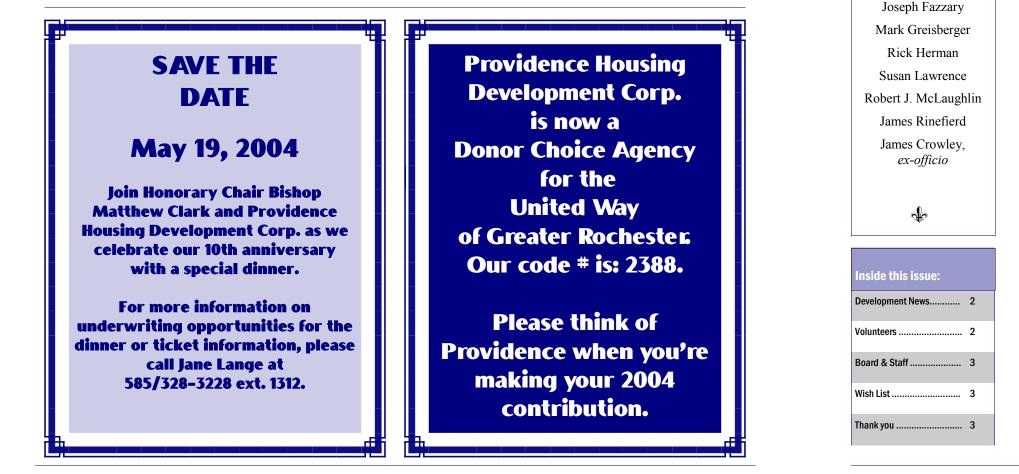
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Fifty senior households will have a housing choice next winter when Union Park opens. Based on the popular senior community. West Town Village in Henrietta, Monroe County, Union Park will offer rental housing to low-income households 55 years and older.

Union Park is designed to allow seniors to "age-inplace." The building meets all handicapped adaptability code requirements, including accessibility to the second floor by elevator.

# **St. Andrews Apartments opens at Pastoral Center**

Diocese of Rochester, State, and County officials and friends celebrated the opening of the new St. Andrews Apartments at 1180 Buffalo Road on the grounds of the Pastoral Center of the Diocese in the Town of Gates. Monroe County. August 6. The 12-unit apartment building for people who have disabilities is now fully leased.

From Left to right: New York Senator Joseph Robach. Bishop Matthew H. Clark, Gates Town Supervisor Ralph Esposito, HSBC Vice President Joan A. Dallis, and St. Andrews tenants Terrance Merrifield and Channa Gadson

Providence Times



To strengthen families and communities by creating and providing access to quality affordable housing enriched by the availability of supportive services.

# **Construction to begin soon for Chili senior housing**



rative effort between many public and private partners. To finance this \$6 million project, codevelopers Providence and Rochester's Cornerstone Group, Ltd., obtained a \$1,230,000 HOME loan from the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corp. The NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal approved Low Income Housing Tax Credits. The County of Monroe is providing a \$500,000 loan.

Union Park is a collabo-

The Federal Home Loan

Union Park, SWBR Architects

Bank of NY through member bank, M&T Bank, will provide a direct subsidy of \$250,000 through its Affordable Housing Program. M&T will also provide construction financing. The Enterprise Social Investment Corp. of Columbia, MD, is providing equity.

The development team that successfully created West Town Village, Le-Cesse Construction and SWBR Architects, are building Union Park. Parrone Engineering is the engineering firm.



### **Providence Times**

St. Andrews Blessing August 6, 2003

### "O God,

Make the doors of this home wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife.

Make the thresholds smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to slow moving feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back evil's power.

As we rejoice in the beauty and peace of this summer season and know the hope and promise that this time of relaxation gives us, may we commit ourselves to continuing to work that all those in need of housing will be able to attaín their desire.

Bless all the members of these households and surround them with your protection, comfort and peace." Bíshop Matthew H. Clark

# **Development NEWS**

Providence successfully completed the relocation of former tenants of the Rochester Housing Authority Olean and Kennedy Townhomes. RHA is planning to demolish the Townhomes in preparation for the redevelopment of the area. Providence provided education and counseling assistance to the tenants. Seventy families were living in the Townhomes. Forty families elected to receive a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, 22 relocated to another housing authority site and 8 elected to move to a nonassisted private unit. The last of the tenants moved on October 25.

