

NYN First Read -- How much housing execs earn -- Cuomo pledges 2.5 billion for affordable housing -- How the ACLU is meeting Trump's challenges -- 16 NEW JOBS

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Mostly cloudy in Buffalo and mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers in New York City and Albany. New York City, high 91; Albany, high 76; Buffalo, high 58.

FROM NYN MEDIA:

FEEDBACK FRIDAY: Administration for Children's Services Commissioner David Hansell recently announced that front-line workers will be equipped with smartphones that come with a special app and a rip cord-like feature that can be pulled to alert a 24-hour monitoring service and police if they feel unsafe. Do you think this will be a helpful tool for strengthening the work of ACS? [Tell us here.](#)

* [Next in our series of executive salary infographics](#), we break down numbers from the 2016 GuideStar Nonprofit Compensation Report to look at the average salary for top employees at New York-based housing and shelter nonprofits.

* How are New York nonprofits and progressives feeling after the first few months of President Donald Trump's tenure? According to a panel hosted May 11 by the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies: [scared but empowered.](#)

TOP NEWS:

* New York City's homeless services agency, under a settlement reached this week, has agreed to do more to accommodate homeless people who are disabled, after a nonprofit counted just 32 accessible beds in a system that houses tens of thousands of people. [The New York Times reports](#)

* Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed legislation delivering 2.5 billion dollars to advance the construction and preservation of at least 110,000 units of affordable and 6,000 units of supportive housing over the next five years, [according to a press release](#).

* Mayor Bill de Blasio was conspicuously absent from Cuomo's affordable housing announcement, which was attended by local lawmakers, members of the construction trade unions and the real estate industry, a sure sign of a continuing chill between New York's top power brokers, [the New York Post writes](#).

* According to the Independent Budget Office, New York City's jails held an average of 3,931 prisoners a day in 2016 who were incarcerated only because they couldn't make bail, costing taxpayers \$116 million a year to keep the detainees behind bars as they await trial, [the Post reports](#).

* The executive budget proposal from the mayor shows a refusal to add any new funds to solve wait-lists or add capacity for New York City's critical community-based supports for older adults, Allison Nickerson and Bobbie Sackman of LiveOn NY [write in Gotham Gazette](#). Also [read our coverage](#) on the latest senior funding proposed by City Hall.

* New York's attorney general disclosed an arrangement with a Long Island community to end their discriminatory housing policies and practices, [Nonprofit Quarterly writes](#).

* According to New York City Coalition for Adult Literacy, a collection of nonprofit, community-based organizations, the budget will face a 12 million dollar cut that will eliminate literary courses for over 5,500 students throughout the city, including 1,3000 in Queens alone, [the Times Ledger writes](#).

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TRUMP ADMINISTRATION:

* Immigration arrests shot up 38 percent in the first three months of the Trump administration compared with the same period last year, one of the first clear indications that the president's hard-line policies are being carried out on a grand scale, [the New York Times writes](#).

IN DEPTH:

* In a podcast, [Nonprofit Hub looks at issues](#) to consider before starting a nonprofit.

* The American Civil Liberties Union pursued a 10-year plan to expand the capacity of its affiliates nationwide and defend people's constitutional rights against the threats of a Trump presidency, Anthony D. Romero and Geri E. Rozanski of the ACLU [write in the Stanford Social Innovation Review](#).

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NONPROFITS IN THE NEWS:

* According to an analysis from law firm Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, the community land trusts model, designed to ensure permanent housing affordability on city-owned properties, is set to take hold in New York City, [Real Estate Weekly writes](#).

* A week after a housing complex abruptly shuttered a walkway that was heavily used by seniors and youths to access services at the nearby Grand Street Settlement facilities, the two parties are now in talks to determine the fate of the barred gate blocking the passage, [DNAinfo writes](#).

* The foundation created by the late Buffalo Bills founder Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. has awarded 5 million dollars to Rochester Area Community Foundation to expand and improve opportunities for youth sports and recreation programs in the greater Rochester region, [the foundation stated in a press release](#).

NYN BUZZ:

A festive atmosphere marked **IRI's** 2017 Gala on May 4 at Glen Island Harbour Club in New Rochelle, NY. The annual celebration drew 320 guests and raised more than \$165,000, setting an agency record in fundraising. Proceeds will benefit individuals with developmental disabilities supported by IRI, which is a Queens-based nonprofit that helps people with complex needs lead full, rewarding lives. Christopher M. Hahn, Fox News contributor, was emcee for the evening. Joshua Lamberg of Lamb Financial Group received the "Turning Dreams into Reality Award." Assemblyman Michael Miller was given the "Advocate Award." Receiving the "Champion Award" were Joe Aiello, Hank Kraker, and JR Velepec on behalf of the Glendale Kiwanis Club. IRI used the 2017 Gala to launch its first-ever online giving campaign. The "Birthday Campaign" is

IRI. **Now available online**, people create personal pages to ask others to pledge in celebration of their birthday.

* **Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc.**, a leading not-for-profit agency devoted to supporting the pursuit of an enviable life for children and adults with autism, learning and other developmental disabilities, recently received the 2017 Long Island Imagine Award for Innovation at the awards reception held at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY. The Innovation award, sponsored by Empire National Bank, is presented to a nonprofit that has been innovative in adopting new platforms that have led to a significant increase in the organization's ability to meet its mission. ACLD's Executive Director, Robert C. Goldsmith and RewearAble's staff member Samantha Sheehy of Levittown, NY accepted the award. ACLD received a \$5,000 grant to support its RewearAble program, a green program created by ACLD to provide sustainable employment for people with developmental disabilities by collecting used and unwanted clothing, fabrics and accessories.

* Nancy Biberman, founder and director of **Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation** was honored by the Richman Group during their Aspirational Communities Award event and received the 2017 Creating A Dynamic City Award for Bronx Commons. Biberman is a nationally recognized expert in sustainable affordable housing and community-focused development. She has focused on building hundreds of affordable homes in the South Bronx enriched by the elements needed to make a vibrant community – economic opportunity, retail, healthy food, culture, health care and education.

Don't miss this summer's most-anticipated love story! Join author **Jill Santopolo** for a literary happy hour at McNally Jackson Booksellers on Friday, May 19 from 6-8 pm to celebrate the publication of her new novel, *The Light We Lost*. It's perfect summer reading that's "extraordinary" (Delia Ephron), "moving" (Real Simple), and recommended by theSkimm: "One Day meets Me Before You meets your long weekend bag." <http://go.cityandstatemedia.com/e/168882/t-light-we-lost-jill-santopolo/v4598/71377599>

