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### **CAMBA Thanks Borough President Adams for Sharing Experience in Respite Shelter**

BROOKLYN, NY – CAMBA today thanked Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams for spending an overnight in one of the non-profit’s homeless shelters last week and learning first-hand about the needs and experiences of New York’s homeless population.

Joanne M. Oplustil, CAMBA President and CEO, said: “We are grateful that Borough President Adams devoted his time to spend the night with clients and staff at CAMBA’s Respite Bed Program to hear from them directly about their experiences. We know he expanded his knowledge about the types of services CAMBA provides and the people we serve every day across Brooklyn.”

“His focus on homelessness and the need for housing and shelters for our most vulnerable and in-need neighbors will help shine a light on the issue and we look forward to working with Borough President Adams and all our elected officials to help Brooklynites and New Yorkers,” Ms. Oplustil said.

Borough President Adams, pictured below with several clients last Thursday evening, slept in the exact same conditions as our clients and received no special treatment during his visit to the Respite Bed Program’s site at Congregation Beth Eholim in Brooklyn Heights.





CAMBA's [Respite Bed Program](#) is a network of more than 40 churches and synagogues that donate their time and/or space to serve homeless clients of The Gathering Place, CAMBA's Drop-In Center. Each site provides a safe bed and a warm dinner to between six and 14 guests nightly. This allows the guests to spend their days focused on overcoming homelessness rather than on finding a place to sleep. Every site is run differently, but they have many things in common.

### **About CAMBA**

Now in its 40th year, CAMBA is a nonprofit organization that provides services that connect people with opportunities to enhance their quality of life. Started in 1977, CAMBA offers integrated services and programs in Economic Development, Education & Youth Development, Family Support, Health, Housing and Legal Services.

CAMBA serves more than 45,000 individuals and families, including 10,000 youth, each year. CAMBA's staff reflects the diversity of the communities they serve and 15% of its employees are former clients.

Learn more about CAMBA's life-changing services at [www.CAMBA.org](http://www.CAMBA.org).

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