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*Front cover photo by Patricia Marshall*



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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY

Through its free photography programs, the Josephine Herrick Project (JHP) works to transform the lives of individuals facing social, physical, and economic barriers in life. We partner with schools, human service agencies, health care facilities, libraries, and community organizations to deliver customized and hands-on digital photography courses taught by professional photographers.



For JHP participants, the camera is a transformative tool, helping individuals build self-confidence and visual literacy, think creatively and critically, engage actively with their communities, tell their own stories, and advocate for themselves, effecting change in their own lives and the world around them.



JHP was established in 1941 by pioneering photographer Josephine Herrick (pictured left) to teach photography to wounded service personnel returning from World War II. Since then, our programs have expanded to serve a variety of marginalized and vulnerable communities for whom photography provides a way to share their stories with a wider audience.

## About this Project

The Josephine Herrick Project is proud to present this book of photographs by older adults from the Jefferson Houses Neighborhood Senior Center who graciously participated in a pilot program largely funded through a community grant given by Gale Brewer, the Manhattan Borough President, and the New York City Department for the Aging. The ***Seeing Our El Barrio*** program has sought to combine an interest (and now for some a *passion*) in photography, with a willingness to take up regular walking as part of a commitment towards improving participants' health and wellbeing. Over the course of eight sessions, this group of 10+ students learned basic techniques in digital photography using the East Harlem community as the backdrop to their practice. They used cameras to document their favorite places, historic landmarks, the changing seasons, interesting people, and everyday sights, sharing their unique perspectives and allowing us to see this beautiful and dynamic neighborhood through their eyes.

## UNION SETTLEMENT

**Union Settlement** is an on-the-ground resource for East Harlem residents of all ages, and a passionate advocate for the needs of underserved communities. Since opening our doors in 1895, we have brought education, wellness and community-building programs to our neighborhood, empowering New Yorkers with opportunities to better their lives. By helping our neighbors realize their goals, we build the vitality and success of East Harlem.

**Jefferson Houses Neighborhood Senior Center** offers seniors a wide range of activities, from congregate lunches to recreational trips, from evidence-based exercise programs to arts and crafts. Their goal is to reduce feelings of isolation and encourage independent living. They promote self-reliance and independent living through group meals, volunteer opportunities, nutrition education, telephone reassurance, excursions, education, recreation and friendly visits. This site also offers transportation services.





