ Legal Representation and Advice on:
  - Housing
  - Immigration
  - Elder Law
  - Consumer
  - Domestic Violence
  - Government Entitlements

✔ Tenant and Community Organizing

✔ Weatherization Assistance Program

Our Annual Numbers:

- Represented 480 clients in legal matters
- Provided legal advice to 896 households
- Improved energy efficiency to 105 families
- Organized 595 tenants
- Provided trainings and workshops to 1,160 individuals
In response to widespread tenant harassment and negligence by landlords, HCC organizes community residents to take landlords to court for repairs. In many cases, HCC assists tenants to buy their buildings through the HDFC program.

HCC starts the Weatherization Assistance Program in 1981 to install new heating systems, refrigerators, windows and roof insulation at no cost to low-income residents. In turn, tenants and owners spend less money on electric, gas and heating bills.

As gentrification takes root along the West Side, HCC begins to play a significant role in the fight against displacement of low income tenants and the expansion of affordable housing. HCC continues to represent individual tenants and buildings against unscrupulous landlords.

HCC was pivotal in the fight against the West Side Stadium and for affordable housing in the Hudson Yards rezoning. HCC joined with community leaders and elected officials to form the Hell’s Kitchen/Hudson Yards Alliance, a coalition that continues to advocate for more balanced development.

HCC begins an immigration clinic to advise and represent residents on immigration cases. In 2017, NYC becomes the first city to provide a right to counsel in an eviction proceeding. HCC lawyers begin standing up in court on behalf of those entitled to an attorney under this historic law.

Long time Hell’s Kitchen residents, Juan and George, have lived in their rent stabilized apartments for decades and HCC successfully represented them in Housing Court to keep them three. We are providing new support services to our older adult neighbors to ensure that vulnerable residents like Juan and George will receive the benefits, healthcare and social support they need to age in their homes and remain in the community.

From left to right: Juan; Mary Fox, Associate Director; George; Monica Morante, Senior Community Resource Coordinator.