

*Our mission is to strengthen families and communities by creating and providing access to quality affordable housing enriched by the availability of supportive services.*



## The Day Arrived!

**“This project will bring back to life buildings and neighborhoods for our most deserving citizens.”**

*- Louise M. Slaughter, Member of Congress*

On August 4, with the temperature reaching 91 degrees, **Mayor Thomas Richards** and the Holy Rosary Development Team broke ground on a major revitalization effort that will transform the former Holy Rosary church, school, convent and rectory on Lexington Avenue, Rochester into affordable housing. Holy Rosary Apartments will provide 35 apartments on the main campus and 25 new single-family homes. The 10,000 square foot historic church will become a community space, part of which will be leased to Mary’s Place Refugee Outreach that was previously housed in the rectory.

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## Paul Wolk Commons Celebrates Opening with Ribbon Cutting

### **Collaborative Effort Results in Housing for East House Clients and Rochesterians**

The development team for Paul Wolk Commons celebrated along side East House clients during the ribbon cutting ceremony on July 12. The \$8.6 million dollar development is an adaptive reuse of a vacant and deteriorated parking garage located in the heart of downtown Rochester.

**Gregory Soehner**, President and Chief Executive Officer of East House stated, *“Paul Wolk Commons is an incredible community resource. The thirty licensed treatment apartments for persons with persistent mental illness are like no other in our community. At East House, we strive to be on the forefront in treatment options we*

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## Rivendell Court Receives Funds to Improve Structure, Efficiency



*Rivendell Court Apartments is 19 units of permanent supportive housing in three buildings in the City of Rochester.*

In February 2012, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York Affordable Housing Program, through member bank First Niagara Bank, N.A. granted a subsidy award in the amount of \$300,000 to Providence Housing for Rivendell Court Apartments to complete much needed rehabilitation work.

The FHLB NY AHP funds are being used to finance

rehabilitation costs and will be targeted to work that will guarantee long-term sustainability of the project. Major items of renovation include roof replacement and repair, new energy-efficient windows, heating system replacement and updated kitchens/ bathrooms.

Rivendell Court Apartments is a 19 unit project consisting of 14 studios, four one-bedrooms and one two-

bedroom unit. This project is a permanent supportive housing community which was formed in 2011 upon the acquisition three buildings in the City of Rochester.

The rehabilitation work commenced in September 2012 and will be completed in December 2012. Justice Construction is the general contractor who is performing all rehabilitation work.

# Paul Wolk Commons Celebrates Opening



**Paul Wolk Commons has been recognized by Enterprise Community Partners as a Green Community certified development. The certification demonstrates the commitment to providing high performance, healthy homes for low income families.**

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offer to clients with persistent mental illness and/or chemical dependency. Paul Wolk Commons not only realizes that goal but it also solidifies our mission to move lives forward each day."

All forty-five Paul Wolk Commons apartments are targeted to residents earning up to 50% of area median income. Thirty of the units are licensed treatment apartments by the New York State Office of Mental Health and provide on-site supportive services for residents with

mental illness. Property amenities include 24-hour staffing and security, on-site property management and maintenance, central air, laundry facilities, library,

community room, game and television lounge, interior and exterior courtyards, and on-site parking.

The building is 100% smoke-free. Five units will

be fully handicapped accessible, with two units adapted for the hearing or visually impaired.

For housing applications please call 585.987.2624

## Program for Homeless Vets Provides Permanent Housing

New resources are available to help disabled homeless veterans find a place to call home in the Rochester area. Providence Housing has been awarded a three-year, \$602,168 grant from the Department of Housing and

Urban Development (HUD) to provide rent and supportive services to 20 qualifying veterans. Participants will be provided with financial assistance to pay a security deposit, purchase furniture and household start-up

items, and make monthly rent payments. East House Corporation will screen eligible participants and provide ongoing support services. Interested applicants should contact East House at 585.256.3800.



## Charles Philip Added to PHDC Board of Directors

Providence Housing welcomes **Charles Philip** to the 2012-13 board of directors.

Currently a Surfaces Market Manager and Business Development Manager for Corning Advanced Life Sciences, Mr. Philip is responsible for the commercial

activities, business case and licensing requirements of launching a \$25MM program in synthetic surfaces for stem cell culture. Previously he was a Financial Analyst for Eli Lilly and Company.

Mr. Philip holds a Master of Business Administration

degree from University of Western Ontario, Richard Ivey School of Business, and both a Bachelor of Science, Biology, *cum laude*, and Honours Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, *cum laude*, from Houghton College.

### Providence Housing Development Corporation Board Of Directors 2012-2013

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# Holy Rosary Apartments Groundbreaking Ceremony



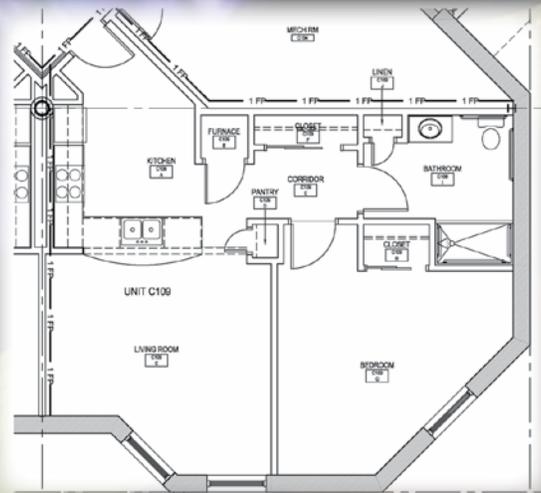
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Total construction funding is more than \$15 million. The apartments will be located at 26 different sites in 30 buildings. It incorporates new construction, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse and historic rehabilitation.