JoAnn D'Alessio



*JoAnn D'Allesio*



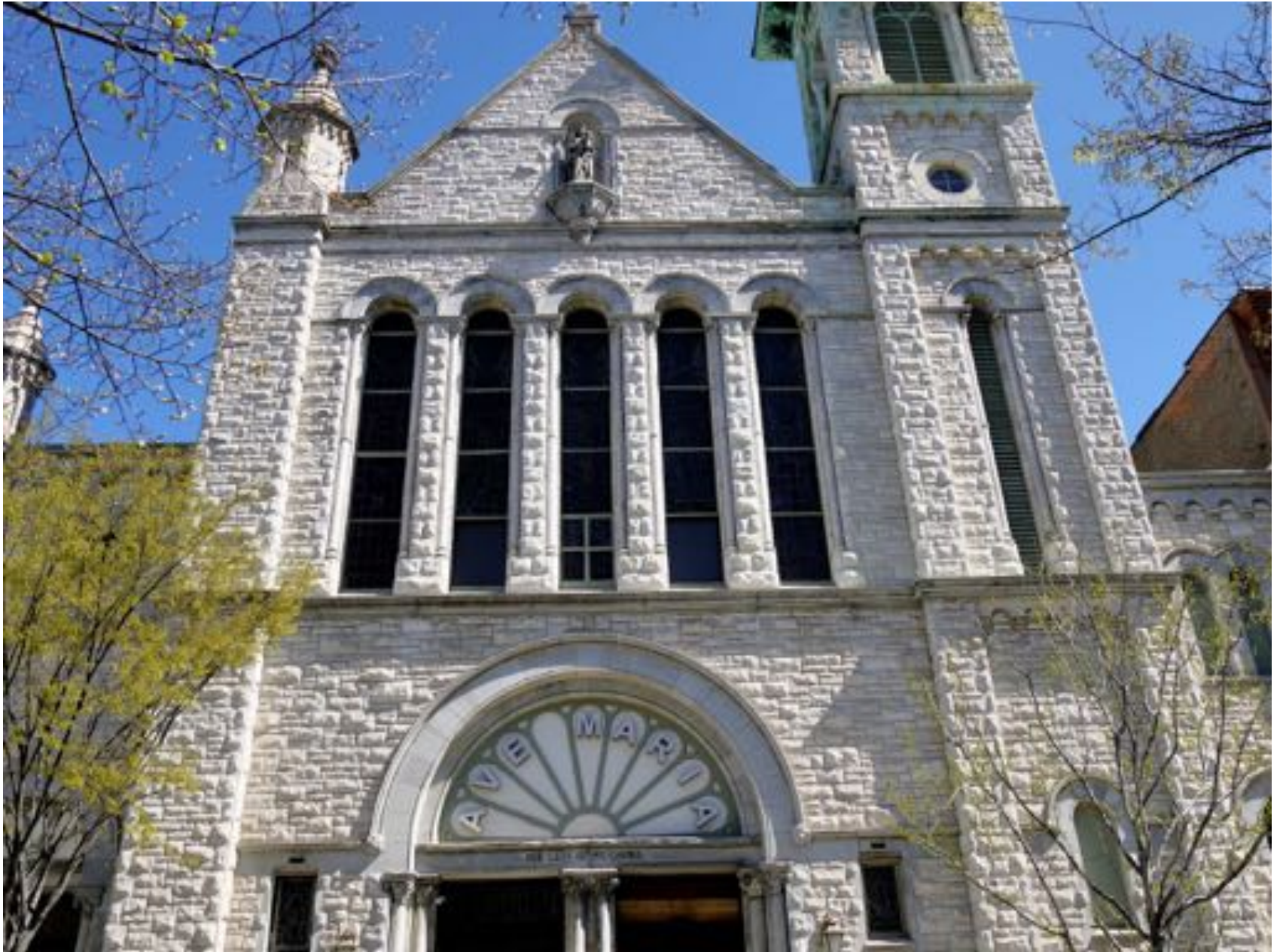


*Patrica Marshall*

*Margie Gonzalez (right)*







*Carol Martin*





*JoAnn D'ALessio*





*Domingo Quilems*





*Oswaldo Duchimaza*



*Eladia Duchimaza*



*Oswaldo Duchimaza*





Patricia Marshall









*Carol Martin (left); Eladia Duchimaza (above)*





*Domingo Quilems*





*Eladia Duchimaza*





*Oswaldo Duchimaza*





*Carol Martin*



*Michele Walker*





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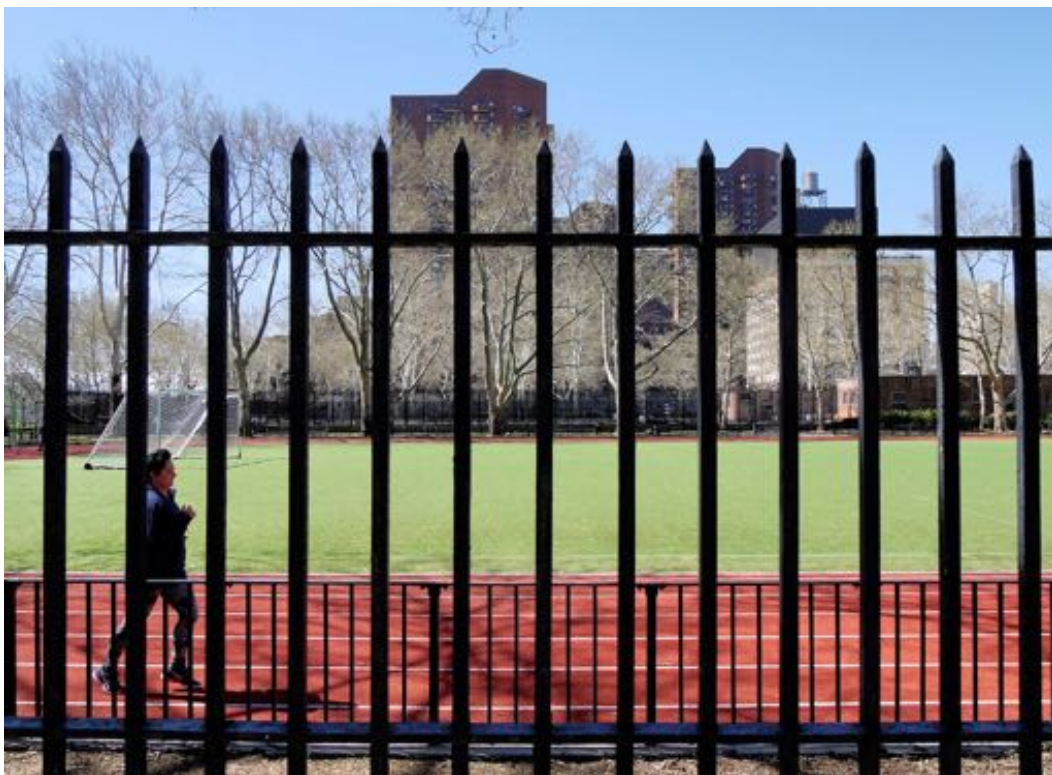




