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**IRIS HOUSE MOVES SERVICES FROM HOME OF 25 YEARS;
VOWS TO CONTINUE SERVING EAST HARLEM**

New York, NY, June 26, 2017 – Iris House, New York City’s first HIV service organization to focus on women, will be vacating its first home at 2271 Second Avenue after providing services there for twenty five years.

“It’s exciting to see East Harlem growing and changing around us,” said Executive Director Ingrid N. Floyd, “But unfortunately, gentrifying neighborhoods mean gentrifying rents, and we are no longer able to afford the asking price on our longtime home base.”

While Iris House continues to search for a new home in East Harlem, our HIV, Hepatitis C and STI testing services as well as our community nutrition and pantry programs are looking for ‘pop-up’ opportunities to continue serving our clients. “We are not leaving the neighborhood,” said Floyd. “Now more than ever, we know our work is critical and East Harlem is our home.” Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to learn more about where our services will be offered and where to find our mobile outreach and testing van.

Impacted staff and programs have been moved to Iris House’s main administrative office in Central Harlem until permanent quarters have been located: 2348 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Blvd., New York, NY 10030. Phone numbers and staff extensions remain the same; all correspondence should be directed to our main administrative office.

About Iris House

Iris House provides services for women, families and communities infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS. In addition to providing family-centered services that promote prevention, education and awareness, Iris House also offers practical services that address the day-to-day needs and reality of living with HIV/AIDS. Iris House provides nutritional counseling and meal programs, intensive case management, scatter site housing, mental health services and support groups, and job and life skills training. Since opening its doors in 1993, Iris House has assisted more than 1,800 individuals cope with HIV/AIDS, and in 2015 served more than 6,800 individuals. For more information on Iris House and Iris House Programs, please [visit www.irishouse.org](http://www.irishouse.org).

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