



Construction Begins on CARRIAGE FACTORY APARTMENTS

DePaul celebrated the start of construction on the Carriage Factory Apartments at 33 Litchfield Street in Rochester, New York with a ground-breaking on March 28. Built in the mid-1800s to manufacture customized horse-drawn carriages, the 73,000-square foot Cunningham Carriage Factory was one of the city's oldest manufacturing plants. Conversion of the former industrial site into 71 loft apartments for income-eligible tenants is expected to take 16 months.

Located in the Susan B. Anthony Preservation District, New York State Senator Joseph Robach said the Carriage Factory project is another great example of the amazing synergy of housing, economic and commercial development happening in downtown Rochester.

"The Carriage Factory Apartments are yet another example of how our community excels in adaptive re-use," added Mayor Thomas S. Richards.

The Monroe County Office of Mental Health recognized DePaul's tireless efforts to create opportunities for restoring hope and building success for individuals with psychiatric disabilities.

"Your solid foundation of demonstrated success and dedication to high quality results throughout the years leaves no doubt in our minds and creates every confidence that this will be the very place where many will realize their dreams, create individual and shared successes and carry forward with great hope," said Senior Manager Dave Putney.

The project is being funded through a combination of state, city, federal and private investments and has been granted a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement by the city.

Officials participating in the Carriage Factory ground-



breaking included CEO of Christa Construction David Christa; President of Christa Construction Michael Dehmler; Principal of SWBR Architects Joseph Gibbons; Vice President of DePaul Properties, Inc. Gillian Conde; Upstate Director of Capital Development for NYS Homes and Community Renewal Leonard Skroll; New York State Senator Joseph Robach; President of DePaul Mark Fuller; Rochester Mayor Thomas S. Richards; Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood Group member Barbara Hoffman; Red Stone Equity Director of Business Development Richard Roberts; Monroe County Office of Mental Health Senior Manager David Putney Sr.; Community Preservation Corp. Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer Richard Conley, and Goldman Sachs Bank USA Urban Investment Group Chief Operating Officer Daniel Nissenbaum.



Officials break ground on DePaul's Carriage Factory Apartments on March 28.

Never Too Young to Lend a Hand

Josh Cole, 11, had just wrapped up his role as Leroy in the school production of *Bugsy Malone* when he began seeking something else to fill his time after school. He searched the internet and inquired about volunteering at a local hospital but was told he was too young. In February, Josh made a call to Horizons, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Canandaigua, New York. A tour from Activities Director Curtis Sanger was all it took.



Josh Cole spends time chatting with Horizons resident Josephine Mardis.

"This place looked like a happy place so I came here," Josh said.

April 21st through 27th was National Volunteer Recognition Week. DePaul is fortunate to have countless community members who dedicate hundreds of hours of service doing everything from crafts and bingo to giving hand massages and facilitating pet therapy at our senior living communities and mental health residences in New York and North Carolina. These volunteers come from all walks of life and age groups.

More than a handful of DePaul volunteers are juggling homework, sports, theater and chores. Their motivation is simple. Volunteering is fun!

"The residents are great because you can learn stuff from them and sometimes you find you have things in common," said Josh who volunteers his time at Horizons at least once a week.

The seniors have interesting stories to share, said Josh, like the female resident who holds the record for catching the largest trout in Canandaigua Lake or Josephine Mardis who just loves to chat.

"She's just got such a happy mood," he said. "She makes you



Joshua Grimes helps residents at Southfork paint vases.

put a smile on your face."

Fifteen-year-old Joshua Grimes, the son of Activities Director LaDonna Grimes, has been volunteering at Southfork, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the past five years.

"My mom has such a love for these residents and she's passed it down to me," he said. "Sometimes people see the aging process as sad, but when you spend time one-on-one with the seniors, you build relationships and it's beautiful. You find a friend in most everyone and they all want a



The Ziegler brothers, along with their mother Christine, play games with residents at Westwood Commons.

hug."

Once a month, the Ziegler's, a group of five brothers, spend time with residents at Westwood Commons, a DePaul Senior Living Community in North Chili, New York. Brothers Jared, Cameron, Joshua and twins David and Daniel range in age from 15 to 8-years-old.

