



DePaul Breaks Ground on Joseph L. Allen Apartments in Schenectady

DePaul joined with city, county, state, and public and private partners on May 5 to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Joseph L. Allen Apartments, which represents a \$17.9 million investment at 780 Albany Street in Schenectady's Hamilton Hill neighborhood.

DePaul is constructing a new three-story, 52,500 square foot building that will feature 51 new studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments for income-eligible tenants. The apartments will fill a critical need for new housing in the neighborhood, which lacks quality affordable apartments and housing, and will also serve those with behavioral health needs. Onsite supportive case management will be available through the Schenectady Community Action Program (SCAP) linking tenants to needed services in the community including housing assistance, employment services, daily and community living skills training, healthcare monitoring, linkages and referrals to community services, and support groups. The Joseph L. Allen Apartments are named in honor of Schenectady's first African American City Councilman, a beloved and revered community member.

The development plans incorporate "green" standards, including using Energy Star rated appliances and lighting fixtures; low or no VOC paints, primers, adhesives and sealants; green label plus carpeting; high-efficiency furnaces and condensing units for heating and cooling. In addition, the Joseph L. Allen Apartments will be certified to Version 3.1 of the Energy Star Certified for Homes program, Enterprise Green Communities Criteria Program 2015, and the NYSEDA Low Rise Residential New Construction program. Construction is expected to be complete in the summer of 2017.

"DePaul is very excited to be a community partner in meeting the



tremendous need for quality affordable housing and supportive options in Schenectady and throughout New York State," said DePaul President Mark H. Fuller. "We wish to thank Governor Cuomo, the State and our partners for providing DePaul with the funding that has made this project a reality. We

are so proud to be part of the transformation and revitalization of the Hamilton Hill neighborhood community. The DePaul Joseph L. Allen Apartments are an example of progress and partnership in action." *Continued on Page 2*



Pictured here are Leesa Perazzo, President, Schenectady City Council; Commissioner James Rubin, of New York State Homes and Community Renewal; Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara; Mayor Gary McCarthy; Raymond Bowman, Jr.; Lakeia Allen-Bowman; Councilwoman Marion Porterfield; Anthony Jasenski, Chair of the Schenectady County Legislature; Moira Tashjian, Associate Commissioner for the Adult Community Care Group within the Division of Adult Services at the New York State Office of Mental Health; Mark Fuller, President, DePaul; Arthur Allen; Earline Tanner; Christopher Betts, President, Betts Housing Partners LLC.

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Pictured here is Associate Commissioner for the Adult Community Care Group within the Division of Adult Services at the New York State Office of Mental Health Moira Tashjian and DePaul President Mark Fuller.

"This new development will make a tangible difference for people here in Hamilton Hill, a neighborhood with an undeniable need for fresh investment, new jobs and quality affordable housing," said New York State Homes and Community Renewal Commissioner James Rubin. "Far too many New Yorkers spend more than a third of their income on keeping a roof over their heads. That's why Governor Cuomo's housing programs are designed to expand housing opportunity and choice for people in communities across the state. More than that, we are making it possible for people to live independently while getting the support they need. This can make the difference between having a home of one's own and becoming homeless."

"Under Governor Cuomo's leadership, the Office of Mental Health has created over 6,000 units of supportive housing across the state in the last five years and we are proud to have yet another opportunity to provide affordable, supportive housing for individuals with behavioral health needs," said New York State Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Marie T. Sullivan. "Supportive housing is one of the most effective pathways to help New Yorkers achieve independence and the Joseph L. Allen Apartments will provide tenants with much-needed resources and community linkages."

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery Executive Director Lisa Bova-Hiatt said, "Schenectady's rental housing supply was severely affected by Hurricane Irene and a key element of the Joseph L. Allen Apartments is its location outside the local flood plain. Our objective is to build back better and with greater resiliency. While we cannot control nature, we are able to minimize its destructive impact."

"The Joseph L. Allen Apartments is a prime example of what can be achieved when various government agencies truly combine their energy and expertise to enhance the quality of life of fellow New Yorkers with special needs," said Senator Hugh Farley. "An added benefit will be the boost to the local economy which this construction activity will bring."

Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara said, "Over the last

decade, we've seen the ongoing transformation of Downtown Schenectady into a vibrant upstate destination. The investments are now being extended to our city's neighborhoods with projects like the new Joseph L. Allen Apartments, which will add strength and vitality to our city. This is a project about people; people in public service partnering with the private sector to make significant investments in our neighborhoods that are helping local families and residents find a safe place to live with the support services that make a difference. The completion of this project will mark another important step in building stronger, vibrant communities in our great city of Schenectady."

"This is a positive development on several levels," said Assemblyman Phil Steck. "The Joseph L. Allen Apartments is a fitting honor to a dedicated public official where our fellow New Yorkers will have a supportive, modern, and energy-efficient place to call home in Hamilton Hill."

John B. Rhodes, President and CEO, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) said, "Governor Cuomo's Reforming the Energy Vision to achieve a cleaner, more affordable, and resilient energy system builds energy goals into state-funded affordable housing projects like the Joseph L. Allen Apartments. Residents and managers will benefit from these energy-efficient apartments for years to come, in the form of lower energy bills, improved indoor air quality and lower maintenance costs."

Mayor Gary McCarthy said, "Working closely with DePaul and our economic development team, we were able to secure this \$17.9 million investment in Hamilton Hill. We celebrate the start of construction for Joseph L. Allen Apartments and we look forward to additional investments in the Albany Street corridor in the months ahead."

"We thank DePaul Properties for working together with the County's economic development team to line up the site for this new \$17.9 million investment," said Anthony Jasenski, Chair of the Schenectady County Legislature. "It is great to see construction now underway for a development that will certainly act as a catalyst to bring additional investment and jobs to support our neighborhood revitalization efforts in Schenectady County."

Schenectady City Councilwoman Marion Porterfield said, "Governor Cuomo's commitment to expanding affordable housing

opportunities in a supportive setting is real. Not only will Hamilton Hill get much-needed investment, but people will live in a development that honors the legacy of Joseph L. Allen, a man who served this community with passion and dedication."

The Joseph L. Allen Apartments are among many developments across the state that form the foundation of Governor Cuomo's new,



Schenectady City Councilwoman Marion Porterfield and Vice President of DePaul Properties, Inc. Gillian Conde.

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\$10 billion investment in the House NY 2020 program to create or preserve 100,000 affordable units over the next five years. The development is also receiving funding through the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) as a result of damage caused by Hurricane Irene. The \$10 billion House NY 2020 plan boosts state spending on housing programs by nearly \$5 billion and will create and preserve 100,000 affordable housing units across the state, along with supporting services for New Yorkers seeking affordable housing.

New York State financing for the development was provided by HCR Low Income Housing Tax Credits and NYSOMH loans and grants, a grant from NYSEERDA, and a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery loan from GOSR. The City of Schenectady has abated real estate taxes through a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program and JP Morgan Chase provided the Letter of Credit.

Speakers at the event included Mark H.



Family members of the late Joseph L. Allen, Schenectady's first African American City Councilman and a beloved and revered community member, for whom the apartments are named.



Pictured here is Joseph L. Allen's grandson Raymond Bowman, Jr. and DePaul President Mark Fuller.

Fuller, President, DePaul; Mayor Gary McCarthy, City of Schenectady; Anthony Jasenski, Chair of the Schenectady County Legislature; Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara; Commissioner James Rubin, New York State Homes and Community Renewal; Moira Tashjian, Associate Commissioner for the Adult Community Care Group within the Division of Adult Services at the New York State Office of Mental Health and Councilwoman Marion Porterfield, Schenectady City Council. Members of Joseph L. Allen's family were also present and joined in honoring Mr. Allen's many contributions to the community.

BOARD UPDATES

DePaul is pleased to welcome several board members to the DePaul Adult Care Communities (DACC) Board and DePaul Community Services (DCS) Board.



Wanda Acevedo



Anthony DiGiovanni



Christopher Humphrey



Stephanie Dempsey



Lisa Famiglietti

DePaul Community Services Board

Anthony DiGiovanni and Christopher Humphrey have joined the DCS Board.

DiGiovanni is an Outreach Specialist with Sorenson Communications and is currently a member of a number of boards including the Regional Center for Independent Living, the Center for Disability Rights, and the Rochester Deaf Seniors Housing Coalition.

Humphrey is Vice President of Commercial Banking for Five Star Bank and a 2015 graduate of Leadership Rochester.

