Some people are born in their lifelong homes.
Others find safe spaces among friends and family.
For those with vision loss, home is a place that has to be made.

At this moment, Alphapointe’s new location is changing the lives of New Yorkers who are blind or visually impaired. Productive New Yorkers who can proudly come to work every day and achieve independence. New Yorkers who are proving that sight is a convenience, not a necessity.

Once renovated, Alphapointe’s new wholly owned industrial space in Queens’ Richmond Hill neighborhood will create major savings and financial stability, allowing more resources to be spent on generating jobs for people who are legally blind.

Right now, the Richmond Hill property is an industrial facility. With your help, we can transform it into a place to call home.
People who are visually impaired are **FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY** to be unemployed than the general public.

Alphapointe is the **ONLY REMAINING INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYER** of people who are visually impaired in New York City.

Alphapointe is the **LARGEST SINGLE EMPLOYER** of people who are visually impaired in the five boroughs and the third largest in the United States.

**OUR WORKFORCE**

Alphapointe employs **398** people; **229** are legally blind.

In New York, Alphapointe employs **196**; **123** are legally blind.

**DIVERSITY BREAKDOWN**

- 31% Asian
- 25% African-American
- 24% Caucasian
- 20% Hispanic

400,000+ New Yorkers have a visual disability.

Unemployment rate for the visually impaired: **70%**

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**MAY 2014**

Alphapointe acquires New York City Industries for the Blind, saving over 200 jobs – including 130 people who are legally blind.

**JANUARY 2016**

Alphapointe identifies Richmond Hill property as its future New York home.
The Journey Toward Home

June 2017
Warehouse space renovations for occupancy begin.

July 2017
Warehouse operations are transitioned to Richmond Hill facility.

August 2017
Renovations of key areas begin.

Late 2018
All renovations completed, with remaining personnel transitioned into our new home.

alphapointe™
ongoing renovations

training area
This specialized space will help find the right fit for each manufacturing employee and build skills that are transferable to other workplaces. Stations will include packaging, sewing and light industrial, all using the latest computers and equipment.

estimated cost: $400,000
(this need has been met by a grant from the lavelle fund for the blind, inc.)

led lighting
Reduces glare for workers with low vision. Also reduces future utility expenses.

estimated cost: $100,000

ramps between buildings
A safer way for workers to navigate the new facility. Includes tactile flooring with contrasting surfaces to help employees identify locations.

estimated cost: $183,000

sensory garden
A large, outdoor open area between buildings will be transformed into a safe, communal space where employees can socialize and develop "soft skills" for everyday workplaces. The garden will also display a revolving exhibit of tactile artwork, as well as fragrant plants and flowers for an overall sensory experience.

estimated cost: $235,000

structural improvement
The Richmond Hill buildings require new roofing.

estimated cost: $1,000,000

climate control
To keep alphapointe’s workers comfortable in the New York summers and winters, new HVAC units are required.

estimated cost: $500,000

LED LIGHTING
Reduces glare for workers with low vision. Also reduces future utility expenses.

estimated cost: $100,000

paint
Contrasting colors will help those with low vision navigate the Richmond Hill space.

estimated cost: $20,000

estimated cost: $100,000

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estimated cost: $500,000

estimated cost: $1,000,000

estimated cost: $400,000

estimated cost: $183,000

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In 2016, Alphapointe New York flexed its muscle, proving that manufacturing within the United States is a powerful opportunity for visually impaired workers. Just some of what Alphapointe New York can achieve in a single year:

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I will miss this place in Brooklyn. But change is good, and finally it is our own.”
– Loretta Williams

I went to see where it was, and I am very happy. It’s very simple for me to get to, (which) will be very good.”
– Giovanna Andrade

You know, this will be my third place and my last place. And finally, it is our own place.”
– Paul Filippini
WAYS TO GIVE

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Because our new Richmond Hill location consists of 19 separate buildings, donors are being offered the opportunity to name a building. For $200,000, you can leave a lasting legacy.

Within our new warehouse, you can also fund and name specific departments where products are made. These $200,000 contributions can be made with a three- to four-year pledge.

As Alphapointe moves to Queens, a new home is made. Opportunities are made. Jobs are made. Quality products are made. New lives are made – with a sense of security and independence that is priceless.

Your donation in any amount will do more than help the current New York employees of Alphapointe. It will open countless doors that lead to a better future for New Yorkers with vision loss.

Use the enclosed donor envelope or give at alphapointe.org. For more information on naming opportunities or how to contribute to the Home. Made. effort, contact Gina Gowin at 816.237.2025.
OUR VISION: A world where everyone with vision loss rises to their desired full potential.

Founded in 1911, Alphapointe is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a mission of empowering people with vision loss to achieve their goals and aspirations. Alphapointe is associated with the National Industries for the Blind. For two years in a row, NIB recognized Alphapointe with its Employment Growth Award.

Alphapointe provides vocational evaluations, job training and job placement for New Yorkers who are blind. Alphapointe manufactures AbilityOne/SKILCRAFT products under the AbilityOne Program, which supplies the federal government, U.S. military and businesses across the nation. Alphapointe is affiliated with the New York State Preferred Source Program (NYSPSP), providing a range of products and services to New York state, city and local government agencies.

Find more information at alphapointe.org.