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The Christodora House receives a Cultural Medallion

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There was a ceremony yesterday at the Christodora House on Avenue B at East Ninth Street... where the Historic Landmarks Preservation Center unveiled the latest in its Cultural Medallion program...



...honoring Harry Lloyd Hopkins...



It reads:

*Harry Hopkins, one of the most influential non-elected officials in American history, became a Settlement House worker in 1912 at Christodora, where his exposure to the struggles of new immigrants helped shape his thinking about social reform. **Christodora, launched in 1897, was then housed in 143/145/147 Avenue B, and to this day continues its mission to help alleviate inequities among the underserved.** In 1933, President Roosevelt asked Hopkins to implement the Social Security Act of 1935, and to direct the Works Progress Administration, which hired more than 3 million unemployed to rebuild highways, bridges, public buildings, and parks. During WWII, he was Secretary of Commerce and FDR's personal representative to London and Moscow. In 1945, Hopkins helped arrange the Potsdam Conference for President Truman, who honored him with the Distinguished Service Medal.*

Here's a photo of the Christodora from 1929...



[From the Collections of the Museum of the City of New York]

Top three photos by Bobby Williams.

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