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DePaul Celebrates Opening of Ebenezer Square









DePaul was joined by local and state officials in November 2016 to celebrate the grand opening of the 100-unit, \$24.4 million Ebenezer Square Apartments in West Seneca, New York. The mixed-use development replaces a long vacant and blighted big-box store and offers affordable apartments integrated with 75 units of licensed residential housing serving individuals with a mental health diagnosis in recovery.

"These strategic investments help support some of our most vulnerable New Yorkers by ensuring they have access to a safe and decent place to call home," New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo said. "This project brings together affordable housing alongside supportive residential programs, creating a truly integrated community that will foster recovery and independence."

Operated by Living Opportunities of DePaul, the three-story, 124,000-square-foot building at 2400 Seneca Street features oneand two-bedroom apartments. In addition to modern, well-appointed apartments, Ebenezer Square offers stable housing in a serviceenriched, recovery-oriented setting to adult individuals with a psychiatric disability in recovery. Licensed by the Office of Mental Health, residents will have 24/7 access to care and can receive living skills training, medication management, linkages to medical and dental care, health education, as well as educational and vocational services. Residents will also have access to off-street parking, lounge areas

on each floor, outdoor picnic areas and a community room. Staff and security are on-site 24 hours a day.

The project was completed with \$16.5 million of interest-free construction financing from the New York State Office of Mental Health. The permanent mortgage for this construction loan was through \$16.5 million in tax-exempt bond financing from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York. The Office of Mental Health provided approximately \$1.05 million in funding to support the annual debt service on this mortgage, another \$1.34 million in annual funding to support service and operating expenses, and also provided a \$436,150 Program Development grant for startup costs. Additional support was provided by New York State Homes and Community Renewal with a \$681,698 allocation in Low Income Housing Tax Credits that generated approximately \$6.2 million in private equity to help finance the project costs.

Additionally, Ebenezer Square features the latest energy-saving solar technology. A 150 kilowatt solar array is expected to generate 172,000 kilowatts annually, which will account for about 75 percent of the building's electrical usage. To offset the cost of the solar panel installation, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) provided \$50,000 in funding through the NY-Sun Initiative. NYSERDA also contributed an additional \$250,000 through

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its Low-Rise Residential New Construction Program. The project received \$184,050 in New York State Solar Tax Credits.

"Ebenezer Square is successfully integrating a licensed residential program with affordable housing," said New York State Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan. "Residential programs such as Ebenezer have been shown to help their clients find lasting recovery and a better connection with their surrounding communities. Under Governor Cuomo's leadership, New York State



Carol Sabatino and Chris Syracuse: The community room at Ebenezer Square was dedicated to the late Dr. Charles Sabatino, a tireless advocate for those in recovery from a mental illness. Pictured here, Dr. Sabatino's wife Carol receives a plaque from DePaul Vice President Christopher Syracuse.

continues to expand the opportunities and options which enable individuals with disabilities to live fully integrated lives in their home communities."

"Ebenezer Square offers quality housing with services that will enrich the lives of residents and the fabric of the community," said New York State Homes and Renewal Community Commissioner James S. Rubin. "Providing housing with supportive services is one of the best ways to help people who need extra support succeed in

their communities. That's why HCR is proud to partner with DePaul on developments like this that further Governor Cuomo's efforts to assure all New Yorkers have a safe, affordable place to call home."

"DASNY is proud to have helped facilitate the financing that made this community possible," said Dormitory Authority of the State of New York President and CEO Gerrard P. Bushell. "By working together, we can provide up-to-date, safe and affordable living options for New Yorkers in need."

"The Ebenezer Square project will significantly benefit disadvantaged New Yorkers by offering affordable, energy-efficient housing," said New York State Energy Research and Development Authority President and CEO John B. Rhodes. "Governor Cuomo's innovative REV strategy ensures all New Yorkers have opportunities to benefit from clean energy and energy efficiency as the State drives progress toward healthier, more sustainable communities."

"As we unveil Ebenezer Square and the 100 new units it brings, we're reminded of DePaul's commitment

and dedication to advocating for affordable housing opportunities across Western New York," said New York State Senator Timothy M. Kennedy. "My thanks and congratulations goes out to all who collaborated on this incredible investment, as I know this quality, accessible and energy-efficient building will be a welcome asset for West Seneca and the people who call it home."



