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## **Bronxworks Honors COO of L+M Development for Community Activism**

New York—Debra Kenyon, chief operating officer of L+M Development Partners, was honored for her community service by BronxWorks, the South Bronx-based social service agency, at its Annual Gala Monday, June 10.

Kenyon oversees the development, construction and property management operations of L+M, a firm well known for bringing many low-income apartments into being, many of them from conversions of abandoned buildings in the Bronx. She joined L+M in 1993 as the company's general counsel and served as director of L+M's development activities before being named COO. Prior to joining L+M, she was a corporate attorney at Robinson Silverman Aronsohn and Berman, a law firm in New York City, which she joined after earning a J.D. from the New York University School of Law.

In addition to her involvement in developing mixed- and low-income housing in the Bronx, Kenyon takes special interest in L+M's pro-active after school program—a program that is directly impacting on BronxWorks. Recently L+M donated two rooms at 500 E. 165<sup>th</sup> Street to BronxWorks for an after-school center for the children of tenants that L+M helps to fund. The after-school center opened in September with a capacity to serve 40 children.

Since 1984, L+M has developed more than \$2.5 billion in mixed income housing, much of which is in the Bronx, the company states. L+M is the first developer to take part in New York City's Vacant Building Program, which uses federal housing credits for the conversion of vacant buildings into badly needed low-income housing in the Bronx.

L+M's is also noted for civic activities in the Bronx, including a \$100,000 scholarship program for Bronx high school students and a workforce development program. Relevant to this, Kenyon serves as a mentor in the Let's Get Ready college admissions mentoring program for low-income high school students and is on the Advisory Board and is a past president of the Mamaroneck Schools Foundation.