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Date:	June 15, 2023
Names of Attorneys:	Trevor Adler and Peter Marshall
Name of Firm:	Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP
Client Served:	Forestdale
Accomplishment:	Represented Forestdale in connection with a lease negotiation for the ground floor in a building in order to create a Family Enrichment Center in Queens.

Specific Case Highlights:

For more than 150 years, Forestdale has provided family services to New Yorkers in need. Originally founded in Brooklyn in 1854 as an education association and home for destitute children, the organization has readily adapted to the ever-changing city landscape, shifting to focus on providing housing and social services for disenfranchised young New Yorkers. Over the following decades, Forestdale expanded to Queens, broadening its scope while staying true to its mission of supporting at-risk children and families.

Now Forestdale provides resources for struggling families, as well as support for children and parents who have been separated. Through partnerships with local universities and medical facilities, Forestdale provides dental, mental health, and medical care for local families who otherwise would not have access. By offering an 18-month Guaranteed Income Program and trauma-informed social work services, Forestdale aims help families heal and grow together. Should children be unable to remain with their families due to abuse or neglect, Forestdale supports their transition into and through the foster system, placing them in homes that will encourage their personal and academic development, as well as ensure their health and wellbeing.

Trevor Adler and Peter Marshall of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP assisted Forestdale with a lease negotiation for a space to house a Family Enrichment Center. Since the successful completion of the lease negotiation, Forestdale has begun work with community partners and residents to envision how the space can best serve the neighborhood. Once open, the Queens FEC will welcome community members of all ages to come together to participate in activities and support one another through times of transition, struggle, and joy.

Rachel Tzamorotas, General Counsel and Assistant Executive Director of Operations at Forestdale, said, “Peter and Trevor were terrific. They sunk their teeth into a long and unwieldy lease draft and crafted something that made sense for us. Not only did they lend their real estate and contract expertise for our benefit but they were sensitive to the time constraints that we were under. Overall they were a pleasure to work with.”

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