Pictured here are Vice President of DePaul Properties, Inc. Gillian Conde; Assistant Commissioner, Buffalo Regional Office of New York State Homes and Community Renewal Leonard Skrill; New York State Assemblyman Michael P. Kearns, Assembly District 142; Associate Commissioner for Adult Community Care, Division of Adult Services, New York State Office of Mental Health Moira Tashjian; DePaul President Mark Fuller; Town of West Seneca Supervisor Sheila M. Meegan; Town of West Seneca Councilman Gene Hart and Michael R. Ranney, CRC-R, LMHC, Commissioner of Mental Health, Erie County. (absent from picture New York State Senator Timothy Kennedy, 63rd Senate District, and Christopher Syracuse, Vice President, Living Opportunities of DePaul.)

"DePaul Properties Ebenezer Square Apartments has had a major impact on the community even before the completion of the project," said New York State Assemblyman Michael P. Kearns. "With the demolition of a former big-box store that had been vacant for years, we are now witnessing a revitalization of this parcel. Today we have services and support progress for our neighbors. Additionally, DePaul is bringing quality affordable apartments to



DePaul President Mark Fuller presented a plaque to Moira Tashjian, Associate Commissioner for Adult Community Care, Division of Adult Services, New York State Office of Mental Health during the Ebenezer Square open house in recognition of her many contributions to assisting those with a mental health diagnosis.

West Seneca and a building using renewable energy. I am proud to have had a small role in this project and working with West Seneca officials to make it a reality."

"This project clearly demonstrates that housing can bring a positive impact to communities like West Seneca," said Town of West Seneca Supervisor Sheila M. Meegan. Square "Ebenezer demonstrates that balancing resources will bring us closer to ensuring the opportunity of housing to those who may not have a place to call home. DePaul's investment in our community will provide such a great impact for many."

"DePaul is pleased to be a community partner in meeting the need for quality affordable housing and residential mental

health programming options in West Seneca and throughout New York State," said DePaul President Mark H. Fuller. "We wish to thank Governor Cuomo and the State for providing DePaul with the funding that has made this project a reality. We are so proud to be part of the West Seneca community. Ebenezer Square is an example of progress and partnership in action."

Awards/Recognition

Ebenezer Square Apartments Recognized for Environmental Design Leadership

DePaul's Ebenezer Square Apartments were recently recognized with a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification for demonstrating leadership in energy and environmental design. The LEED system is a certification program developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) for buildings, homes and communities that are designed, constructed, maintained and operated for improved environmental and human health performance.

"The DePaul Ebenezer Square Apartments' LEED certification demonstrates tremendous green building leadership," said Rick Fedrizzi, CEO and founding chair, USGBC. "The urgency of USGBC's mission has challenged the industry to move faster and reach further than ever before, and the Ebenezer Square Apartments serve as a prime example of just how much we can accomplish."

NCADD-RA Receives Accolades

DePaul's National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence-Rochester Area staff has recently been recognized for their advocacy work in the community.

Jennifer Faringer, Director of DePaul's NCADD-RA, was honored by the Monroe County Legislature for her work on the Monroe County Opioid Task Force. The NCADD-RA was also

recognized for its work in providing specialized training to Monroe County Department of Human Services caseworkers to address the impact of addiction on families. Jennifer is pictured on top with Monroe County Legislator James Sheppard.





Also pictured, Finger Lakes Prevention Resource Center Community (FL PRC) Development Specialist Barbara Christensen received the Credentialed Prevention Professional of the Year Award from the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (NYS OASAS); FL PRC Development Specialist Jerry Bennett received the Jerry Bennett Excellence in Volunteer Administration Award, named in his honor, from the Rochester Area Administrators of Volunteer Services, and Total Approach Family Program Coordinator Bridget DeRollo received the Outstanding Professional Contribution Award from the Finger Lakes Consortium.

Congratulations to the NCADD-RA for these well-deserved accolades!