*Eladia  
Duchimaza*



*Michele Walker*



*Carol Martin*



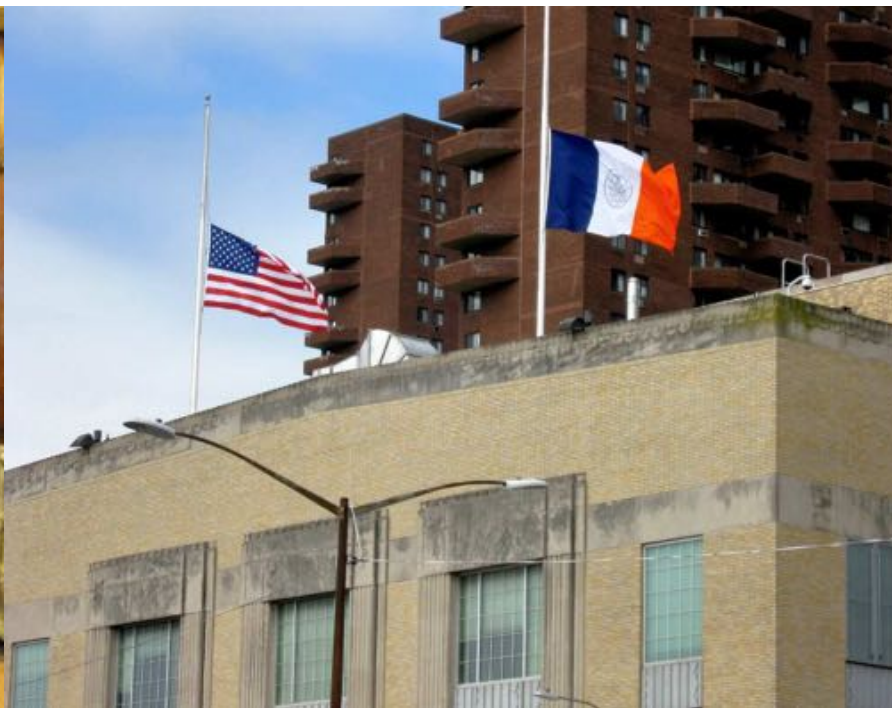


*Domingo Quilems  
(both images)*

*Opposite page,  
clockwise from top  
left:*

*JoAnn D'ALessio  
Domingo Quilems  
JoAnn D'ALessio  
JoAnn D'ALessio*









Patricia Marshall  
(both images)



*Carol Martin*





*Michelle Walker*



*Sylvia Rivera LaPrince*



*Michelle Walker*





*Patricia Marshall*



*Sylvia Rivera LaPrince*



*Michelle Walker*



*Eladia  
Duchimaza*





*Carol Martin*





*Juanita Evans*



*Margie Gonzalez*





*Oswaldo  
Duchimaza  
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*Margie Gonzalez*



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