

# EMPLOYEES:

## People who make **NYCHA** work

**The first NYCHA employee was its first chairman, Langdon Post.**

**In 1934, he hired 14 employees to help carry out the Authority's mission.**

Within six years, 26 staff members attended management meetings. At a meeting a few days before Christmas 1940, they discussed demolition work at the Fort Greene site (Whitman and Ingersoll Houses), the heating plant at East River Houses, and Miss Gladys La Fetra asked when she might have an Assistant Manager at Red Hook Houses.



*Gladys La Fetra*



Throughout the 1940s, as each new housing development opened, housing managers, clerical staff, maintenance and ground crews came aboard along with employees for financing and administrators specializing in HUD and state agency requirements.



By the 1950s, NYCHA numbered 7,000 employees, including 386 housing assistants, 182 assistant accountants, and just over 300 "Housing Officers" - uniformed patrolmen.

Those specially trained officers became the Housing Authority Police Department in 1952. They merged with the NYPD in 1995. Today, the 1,829 men and women of the NYPD Housing Bureau provide for the security and delivery of police services in and around public housing developments.

By the 1950s, the housing assistants' jobs had expanded



from collecting rents to renting and inspecting apartments, handling transfers, conducting income reviews, assisting with legal action in terminated tenancies, and making referrals to social service agencies. Also in the 1950's District Council 37 became the union for non-managerial employees.

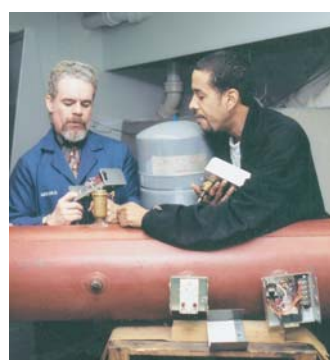


By 1974 NYCHA's workforce increased to 11,000. The Authority has always strived to maintain a great diversity of personnel, expanding traditional boundaries to provide opportunity.



NYCHA caretakers affect the lives of residents directly every day, often going beyond the call of duty - working to keep buildings and grounds safe and sanitary.

Throughout NYCHA's history, it has been the practice of the Authority to rely on residents for our workforce. Today 29% of NYCHA's employees are also residents.



### **Why do I work in Public Housing?**

**"It is rewarding for me to work for public housing because I can participate in helping some people meet one of their basic needs".**

*Lourdes Garcia  
Assistant Manager  
Frederick E. Samuels Apts.*

NYCHA has now grown to around 14,000 employees with an enormous diversity of skills and professions: social workers, architects and drafters, accountants and lawyers, plumbers, carpenters, glaziers, elevator technicians and landscapers - no fewer than 370 job titles providing services to residents. The employees of the 1930s would recognize their descendants, except perhaps for NYCHA's typists and stenographers who now have titles like data center managers and IT specialists.