Wayne Goodman, Executive Director of the Landmark Society of Western New York pointed out the following in his speech at the ceremony:

*"This project is incredibly important not only because it preserves such a wonderful historic building, but because of the combined effects that this has. This is what historic preservation is all about. This allows for injection of investment into a community that greatly needs it. It's job creation. It also fills a community need and it preserves an irreplaceable historic structure and preserves the history of a dynamic and very worthy parish."*

Although the housing lottery is closed, those interested in the studio, 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom apartments, and the 3- and 4-bedroom single-family homes can still apply. Please call 585.328.3228 ext. 1393 for an application.

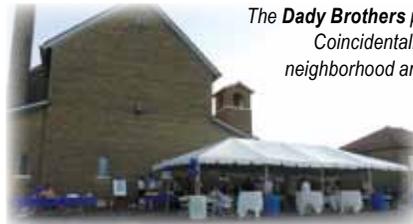


On left: One of the 25 single-family homes being built in the Edgerton neighborhood.

On right: Floor plan of a one-bedroom apartment in the former school. There will be 35 apartments on the main campus.

## Hard Hat Fun(d)raiser Celebrates Passion for Future Builds

On September 13, guests saw first hand the progress being made in the transformation of the Holy Rosary campus into affordable housing and community space. Special thanks to **LECESSE Construction** and **Atlas Construction** for their generous sponsorship, and to **PriceRite**, and **Rohrbach Brewing Company** for their in-kind donations.



The **Dady Brothers** provided entertainment for this event. Coincidentally, John and Joe had grown up in this neighborhood and had attended Holy Rosary School.

Donations to the revolving Pre-development Fund help Providence explore future housing projects.

**ROC**  
THE·DAY

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**12.12.12**  
**www.roctheday.org**

# Saluting our Dedicated Volunteers

## Old St. Patrick's Church, Chicago

Chicago's Old St. Patrick's Church youth group returned to Providence communities this summer assisting with outdoor clean-up and hedge trimming at Union Park/ Union Meadows/ Union Meadows II. They painted porches and stained fences at Brown Street/ Near Westside Apartments and Carlson Commons/ Plymouth Manor/ Olean Heights. They also helped prepare Paul Wolk Commons for its ribbon cutting ceremony.



A component of their Worktour week included a discussion of social justice and what affordable housing means, led by Providence's Minch Lewis. A \$1,000 donation, from their many pancake breakfasts and other fundraisers, was presented to Providence in recognition of its commitment of providing safe, decent, affordable housing to those in need.

We are grateful that this group of 18 teens and six team leaders dedicated a week of their summer vacation to help Providence improve and maintain its communities.

## United Way Day of Caring

Several companies and organizations return year after year, knowing that teaming together can make a difference. Note the before and after photos of the raised flowerbed below.



## University of Rochester Wilson Day

During this annual event, incoming freshmen at University of Rochester meet the community through their volunteer efforts before classes start.



## St. Mary's/St. Bridget's, Canandaigua

After several days of outdoor cleanup, this youth ministry group pooled their resources and held a mini-fair at Carlson Commons. The children loved the water balloons on this hot summer's day.

## THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP PROVIDENCE HOUSING COMMUNITIES

### Wish List

See our list posted at: [www.communitywishbook.org](http://www.communitywishbook.org)

### Volunteers Needed

We welcome volunteer groups of any size to help with spring and fall cleanup, and special activities.

### ROC the Day on December 12

[www.roctheday.org/providencehousing](http://www.roctheday.org/providencehousing)

### BRICK WALK

Become Part of The LEGACY, with an engraved brick! In 2013 these bricks will become part of the walkway at the new Holy Rosary Apartments,

414 Lexington Avenue. Recognize a special person in your life, celebrate a special occasion, or honor the memory of a loved one. The possibilities are endless! The honoree will receive an acknowledgement of your generosity! See the enclosed form or receive one by calling: 585.328.3288 ext. 1433.

### Direct Online Donation Now Available

Visit the *How You Can Help* section of our website at: [www.providencehousing.org](http://www.providencehousing.org)

### United Way Donor Designation # 2388

Providence Housing is eligible to receive designations through United Way's annual campaign. Please

consider designating a portion of your United Way gift to Providence by using donor designation number 2388. For more information, please contact us at 585-328-3228, ext. 1433. To learn more about the United Way, visit [www.uwrochester.org](http://www.uwrochester.org).

### Giving to Providence

Providence Housing gratefully accepts contributions to support the development of affordable housing. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, donations to Providence are tax-deductible. To discuss additional ways of supporting Providence through business sponsorships, matching gifts, or bequests, please contact us at 585.328.3228 ext. 1433

## OUR COMMUNITIES

### For Families

Brown Street, Rochester  
Carlson Commons, Rochester  
Holy Rosary Apartments, Rochester  
Near Westside, Rochester  
Northern Star, Rochester  
Olean Heights, Rochester  
Plymouth Manor, Rochester

Rivendell Court, Rochester  
Shortsville Meadows, Shortsville  
Union Meadows, North Chili  
Union Meadows II, North Chili

### For Seniors

Atwood Park, Gates  
Bloomfield Meadows, Bloomfield  
Clemens Manor, Elmira

St. Salome Apartments, Irondequoit  
Union Park, North Chili  
West Town Village, West Henrietta

### For People with Disabilities

Elizabeth Blackwell, Geneva  
McNiff Commons, Elmira  
St. Andrews, Gates

### For Individuals

Paul Wolk Commons, Rochester  
Son House Apartments, Rochester

### OUR PROGRAMS

Shelter Plus Care  
Veteran's Supportive Housing



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Housing Development Corporation

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