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From  
Nonprofit Staffer



to  
**Nonprofit Founder**

**ROSANNE HAGGERTY, 47**, in the lobby of the Prince George, with Common Ground residents, May 31, 2007

**In 1982 Rosanne Haggerty took a** volunteer job with Covenant House New York, a shelter for at-risk youth. Eight years later, she would create Common Ground, an innovative solution to housing the homeless in Manhattan.

**Did you know this would be your life's work when you started volunteering?** No, I kept thinking I'd do it for one more year, then go back to a conventional career path. I bought an updated LSAT study guide every summer.

**Why didn't you go to law school?** When the

735-room, filthy, decrepit Times Square Hotel (a.k.a. Homeless Hell) went bankrupt in the late 1980s, I wanted someone to turn it into quality supportive housing—with employment services, a clinic, and caseworkers right in the building. Not a shelter but permanent, dignified housing. Because I'd been development coordinator for Catholic Charities of Brooklyn, I knew what questions financiers, tenants, and the city would need answered, and I wrote up a plan. Everyone I talked to was too overcommitted to

take it on. They all agreed, though, that someone really ought to do it. Finally, I thought, *Oh, someone is me*. In 1993 the first new tenants moved in. It became the largest example of permanent, supportive housing for individuals in the country. We've opened four others in New York [including the Prince George, above] and are helping to create similar projects in Los Angeles, New Orleans, and Australia. **Ever think about becoming a lawyer?** No, I bought my last LSAT guide in 1985. ▶