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**Department of Homeless Services Administrator Joslyn
Carter,
CAMBA and The Rogosin Institute Dedicate
New Computer Lab at The Flagstone Family Center
*Children and Parents to Benefit from Donated Technology***

Brooklyn, NY, September 12, 2017 – The New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS), CAMBA and The Rogosin Institute today dedicated a new computer lab at The Flagstone Family Center in Brownsville. It's the second computer lab created by Rogosin in a CAMBA homeless shelter.

The new computer lab will help children and adults at Flagstone with schoolwork, skill development, general learning, resume building and job seeking.

“The lab will help young people and their families build critical computer skills and compete successfully in our highly technical world,” said **Joanne M. Oplustil, President and CEO of CAMBA**. “This generous donation from Rogosin will change lives in ways we can’t even calculate and make New York a better city.

The 14 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. Last year, the Rogosin Institute donated a new computer lab at The Kensington Family Shelter in Southeast Brooklyn.

“The Rogosin Institute is privileged to work with CAMBA once again to create a second computer lab, this time, at the nonprofit’s Flagstone Family Center in Brownsville, where the residents will have access to the information they need to take more control of their own health and improve their lives,” said **Dr.**

Barry Smith, President and CEO of The Rogosin Institute. “CAMBA’s Kensington and Flagstone 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.”

“By creating dedicated spaces with the support of compassionate philanthropic partners like The Rogosin Institute, we are providing families served by the Flagstone Family Center with greater access to technology, which means greater access to opportunity in an increasingly digital world,”

said **Department of Homeless Services Administrator Joslyn Carter.** “This state-of-the-art lab will help our homeless neighbors more effectively seek housing and apply for jobs so that they can achieve stability and housing permanency. On behalf of DHS, I am proud to cut this ribbon alongside our CAMBA partners and am grateful for this investment in the futures of our homeless neighbors.”

Flagstone Family Center is a 158-bed family homeless shelter in Brownsville that serves approximately 650 clients per year. Staff provide ongoing case management, relocation to permanent housing, crisis intervention (emergency food, clothing, carfare and supportive services) for any family in need. Flagstone provides comprehensive social services designed to prepare and return families to independent living in permanent housing as quickly as possible.

CAMBA, one of New York City’s largest human services organizations, operates Flagstone with funding from the New York City Department of Homeless Services, the New York City Council, the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development and the NYS Office of Children and Family Services.

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 9,000 youth, each year. Learn more about CAMBA’s life-changing services at www.camba.org.

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