Cameron, 13, said he really enjoys meeting new people and playing games with residents.

"Afterward it feels good just helping people out and doing good life stuff," he said.

Thanks to volunteers near and far for making our world a better place!

Funding Awarded for Rochester View Apartments

Funding has been awarded for the Rochester View Apartments, 60 affordable apartments offering enhanced supports to accommodate tenants who may be deaf. Governor Andrew Cuomo recently announced \$5.7 million dollars for the project through the New York State Housing and Community Renewal (NYSHCR) Unified Funding Application.

"We are very pleased to provide this much-needed affordable housing option for income-eligible individuals in our community," said Mark H. Fuller, President, DePaul.

A total of 33 projects were awarded a total of \$91 million in low-interest loans and tax credits aimed at creating 2,060 units of affordable housing.

"We are elated that New York State has chosen to finance the Rochester View Apartments project," said Fellow and Researcher with the Department of Public Health Sciences and National Center for Deaf Health Research at the University of Rochester Tamala David, Ph.D. "Rochester is the perfect place and now is the perfect time for the development of this 'deaf-friendly' residential community."

Gerald Buckley, National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) President, said this is a tribute to the collaborative working relationship between the Rochester deaf community and DePaul.



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"Once again 'Sign City' Rochester demonstrates that it is an inclusive community committed to assuring that the deaf and hard of hearing citizens of this region have access to critical housing services designed to meet their unique communication needs," Buckley added.

Under the current design, the 60 one- and two-bedroom apartments will include open floor plans with high levels of visibility, strategic lighting, safety lights on appliances such as the faucet, doorbell, video

conferencing and calling, and pillows that vibrate during a fire alarm. The entire building has been designed to potentially accommodate persons who are deaf and hard of hearing and those using ASL.

DePaul Participates in First Annual Rochester NAMI Walk



Six teams of more than 50 DePaul employees participated in the first annual Rochester National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk on May 4 in Rochester, New York. The inaugural event raised \$115,000 to increase awareness and support services available to the hundreds of thousands of individuals and families across the country affected by serious mental illness.

Fifteen Years of Delivering Meals on Wheels

In the four years he's been volunteering with Meals on Wheels, Charlie W., a 24-year-old client with DePaul JobZone, a Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS) Program, has advanced from washing dishes to helping with food preparation and meal packaging, unloading and stocking food deliveries, and learning how to operate a hydraulic hand lifter.

"They've really come to rely on me," he said. "I've been able to help them when they're shorthanded or they may even call me in on a day I'm not normally there."

Charlie W. has gone from volunteering about nine hours a week to about 20 hours a week with Meals on Wheels. He credits the experience with helping him gain more self-esteem, work experience and communication skills, while at the same time helping him lose 50 pounds, and he's hoping volunteerism will help him in his search for employment.

"I'm hoping to get a good recommendation when the time comes and I have an interview," he said.



Charlie W.



Georgetta B.



Robert H.



John L.

In December, DePaul was recognized for fifteen years of volunteering with Meals on Wheels. In addition to the work Charlie is doing, PROS clients also help deliver meals on several routes Monday through Thursday. The benefits of this relationship are two-fold.

"Meals on Wheels volunteering can support the individual as they practice managing symptoms and focusing on tasks as well as being accepting of others while working in the community delivering the meals," said Pam Maglier, PROS Employment Specialist/Operations Manager. The PROS Program is based at DePaul City Center in Rochester, New York.

Charlie isn't the only DePaul PROS client volunteering with the organization. Clients like Georgetta B., 31, John L., 35, and Robert H., 24, help deliver meals on several routes Monday through Thursday.

"I like how it helps me get acquainted with the city, helps me learn new things and gives me the opportunity to help people out," said Robert H.

Senior Living RENOVATIONS



Administrator Karen Shaffer and resident Robert Holdridge in Westwood Commons' freshly updated dining room.

DePaul is continuing upgrades to three of its 18 senior living communities. Hickory Village in Hickory, North Carolina, Westwood Commons in North Chili, New York and East Towne in Charlotte, North Carolina are the latest facilities to receive improvements.

