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AFTER MONTHS of living in a cramped single room at a South Bronx shelter, Isadee Gomez and her four children now have their own place to call home.

“It’s beautiful,” said Gomez, who recently toured her new three-bedroom apartment at the Intervale Green complex. “It’s perfect.”

Gomez’s family is among 127 set to move into the affordable housing complex at 1330 Intervale Ave. this month.

The building is run by Women’s Housing and Economic Development Corp., a Bronx-based non-profit organization. Last month, the group launched a Web site, www.MovingDay.org, to solicit donations to help buy furniture for each of the homes.

A scuplture garden greeted new residents on a recent tour of their apartments. The complex features more than a half-acre of vegetation, a “green” roof designed with panels to absorb water and cool the building, courtyards and a public park.

Eventually, the building will house nearly 400 tenants. Visit www.whedco.org for Information. Gomez says building security is the best amenity.

“As a single mom with four kids, just knowing there’s security makes me feel better,” Gomez said. “I know we are going to be happy here.”

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The building's corner site (A) was designed to take advantage of its corner site. Large kitchens (above) will offer residents good cooking points for homemade meals.

The two-bedroom and one-bedroom smokeless units of the newly-renovated Jefferson Parkway project in Sheffield Park, will be welcomed by a spacious lobby (above) as well as modern bathrooms (B).