Kinship Family and Youth Services new facility for children ages 5 to 12 is nearing completion in Dansville. Providence has served as consultant for this critical community project. When the Children's Home opens in 2004, it will provide temporary comprehensive diagnostic care for children from communities throughout Steuben, Livingston and the surrounding counties.

**Providence, in conjunction** with Greater Rochester Housing Partnership, will rehabilitate 10 units in Rochester multi-family buildings as affordable housing for low-income families in the Northern Star project. Five of the units have been awarded projectbased certificates by RHA. This project includes funding from the United Way of Greater Rochester, the Affordable Housing Program of the Federal Home Loan Bank through member bank HSBC, the City of Rochester and the Community Preservation Corp.

**Providence empowered 33** families receiving Section 8 assistance to work toward their goal of homeownership this year. Sixteen achieved their goal and are living in new homes. The City of Rochester was the chosen location for 9 of the households: 6 chose suburban towns or villages; and one moved outside of Monroe County. Remaining families are pursuing HSBC's First Home Club Savings Program and should reach their homeownership goal in 2004.

Members of the East-SOTA Swim Team performed community service at West Town Village this fall.

# **Volunteers spruce up properties**



University of Rochester freshmen garden at Union Meadows on Wilson Day, the University's social service work day.



Volunteers from St. Margaret Mary Social Ministry spruce up the divider fences at Union Meadows this summer.

# **Board and Staff NEWS**

### Welcome, Rick, and thank you, Father Peter

Rick Herman, Executive Vice President for the 340member Rochester Homebuilder's Association and a resident of Ontario County, has joined the Providence Board of Directors. Rick replaces Reverend Peter Clifford, Pastor of St. Michael Church in Newark, who served on the board from 1997 until this year.

At the July 16, 2003, Board of Directors meeting, the following were elected to serve as officers for 2003-2004: President: Jack Balinsky, Director of Catholic Charities; Vice President: Jim Cleary, attorney for Eastman Savings & Loan, Secretary: Richard P. Rossettie, attorney with Rossettie, Rosettie & Martino, and Treasurer: Jean Lindenhovius.

### Kudos

"We are writing to express our appreciation for the on-going support we have been receiving from Donna Hall and Ellen Lotta. We have been thoroughly satisfied with your organization [Providence Housing Development Corporation's management company] since you assumed responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the Mt. Carmel Apartments...Both Donna and Ellen have listened effectively, are sensitive to the needs of the tenants and have developed rapport and trust with committee members." Members of the Mt. Carmel Housing Committee

Providence manages housing for several other organizations. Mt. Carmel Housing, Ontario Street, Rochester, is owned by Mt. Carmel Church. It provides 12 apartments of affordable housing for families.

## thank you...

Thank you to the following for their contributions in 2003:

- ♦ Halcyon Hill Foundation has awarded Providence \$2,000 toward the building of a playground for the Union Meadows affordable family community in North Chili, Monroe County.
- ♦ The Enterprise Foundation has awarded Providence a \$25,000 Rural Capacity-Building Grant. The grant provides funds for predevelopment work associated with development of affordable rental housing outside of the Rochester metropolitan area.
- ♦ Charter One Bank has awarded Providence \$1,000 for educational

classes.

Paul & Maggie Bringewatt The Enterprise Social Investment Corporation LeCesse Construction Robert J. McLaughlin Ellen & Steven Weiss



New board member Rick Herman.

materials to support the Monroe **County First Time Homeownership** 

♦ Home Depot, Buffalo Road, donated carbon monoxide detectors to graduates of Providence's Section 8 Homeownership Program.

Our Contract of support for materials for Wilson Days volunteers at Union Meadows.

### Individual Donations

# Wish List

- $\sqrt{10}$  Flag pole for West Town Village.
- $\sqrt{1}$  Artwork for community room at Clemens Manor. Elmira.
- $\sqrt{1}$  Area rug for community room at Clemens Manor.
- $\sqrt{1}$  Two outside benches for Clemens Manor.
- $\sqrt{PC}$ -compatible laptop computer for Providence office.
- $\sqrt{Volunteers}$  to help install the new Union Meadows playground.
- $\sqrt{}$  Office supplies and copy paper for Providence office.
- $\sqrt{10}$  Microwave for St. Andrews Apartments, Rochester.

Provídence gratefully accepts contributions to support the development of affordable housing. As a 501 (c) (3) notfor-profit organization, donations to Providence Housing Development Corp. are tax deductíble.