Syracuse Wins Community Support Award

Congratulations to Christopher Syracuse on winning the Elayne G. Wels Community Support Award for being a contributing community supporter for Western New York Independent Living Inc. (WNYIL)! As DePaul Executive Director/Vice President, Chris works to erase the stigma against people with mental illnesses and aims to create an environment of inclusion, acceptance, responsibility and accountability both at DePaul and in the greater community. Syracuse was recognized for his 25 years of service in Western New York of partnering with agencies dedicated to providing quality housing for individuals living with a mental illness or struggling with homelessness, as well as a number of other mental health recovery initiatives.

WorkGuide Employer Recognized for Excellence



WorkGuide Vocational Counselor Lindsay Murphy and Hyatt Regency Human Resources staff Patrick Miller.

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New York was honored
for hiring people with
a diverse background
and individuals with
disabilities at the
National Disability
Employment
Awareness Month
(NDEAM) event hosted
by the Rochester
Area Employment
Network (RAEN)

and Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR). Nominated by DePaul WorkGuide employee Lindsay Murphy, the Hyatt received a state-level award. The Strong Museum of Play, which was also nominated by WorkGuide's Anthony Comella, received a local award. WorkGuide's Supported Employment program assists people with disabilities in obtaining and maintaining competitive employment.

DePaul Olympians Got Game!

DePaul's 10th Annual Senior Olympics



Recreation Director Dan Charcholla and Dorothy Harkness (Westwood Commons)



Frances Moran (Glenwell)



DePaul Seniors participated in the 10th Annual Senior Olympics in November at DePaul's Recreation Center located at 1931 Buffalo Road, in Rochester, NY. Woodcrest Commons, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Henrietta, took home the trophy this year, competing against residents from three other DePaul Senior Living Communities – Westwood Commons in North Chili, Glenwell in Cheektowaga, Horizons in Canandaigua



Woodcrest Commons' team included John Hicks, Andrea Heath, Doug Kurlan, Personal Care Assistant Tawanna Primus, Rosanne Bourne, Activities Assistant London-Paris Sanders, Tom Armstrong, Activities Director Lindsay Lown and Joan Rangus.

 as well as from Rochester General Health System's ElderONE. Events included a spelling bee, shuffle board, a putting green, bean bag toss, bowling, Wii Bowling and word search.

DePaul's Third Annual SRO Olympics



Halstead Square's team included Receptionist Sandi DiBenedetto, David W., Nairobi A., Edward M., Amy S., Nicholas P., Onnolee H., Jean A., Michael B., Harrison B., Victoria P., Residential Services Counselor Martina Lucas.

DePaul hosted the Third Annual SRO Olympics in September featuring teams from DePaul's Single Room Occupancy Programs in Rochester and Buffalo including Cornerstone, Edgerton Square, Halstead Square, Kensington Square, McKinley Square, Parkside and Seneca Square. Halstead Square took home the coveted DePaul Cup. Events included word search, a spelling bee, basketball free throw, bowling, golf, bean bag toss, ladder golf and pool.



Activity Coordinator Laurenne Lavictoire and Michelle N. (Edgerton Square)



Michael B. (McKinley Square) and Activity Coordinator Austin Pettigrew.



Kathleen D. (Kensington Square) and DePaul Recreation Director Dan Charcholla.

Project Thank You

Clients and residents throughout DePaul were the recipients of much generosity during the 2016 holiday season. Many thanks to DePaul staff members, scout troops, schools, places of worship, community organizations, businesses and individuals who came together to bring joy to all. Everyone who gave of themselves to those in our care made a tremendous difference in New York, North Carolina and South Carolina!



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National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence-Rochester Area Annual Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 24th from 11:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at the Doubletree Inn at 1111 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Bertha K. Madras.

a professor of psychobiology in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and former Deputy Director for Demand Reduction in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. For more information or to register, contact Elaine Alvarado at (585) 719-3481 or ealvarado@depaul.org.



HATS OFF TO STAFF

Many thanks to DePaul staff, residents and programs who diligently maintained DePaul's mission and high standards of care during Hurricane Matthew in October. Pee Dee Gardens, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Florence, South Carolina, was recognized by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control for providing shelter to residents from other communities during the storm.

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