The CUCS Report is a publication of the Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS). We are dedicated to serving the homeless, and be healthy. Thank you for reading the CUCS Report. Our goal is to connect people to care and better align on health goals and reach better outcomes.

In this issue of the CUCS Report, we highlight Janian Primary Care, a program of the Center for Urban Community Services. The first of its kind in New York City, our street medicine service is designed and licensed to deliver medical care at the intersection of housing and health care. The Street Medicine Van is a true clinic on wheels, providing care to clients on park benches, underpasses, and anywhere on the streets of New York City.

Janian Primary Care helps clients with short- and long-term health needs. Building a positive, trusting, and non-judgmental relationship is key. That social connection is everything. With the Janian Primary Care team, we meet people where they are and can see how flows from there - treatment, housing, everything. So, we often say “The relationship is the treatment.”

We treat people who struggle with homelessness, mental illness, substance use, and their own priorities. We integrate mental health, substance use, and other treatments that are traditionally provided. We treat people where they are, building trust with the patient. This program has created a new paradigm for care, breaking down administrative and bureaucratic barriers that go along with traditional care.

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