Wanda Acevedo, Vice President of Residential Programming for Villa of Hope, returns to the DCS board. Acevedo brings extensive experience working with various populations including individuals with a mental illness, victims of domestic violence, parolees, the homeless and at-risk youth, among others.

A member of the DACC Board since 2009, Jasmin Benard (not pictured) will now serve on the DCS Board.

DePaul Adult Care Communities Board

Stephanie Dempsey and Lisa Famiglietti will serve on the DACC Board.

A Senior Project Manager of Research and Manufacturing for Bergmann Associates, P.C., Dempsey volunteers with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and is an assistant coach and team manager for various youth sports teams.

Famiglietti is a Multimedia Producer for WXXI Public Broadcasting, Vice President of the Rochester Media Association and a six-time New York State Broadcasters Association award winner.

Outgoing Board Members

DePaul would also like to recognize and thank outgoing DCS board members, the late Milo Tomanovich (1999-2016) and Alan Brackoniecki (1993-2016) as well as DePaul Group board member Jackie Sax (1998-2016). Their guidance and commitment have made a great difference in the lives of those served by DePaul.

NYSFAFH Conference Features DePaul StoryCorps Profile

StoryCorps, an independent nonprofit project whose mission is to honor and celebrate the lives of everyday Americans by listening to their stories, recorded and edited the story of DePaul's Mike Cook as interviewed by DePaul Properties Director of Operations Melissa O'Geen. The story was produced on behalf of the New York State Association for Affordable Housing (NYSFAFH) and was selected as the only story presented and featured at the NYSFAFH conference in May. Cook's story is being retained by StoryCorps for possible future use on their program. It is also archived in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., as part of an initiative to preserve and make available for use experiences of those who are African American.

Mike is a cook at Halstead Square, a DePaul Single Room Occupancy Program in Rochester, New York, and an affordable housing resident of the DePaul Neighborhood of the Arts Apartments (NOTA). Cook's colleagues at Halstead Square guided him toward



applying for a three-bedroom apartment for income-eligible tenants at the NOTA Apartments where he has lived since March of 2013.

"I can't tell you how much these people mean to me," he said of his family of co-workers at Halstead Square. "I have a stable job and a great place to live. It's changed the quality of life for me and my kids."

NCADD-RA Tackles Problem Gambling

It is estimated that more than five million Americans are affected by a gambling addiction, but as this disorder too often goes unrecognized, only eight percent of those with this addiction ever seek treatment.

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence-Rochester Area (NCADD-RA) is partnering with the New York Council on Problem Gambling for the fifth consecutive year on the 2016 YOU(th) Decide outreach project.



Project goals include:

- Increasing awareness of the issue of underage gambling and the importance of decreasing youth access to gambling among parents of school-aged youth and community leaders.
- Increasing awareness of key media literacy facts.
- Increasing youth awareness of the common misperceptions of gambling.
- Increasing parental action toward the issue of underage gambling.

During this project, which runs through October 30, NCADD-RA will be offering, upon request, youth problem gambling media literacy training. The NCADD-RA is also seeking youth who are interested in becoming involved in advocacy activities in their school or community. For further information on how you can be involved in affecting policy change at an upcoming event at your school or after-school club, contact Jennifer Faringer at (585) 719-3480 or email jfaringer@depaul.org.

For adults struggling with gambling, the NCADD-RA hosts a Gamblers Anonymous meeting on Tuesdays at noon. For more information on Problem Gambling visit NCADD-RA's website at www.ncadd-ra.org.

Care Management at DePaul

DePaul's Care Management program in Rochester and Buffalo, New York is designed to provide an extra layer of support for DePaul Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Program and some Treatment Apartment Program (TAP) residents with mental health needs, particularly those who are experiencing frequent emergency room visits or hospitalizations. Care managers work with clients to identify problem areas and create a plan to improve their overall health. They partner with residential staff and the client's current providers in order to streamline care and support residents in following through on recommendations for care.

Individuals with a serious and persistent mental illness who are currently receiving Medicaid are eligible. They must be able to identify goals and may not already be enrolled in a similar program through another organization. Clients may be referred to Care Management by residential staff.

According to DePaul Vice President Chris Syracuse, DePaul is currently serving about 100 clients in Rochester and 80 in Buffalo with numbers anticipated to grow.

