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**Open House New York to Present Inaugural Open City Award to the Design and Development Teams of the Cornell Tech Campus at Spring Benefit on April 26**

New award recognizes people and projects that contribute to a more open and accessible New York

April 2, 2018 - Open House New York announces the presentation of the inaugural Open City Award to the design and development teams of the new Cornell Tech Campus on Roosevelt Island. The celebration takes place at Open House New York's Spring Benefit on Thursday, April 26, 2018, which will be held at the Tata Innovation Center, one of the three new acclaimed buildings on the Cornell Tech campus.

Presented for the first time this year, the Open City Award was created by the Governing Board of Open House New York to recognize people and projects in New York that advance efforts to create a more open, accessible, and equitable city. Whether through the creation of new public spaces, by blurring boundaries between private and public, or by fostering new possibilities for engagement and transparency, the Open City Award celebrates openness as a quintessentially New York value that is fundamental to the city's future.

The first Open City Award will be given to the Cornell Tech campus on Roosevelt Island, and specifically to the five design components that make up its first phase: the Emma and Georgina Bloomberg Center (Morphosis Architects); the Tata Innovation Center (WEISS/MANFREDI Architecture/Landscape/ Urbanism with Forest City New York); the House (Handel Architects with Related Companies and The Hudson Companies); the landscape design that unites these three buildings (James Corner Field Operations); and the master plan that will guide the campus's continued growth for the next several decades (Skidmore, Owings & Merrill).

"In each of these components, Cornell Tech is a model of 21st-century campus design," said Roy Kim, president of the Governing Board of Open House New York. "Cornell Tech intentionally fosters connectivity and collaboration, blurs the edges between academia and industry, and opens itself up to its community—and to the city—with beautiful and sustainable public spaces."

“Cornell Tech is a key part of tech in New York City, and we are proud to receive Open House New York’s inaugural Open City Award for our new campus,” said Dan Huttenlocher, Jack and Rilla Neafsey Dean and Vice Provost of Cornell Tech. “Cornell Tech was given the rare opportunity to create a campus from scratch. It was core to our mission to build an open campus, and leverage cutting-edge sustainability and design practices as transformative as the research and education happening on the campus.”

The Spring Benefit will provide Open House New York supporters and friends an opportunity to be among the first New Yorkers to experience the new Cornell Tech campus. Following rooftop cocktails (weather permitting), guests will sit down to dinner in a glass-walled room on the sixth floor of the Tata Innovation Center with spectacular views of the East River and Manhattan skyline.

“We believe openness is a New York value,” said Gregory Wessner, executive director of Open House New York. “For more than fifteen years, Open House New York has opened doors across the five boroughs to bring New Yorkers together for a shared experience of the city. The Open City Award is a way for us to celebrate people and projects that sustain this spirit of openness that has made New York a beacon of opportunity and aspiration for people all over the world.”

For information about the event, including tickets or tables, please visit <http://www.ohny.org/programs/special-events> or contact Kristin LaBuz at [benefit@ohny.org](mailto:benefit@ohny.org) or 212-991-6470, ext. 110.

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Through its year-round programs and the annual OHNY Weekend, Open House New York celebrates the best examples of architecture, planning, preservation, and engineering throughout the five boroughs. We create a civic platform to inspire curiosity, build community, and foster a more informed conversation about how design can shape the future of New York. For more information, visit [www.ohny.org](http://www.ohny.org).

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