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## **Renovation to Light Up Kids' Lives**

Midtown's Covenant House will be upgraded

Terrence O'Neal Architect Terrence O'Neal Architect has begun a major 125,000-square-foot reconstruction and upgrade for Covenant House New York, a three-building complex on West 41st Street. The organization provides care and temporary shelter for homeless, runaway, and at-risk youth. Since its doors are open 24/7, an illuminated canopy with a skylight that boldly identifies the facility will serve as a nighttime beacon in a new landscaped courtyard at the main entrance, according to the press release.

Residential rooms and administrative offices are being gutted, regrouped, and rebuilt in all of the buildings. The reconfigured space in "Building A" will increase the residential capacity by approximately 60%, with 300 beds in the crisis center and 200 in a longer-stay program. "Building B" will house a child care center, redesigned chapel, and a recreation complex, and "Building C" will include administrative offices, health care suites, and a renovated cafeteria. Electrical, infotech, and mechanical/HVAC systems are being significantly upgraded or replaced. The architect previously renovated a convent that housed the organization's Keturah W. Wood Mother Child Crisis Center on West 52nd Street.