"Care management augments what staff at our other sites do to help keep clients stable and in their place of residence," said Syracuse.

Community Partnerships Forged through DePaul Hopelink Programs

DePaul Hopelink at Shelter Cove and DePaul Hopelink at East Ridge are short-stay residences for adults being discharged from a medical hospital.

DePaul Hopelink at Shelter Cove serves people who are currently hospitalized at UR Medicine/Strong Memorial Hospital for health-related issues and no longer require the acute services provided by the hospital. DePaul Hopelink at East Ridge serves adults who are currently hospitalized at one of Rochester Regional Health's hospitals for health-related issues and no longer require the acute services provided by the hospital. The programs serve as therapeutic, short-term solutions for individuals who cannot return to their place of residence upon discharge from the hospital. Individuals who lack a permanent residence are also eligible for these programs.

Individuals placed at DePaul Hopelink at Shelter Cove are eligible to receive services and therapies, if indicated, from home care nurses and aides through UR Medicine Home Care Services. DePaul staff will provide meals, coordination and transportation to appointments, housekeeping services, laundry, and linkages to more permanent placement and entitlements. The residence is staffed 24 hours per day, seven days per week by DePaul housing specialists. Nursing services are provided by UR Medicine Home Care Services and will depend on the individual's needs and what is prescribed by the physician.

Individuals placed at DePaul Hopelink at East Ridge are eligible



to receive services and therapies, if indicated, from home care nurses and aides through Rochester Regional Health. DePaul staff will provide meals, coordination and transportation to appointments, housekeeping services, laundry, and linkages to more permanent placement and entitlements. The residence is staffed 24 hours per day, seven days per week by DePaul's housing specialists. Nursing services are provided by Rochester Regional Health and will depend on the individual's needs and what is prescribed by the physician.

The overall goal is to provide individuals with the support they need, enabling either a return to their residence or securing a residence that is appropriate for their long-term needs.

12th Annual Salerno Basketball Tournament



Noreen Salerno and Caitlin M.

Players from DePaul, East House and the Finger Lakes DDSO competed in the 12th Annual Brian Salerno Basketball tournament, in honor of the late Brian Salerno, a longtime supporter of DePaul and a member of its men's basketball league.

"The talent, comradery and teamwork exhibited at the Salerno tournament is a testament to Brian's legacy and commitment," said Recreation Director Dan Charcholla. "It makes it tough to choose an MVP!"

An all-tournament team was selected in addition to this year's overall MVP Caitlin M. (Community), pictured with Noreen Salerno. A very special thank you goes out to Noreen and the Immortal Hoops League for supporting this undertaking for so many years. Their generous donation truly made this day special for all involved.

News in Brief

Cornerstone Recognized by Friends of Strong

Congratulations to Cornerstone, a DePaul Single Room Occupancy Program in Rochester, New York, on receiving the Friends of Strong award at the Strong Memorial Hospital Social Work Awards Ceremony. The program was recognized for its two crisis step-down beds purchased by the hospital

in 2015. The beds are intended to accommodate patients leaving the hospital who have no place to go following discharge. Pictured on the right are Cornerstone Program Director Carolyn Dzielski and Assistant Director Todd Pittinger.



Rolling Ridge Celebrates Home Sweet Home



Rolling Ridge, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Newton Grove, North Carolina and The Villas at Rolling Ridge, a DePaul Independent Senior Living Apartment Community, hosted an open house in February to celebrate the completion of renovations and new construction on the campus. A total of 19 assisted living beds were added to Rolling Ridge, and the Villas at Rolling Ridge were constructed, adding eight new one-bedroom, single-level apartments which are now open to new tenants. Pictured at left are Regional Director of Operations for DePaul Mark Spaur, Rolling Ridge Administrator Laura Anderson, Rolling Ridge's oldest living resident Ruby Boyette, Rolling Ridge Maintenance Director Gregory Simmons and Rolling Ridge Activities Director Linda Sealey.

Voice Your Support for Mental Health Funding

The Association for Community Living (ACL) is making it easier for individuals to reach out to their elected officials and representatives and encourage them to support mental health advocacy. The ACL's Legislative Action Center allows individuals to send a prewritten message from ACL to their personal representatives, as well as Governor Cuomo, the Speaker of the Assembly, President of the Senate and both Assembly and Senate Mental Health chairs with a few clicks.

