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**CAMBA and The Rogosin Institute to Dedicate New Computer Lab at Cypress Hills
Cornerstone Community Center**

Children and Parents to Benefit from Donated Technology

Brooklyn, NY, January 24, 2018 – CAMBA, The Rogosin Institute, the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) and the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) today will dedicate a new computer lab at the Cypress Hills Cornerstone Community Center in East New York. This will be the third computer lab created by Rogosin in a CAMBA facility, the first two being in CAMBA homeless shelters in Brooklyn.

The new computer lab will help children and adults at Cypress Hills with schoolwork, skill development, general learning, resume building and job seeking. The computer lab opening will begin at **10 a.m. at 475 Fountain Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11208**, and will be followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“This state of the art computer lab provides an enormous contribution to the lives of young people and their families as they build critical computer skills and prepare themselves to succeed in our highly technical world,” said **Joanne M. Oplustil, President and CEO of CAMBA**. “We are grateful to celebrate the opening of this wonderful computer lab today with our generous partners from The Rogosin Institute.”

The 28 Apple computers and a printer were donated by Rogosin, a non-profit treatment, research, education and prevention institute focusing on kidney disease. Rogosin, with eight integrative care centers in Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens, is affiliated with NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) and Weill Cornell Medicine. In 2016, the Rogosin Institute donated a new computer lab to The Kensington Family Shelter in Southeast Brooklyn. In 2017, Rogosin donated a new computer lab to The Flagstone Family Shelter in Brownsville, Brooklyn.

“The Rogosin Institute is privileged to work with CAMBA to create our third computer lab for families in need, this time at Cypress Hills Cornerstone Community Center,” said **Dr. Barry Smith, President and CEO of The Rogosin Institute**. “These computer labs serve as a model of how technology can be recycled into shelters and community centers to help residents bridge the digital divide to better their own health and economic opportunities.”



“Internet access is a critical need in today’s society and should be available to everyone. We are thrilled about CAMBA’s commitment to getting our residents connected,” said **NYCHA Executive Vice President for Community Engagement and Partnerships Sideya Sherman**. “This new computer lab will help students, parents and seniors alike as they take advantage of the many opportunities the internet opens up to them. Today’s announcement demonstrates the importance of our community partners in helping us better serve the one in 14 New Yorkers who call NYCHA home.”

Cypress Hills Cornerstone Community Center serves the young and old with enriching community events, critical developmental and health and wellness services. Children and students from Kindergarten to 12th grade receive afterschool programming and summer camps, as well as coaching in civic engagement and self-actualization. Adults receive life skills and career development classes, along with a variety of other cultural arts programming.

CAMBA, one of New York City’s largest human services organizations, operates Cypress Hills Cornerstone Community Center with funding from the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development.

The Rogosin Institute has a long history of community involvement, including supporting Computer Clubs in Romania and Bulgaria, which provides access and computer skills to about 2,000 youth. The goal of the Computer Clubs is to help youth gain marketable skills, enabling them to compete for information-age jobs.

About The Rogosin Institute

Rogosin is an independent not-for-profit treatment and research center affiliated with NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) and Weill Cornell Medicine. It is a Sponsored Member of the NewYork-Presbyterian Regional Hospital Network. Rogosin is one of the nation's leading centers for kidney disease, providing services from early stage disease to more serious problems requiring dialysis and transplantation. The Institute is unique in its combination of the best in clinical care with research into new and better ways to prevent and treat kidney disease, as well as the diseases that contribute to it, such as hypertension, diabetes, and lipid disorders. The Rogosin Institute is committed to produce a unique applicable model for optimal, cost-effective health care and health promotion. For more information, view www.rogosin.org

About CAMBA

Started in 1977, CAMBA is a nonprofit agency that connects people with opportunities to enhance their quality of life. 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. Learn more about CAMBA’s life-changing services at www.camba.org.

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