SAVE THE DATE

May 19, 2004

Join Honorary Chair Bishop Matthew Clark and Providence Housing Development Corp. as we celebrate our 10th anniversary with a special dinner.

For more information on underwriting opportunities for the dinner or ticket information, please call Jane Lange at 585/328-3228 ext. 1312.

Providence Housing Development Corp. is now a Donor Choice Agency for the United Way of Greater Rochester. Our code # is: 2388.

Please think of Providence when you’re making your 2004 contribution.

Construction to begin soon for Chili senior housing

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-in-place.” The building meets all handicapped adaptability code requirements, including accessibility to the second floor by elevator.

Union Park is a collaborative effort between many public and private partners. To finance this $6 million project, co-developers 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. The Federal Home Loan 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, Lecesse Construction and SWBR Architects, are building Union Park. Parrone Engineering is the engineering firm.

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 Espoito, HSBC Vice President Joan A. Dallis, and St. Andrews tenants Terrance Merrifield and Channa Gadson.

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

Volunteers spruce up properties

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

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 340-member 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, Rossettie & 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 materials to support the Monroe County First Time Homeownership classes.
- Home Depot, Buffalo Road, donated carbon monoxide detectors to graduates of Providence’s Section 8 Homeownership Program.
- University of Rochester provided support for materials for Wilson Days volunteers at Union Meadows.

Individual Donations

Paul & Maggie Bringewatt The Enterprise Social Investment Corporation

LeCesse Construction Robert J. McLaughlin, Ellen & Steven Weiss

Providence gratefully accepts contributions to support the development of affordable housing. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, donations to Providence Housing Development Corp. are tax deductible.