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Arthritis is a common chronic disease that often gets worse with age, and it affects many JASA clients. Earlier this year, the New York Community Trust awarded JASA a $50,000 grant over two years to help over 200 older adults with arthritis with their daily living. By providing household items such as shoe horns, gripper pads, and reachers, as well as clothing, shoes, bedding, and furniture, JASA clients with arthritis will be able to better manage their day-to-day needs.

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The City changed its renewal policy, and is in the process of represented in the action grew to 20,000.

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The New York Community Trust grants two more great opportunities to JASA to assist residents in the community. The first is a $90,000 grant awarded to JASA to help people with arthritis. The grant will support the creation of a NORC Advocacy and Leadership Council, training leaders in advocacy and leadership skills to train JASA’s residents who have arthritis.

The New York Community Trust grants a second NORC grant to JASA to support its work with NORCs in New York City. The grant will support the training of JASA clients who are living in NORCs and have arthritis, helping them to better manage their day-to-day needs.

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The lawsuit was brought on behalf of a JASA client and other tenants who had their rent freeze benefits revoked because they did not renew their renewal paperwork in time.

The lawsuit was settled out of court, and the plaintiffs were reimbursed for the benefits they lost.

The case was brought to protect the rights of seniors and disabled individuals who rely on the Rent Freeze Program to remain in their homes.

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Chief Development Officer JASA Kathryn Haslanger, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, Auctioneer Toby Usnik of Philanthropic Impact Partners, and Honorable Richard Ravitch.

JASA holding an event.

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