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Mayor on Tuesday toured 2432 University Ave in the Bronx, a building that received close to zero percent interest loans from the city so it would remain low income housing.

The brick building is nearly covered in scaffolding. Officials said it's nearly 100 years old and never had major renovations. It's a five story walk up with tiled floors and yellow walls that are crumbling in some places. The common areas will be the last part of the building fixed, officials said.

We toured two units with mayor. One was vacant and in the midst of the repairs, the other had been fixed and belonged to a mom and her nine year old daughter.

The mayor arrived at the vacant one with the developer, John Reilly of Fordham Bedford Corp. Some tinsel Christmas decorations hung Sent from my iPhone

"This is basically how it was before the Great Depression?" The mayor asked looking at some beams. "Basically yes," the developer said.

We were ushered out mid-tour.

Next we went to home of Shaydee Reyes, resident of the building for the past 18 years. She's lived in a few different units, and now is in 4G with he daughter who was at school. Her mother and sister also live there in different units.

Her new one bedroom apartment includes new fridge and cabinets. She shares the one bedroom with her daughter and said she pays "\$895 a month, which is great."

Before the mayor came, she was asked about changes and said, "The construction, it was very old. And we never really had anybody to come and fix the building like the mayor, how he did now. We are very thankful and very blessed that everything came out the way we wanted it to."

Reyes, her mother and sister waited on her new couch (which she bought to go with nice new apt) for the mayor. He walked in and all three smiled broadly.

He asked her what was the worst part of the building prior to the rehab.

"We were afraid to ask people to come over," she said.

Also - rats.

"We had (rats) and they kept coming back," she said.

She's been back in for two weeks since its been redone.

"No rats?" de Blasio said.

She nodded. "So far thank God."

De Blasio asked where she was from in the Dominican Republic. She said a town "moca" - not sure spelling. De Blasio said he didn't know it.

"It's a small town," she said.

And then we were ushered out.

De Blasio walked out of the building a short while later.

A group of people who appeared to be tenants - probably over a dozen - and a few construction workers followed him outside, clapping and cheering.