Most importantly, Jacob's Place contains 63 apartments built to provide sound housing for the hard working people of its neighborhood for many years into the future. It was built on four vacant lots, some of the last city owned land available for this type of housing in the Northwest Bronx. It helped complete a 15 year effort by FBHC to restore housing along a five block stretch of Webster and Park Avenues.

Jacob's Place is a new 63-unit apartment building built by Fordham Bedford Housing Corporation on Webster Avenue in the Bronx. It was built to help hard working families find beautiful, safe and affordable homes. It contains an early childhood center with six classrooms on the ground floor which are currently in use by the new Bronx Community Charter School.

Jacob's Place is Green!
We’re not just talking about the beautiful landscaping at the front and back of the building; we’re talking about the whole building. From top to bottom we included environmentally safe and energy efficient measures. This includes efficient lights, boiler, elevators, and kitchen appliances. We used floor tiles made out of recycled materials, low-voc paints and primers and windows containing argon gas for better temperature control. The roof contains an experimental green roof and a solar electricity system to offset electric use in the public spaces. We’ll water the gardens with captured rainwater.

Who is Jacob?

Astin Jacobo was a community leader in the Crotona neighborhood from the 1970’s until his death in 2002. Jacob worked with his neighbors to confront the issues threatening the very existence of his community in the 1970’s and 80’s. He picketed banks, confronted landlords and challenged elected officials and government agencies. He convinced his neighbors they could make a difference when they got involved in the neighborhood. We dedicate this building to honor the many contributions he made to the effort to improve the Northwest Bronx.