"These renovations are a continuation of an overall master plan to ensure all our senior living communities are up to DePaul's high standards and to make it easier for staff to deliver the quality of care our residents expect and deserve," said Mark Fuller.

Acquired by DePaul in 1999, Hickory Village has received extensive upgrades to all areas including gathering areas, private bedrooms, staff areas, offices, the nursing stations, as well as significant landscaping improvements and the addition of more parking.

Westwood Commons recently underwent partial renovation, with new wallpaper, floors and lighting in various locations of the building. Upgrades to East Towne are slated to begin this spring.



Resident Ellen DiPhillips and Activities Director Rebecca Bridges in Hickory Village's newly renovated activities room.



Charcholla Honored for Health Care Achievements

Dan Charcholla, Recreation Director for DePaul Community Services, has received the Rochester Business Journal's 2013 Health Care Achievement Award in the special needs category.

Marcia Dlutek, Vice President of DePaul Communications/Development, said Dan has devoted his career to interacting with clients through the development of therapeutic relationships and has provided a holistic approach to recovery and healing for the past three decades.

"The quiet heroes, those in the proverbial trenches doing good if not great things every day, don't receive the accolades they truly deserve...but often don't desire," she said. "Dan Charcholla stood out to me as one of these quiet heroes."



Syracuse Receives President's Award from NAMI

Chris Syracuse, Executive Director/Vice President of Living Opportunities of DePaul and DePaul Community Services, was recently awarded the 2013 President's Award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in Buffalo and Erie County for his outstanding leadership in the mental health field. He is pictured here with President of NAMI in Buffalo and Erie County, Marcy Rose.

"He's willing to go the extra mile nobody else will go," said Rose. "He's helped our people get housing and expressed an interest in the housing situation in Erie County."



Annual Salerno Basketball Tournament a Slam Dunk

Good sportsmanship, enthusiasm and team spirit were on display at DePaul Recreation's Ninth Annual Brian Salerno Memorial Basketball Tournament held at DePaul's headquarters in Rochester, New York on March 28. More than 40 consumers from DePaul programs, Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities Services Office and East House enjoyed an afternoon of fun and competition on and off the court.

Named in memory of the late Brian Salerno who was a longtime supporter of DePaul and a member of its men's basketball league, the tournament is sponsored in part by a donation from Noreen Salerno and The Immortal Hoops League.

Displaying Brian's spirit of sportsmanship, positive attitude and teamwork, Cameron L. of Halstead Square was named MVP of the tournament.

"Cameron is hard working, dedicated and an all-around team player," said DePaul Recreation Director Dan Charcholla.





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NCADD-RA Annual Luncheon



DePaul and SWBR Architects, P.C. Recognized for Design Excellence

DePaul's Neighborhood of the Arts (NOTA) Apartments has received the 2013 Design Excellence and Honor Awards in the Residential category from the The Rochester Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Located in Rochester, New York, the mixed-use affordable housing campus was designed by SWBR Architects, P.C. The project will be recognized at an awards dinner this June.

Congratulations to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence-Rochester Area on its most well attended annual luncheon ever! Held Friday, May 17 at Mario's Italian Steakhouse in Rochester, New York, keynote speaker Dr. Ruben Baler, pictured here with NCADD-RA Director Jennifer Faringer, presented "Addiction and the Adolescent Brain: The Bigger Picture and Strategies for Communities."

In addition, Steve Novak, MD, was named winner of the Charlotte C. Hegedus Community Excellence Award, Keith Greer, LCSW, ACC, CASAC, was recognized with the Helen Guthrie Memorial Youth Advocate of the Year award and Rose Mary Villarrubia-Izzo was the winner of the Community Collaboration Award. Novak is a family physician who's been working in addiction treatment since 1991. Owner of his own coaching business, Catalyst Personal Development, Greer has worked as an addictions counselor and school social worker. Villarrubia-Izzo has worked as the Home School Assistant for the Rochester City School District Department of English Language Learners, Bilingual and Hispanic Services for the last 29 years.

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