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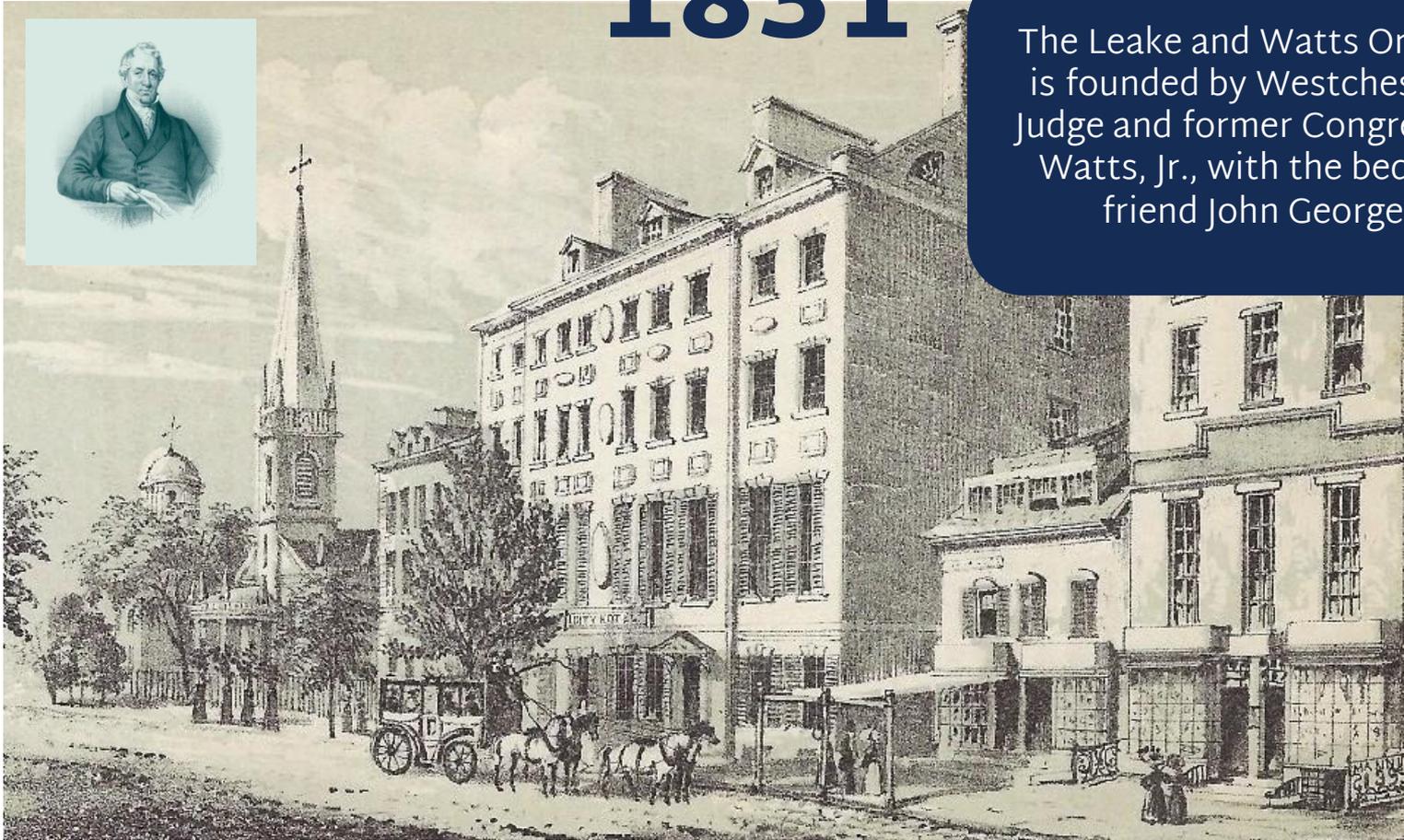
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1831



The Leake and Watts Orphan House is founded by Westchester County Judge and former Congressman John Watts, Jr., with the bequest of his friend John George Leake.





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1944



A Foster Home department is established, finding homes for children in the community. Today, Family Foster Care is a core impact area for Rising Ground, focused on keeping families intact.

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- Jason and Diana Kyrwood





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Thank you for making a difference.

- Beth and Tom Renyi





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The **Benedict and Stanton Families** are proud to celebrate **Rising Ground** on its 195th anniversary.

We applaud your collaborative work ethic and look forward to many more years of success!