If you support or have benefited from DePaul's services, please take a moment to reach out and encourage local leaders and politicians to support nonprofits like DePaul who are providing housing and rehabilitation services to people diagnosed with serious and persistent psychiatric disabilities in recovery. Visit <http://aclnys.org/advocacy/public-advocacy-resources/>.



WorkGuide Grant

Thank you to the M&T Charitable Foundation for their generous donation to DePaul Community Services WorkGuide Program! The grant will make a difference in the lives of DePaul clients as they endeavor to improve their vocational skills and achieve economic self-sufficiency. On behalf of DePaul clients and staff, sincere thanks for your contribution and for helping DePaul continue to make a difference.

Putting Their Best Foot Forward



Kim E. (McKinley Square)

Residents of McKinley Square, a DePaul Single Room Occupancy Program in Buffalo, New York, were treated to a visit from the GlamourGals (and Guys), high school students from The International Preparatory School in Buffalo. GlamourGals provided makeovers and manicures for McKinley Square's female residents and spent time visiting with the male residents.

Staff at Seneca Square, a DePaul Single Room Occupancy Program in Buffalo, New York, have been regularly providing beauty services to residents including hair straightening and curling, manicures and makeup.

Residents of DePaul's Rochester-based mental health programs received free haircuts at the Continental School of Beauty, coordinated through DePaul's Recreation Department.



George C. (Cornerstone)



Terry H. (Seneca Square)

INQUIRING MINDS

A group of students from France recently toured DePaul's Rochester View Apartments (RVA) in Henrietta, New York to learn more about Deaf culture in the United States. The students are majoring in Business/Human Resources with a focus on the Deaf community through a collaboration between the University of Rochester and Pascal Blaise University in Clermont-Ferrand, France.

According to Guillaume Chastel, a Deaf Senior Lecturer at the University of Rochester, there are fewer job opportunities for people who are Deaf in France. Guillaume felt it would benefit the students to visit the Rochester View Apartments which has a property manager who is Deaf, along with staff who are Deaf and ASL fluent. The students also learned about multiple collaborations which RVA has within the community.

"The tour at RVA was a great learning experience for the French graduate students as they bring their new knowledge about Deaf culture in America home to eliminate stigma toward Deaf people in their own country," said RVA Property Manager Denise Fry.



Flash Mob Aims to End the Stigma

Staff and clients from Seneca Square and Kensington Square, two DePaul Single Room Occupancy Programs in Buffalo, New York, participated in the Restoration Society's 4th Annual Flash Mob in May. The event aims to increase the public's knowledge and understanding of mental illness and break the stigma surrounding it. Pictured here are (front row, left to right) Seneca Square Residential Services Coordinators Michelle Setlock and Emily Rivera, Seneca Square Director Heidi Augustyn, (middle row, left to right) Kensington Square resident Carey B., Community Living Supervisor Shirley Barnes, Kensington Square resident Jeff S., Seneca Square resident James C., Kensington Square resident Analee M., (back row left to right) Kensington Square Assistant Director Robert Potozniak, Erie County Commissioner of Mental Health Michael R. Ranney, and Seneca Square residents Eric F., Dennis D., Donald M. and Clinton H.

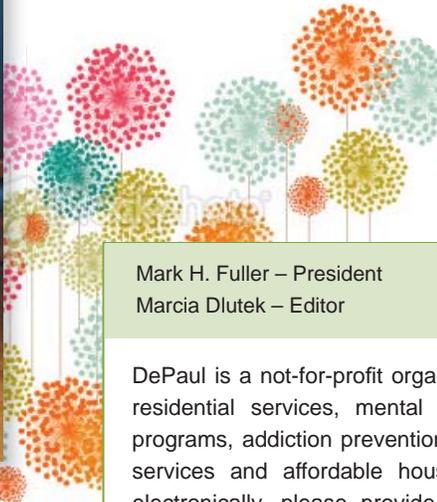




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An Ode to Mothers

Mothers, grandmothers and women residents at Westwood Commons, a DePaul Senior Living Community in North Chili, New York, were honored with a good old-fashioned tea party. Pictured here, Westwood Commons resident Elaine Koch enjoys a sweet-smelling homemade flower pot sachet given as a gesture of appreciation during the community's annual Mother's Day celebration.

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