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Dear donors,

My summer internship at the New York City Housing Authority has been invaluable. It has given me exposure to a potential career path in the public sector and a great introduction to the variety of non-profits, city agencies, and private consultants who all play a role in shaping New York City's public housing. I have always been interested in pursuing a path related to housing studies, but this has been my first opportunity to actually do so.

This summer, my work allowed me to develop skills outside the design discipline that complemented my education in the GSD's Master in Architecture program. These skills include meeting facilitation and consensus-building, participatory design planning and engagement, and collaboration across disparate agencies and constituents.

Receiving this fellowship from the Harvard Club of New York Foundation gave me the opportunity to work within an agency and department that is typically financially limited and unable to hire summer interns. The funding also supported my living costs in New York City, allowing me to take full advantage of the internship and partake in site visits and agency events which would not be possible through a remote setup.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Maggie Musante

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The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) increases opportunities for low- and moderate-income New Yorkers by providing safe, affordable housing and facilitating access to social and community services.

Maggie supported the New York City Housing Authority's Connected Communities urban design initiative with policies, projects, and planning work. In particular, she assisted NYCHA's Community Design Architect on various stakeholder engagement and urban design initiatives across NYCHA's entire portfolio.