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We are proud to join you all in strengthening New York, together!

- Valerie and Jeff Cohen



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- **Graham and Molly Thomas**



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We congratulate **Rising Ground** on its work providing pathways to success for young people in foster care. We thank you for letting our family be part of this journey and look forward to future opportunities to share and grow together.

**-Dr. Ariz and
Dorothy Mehta**



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1986



After 12 women at the Bedford Hills Women's Prison testify how their histories of abuse relate to their criminal charges, a holistic program of services for victims of gender-based and intimate partner violence is developed.





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- Matt and Caroline Del Percio



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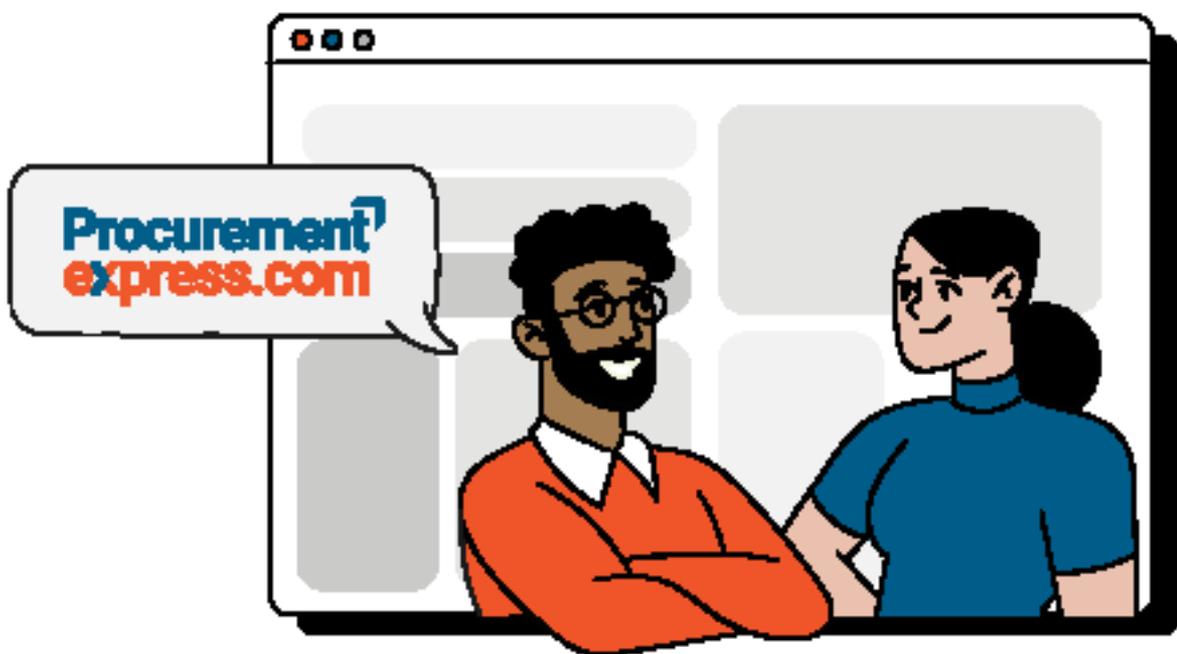
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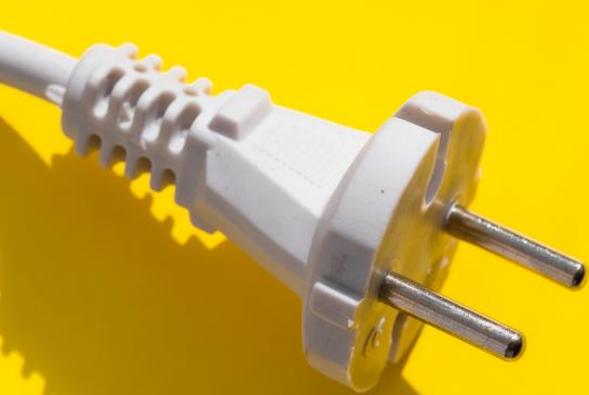
2018



We rebrand as **Rising Ground** to better reflect our expanded services, extended communities, and broader mission.

In **2022**, the organization is once again officially New York City-based.

In **2024**, we open new administrative offices at 1333 Broadway.



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Congratulations to **Rising Ground** on your continued success!

- **Craig Montalbano, President, Sister Helen Travis**



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Rising Ground becomes New York City's largest provider of Transitional Independent Living residences, greatly expanding its services for runaway and homeless youth.





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