

barrier free living



We support
survivors of domestic
violence w disabilities

SINCE 1981



Programs making a difference

Freedom House domestic violence (fully accessible) shelter, Secret Garden award winning counseling program and our BFL Apartments in the Bronx. Our newest vision Freedom Village will offer supportive housing and is under construction on Manhattan's lower east side.

[Olga's story www.bflnyc.org](http://www.bflnyc.org)



Mission

Barrier Free Living supports individuals with disabilities to live dignified lives free of all forms of abuse and bias. In 2024 we embarked on a go green mission to install a solar roof at our Freedom House shelter.

Honors & Innovation

BFL has received many honors over the agency's four decades, including our most recent National Crime Victims' Service Award for Professional Innovation in Victim Services in 2022.

BFL also received a 2022 Purple Ribbon Award from DomesticShelters.org for Innovative Services at its programs for survivors of domestic violence with disabilities. Visit our News & Events page for all of our honors & awards .

by the numbers

SECRET GARDEN
SERVED 443 SURVIVORS
AND ANSWERED 744
HOTLINE CALLS IN 2023

BFL SERVES ABOUT 100
KID ON ANY GIVEN DAY
OFFERING SUPPORT &
ON SITE LEARNING
CENTERS. .