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Breaking Ground on Rochester View Apartments

Construction began on DePaul's Rochester View Apartments with a groundbreaking on May 15. The community will feature 61 one- and two-bedroom apartments for income-eligible tenants and include enhanced supports to accommodate tenants who may be deaf, hard of hearing or those using American Sign Language. The DePaul Rochester View Apartments will be located on West Henrietta Road in Henrietta, New York, next to Woodcrest Commons, a DePaul Senior Living Community.

"Those of us who get to go home every night take it for granted, but so much happens at home," said State Assembly Majority Leader Joseph Morelle. "So much of our thinking of our families, of our communities all comes together in our home and when you don't have that opportunity, it's a significant dimension of your life that is challenged."

Pictured at the groundbreaking are Vice President of DePaul Properties, Inc. Gillian Conde, New York State Assembly Majority Leader Joseph Morelle, Christa Construction CEO David Christa, New York State Homes and Community Renewal Assistant Commissioner Leonard Skrill, Rochester View Apartments Advisory Board members Anthony DiGiovanni and Francis Kimmes, DePaul President Mark Fuller, New York State Assemblyman Harry Bronson, Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer for the Community Preservation Corporation Richard Conley and Director of the Monroe County Office of Mental Health David Putney.

Completion of the \$17,650,000 project is anticipated for the fall of 2015. Apartments will include open floor plans with high levels of visibility, strategic lighting, safety lights on the faucet and doorbell, video conferencing and calling, and pillows that vibrate during a fire alarm.

Assemblyman Bronson said Henrietta has one of the largest populations of people who are deaf and hearing-impaired.

"This project is sensitive to their needs and sensitive to the community," he added. "It will not only help with communication issues but other issues that are unique to this wonderful community."

DePaul would like to recognize Christa Construction, Community Preservation Corporation, Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency, First Sterling, Housing Trust Fund Corporation, Monroe County Office of Mental Health, Monroe County Office for the Aging, National Association of the Deaf, National Center for Deaf Health Research, National Technical Institute for the Deaf, New York State Homes and Community Renewal, New York State Office of Mental Health, Rochester Recreation Club of the Deaf, Rochester School for the Deaf, Rochester View Apartments Advisory Board of Professionals, SWBR Architects and the Town of Henrietta for their support of the project.



HALSTEAD SQUARE

Recognized by American Institute of Architects

DePaul's Halstead Square, a 75-unit Single Room Occupancy Program located in Rochester, New York, was recognized by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) with a 2014 AIANYS Excelsior Award for design and professional excellence in publicly-funded buildings in New York state.

SWBR and DePaul re-energized the urban fabric of a former blighted area in Rochester, restoring an 1890s-era convent and converting it to the 14-unit Main Street Apartments, and by maintaining historical elements and materials in the façade of all three buildings on the campus which also includes Halstead Square and the DePaul Brown Street Apartments. Completed in the fall of 2010, Halstead Square includes an urban courtyard, light-filled connected spaces, sculptural artwork and a living landscaped green wall to create connected areas that foster socialization and way finding.



Halstead Square is being hailed by AIANYS as a "model of excellence for future state-funded building design and professional practice and advocacy."

"SWBR is extremely proud of our continued collaboration and partnership with DePaul and very excited that Halstead Square has been recognized with an Excelsior Award for Public Architecture by the AIA New York State," said SWBR Principal Joe Gibbons. "It is a fitting tribute for an amazing project that has re-energized the Bullshead area of Rochester and served as a catalyst for other exciting developments that continue to strengthen this historic neighborhood."



As a winning project, Halstead Square was featured at the 2014 Excelsior Awards Reception in late-April and will be on display at the 2014 AIANYS Design Conference and several other functions in the state throughout the year.

Salerno Basketball Tournament in May



Caitlin M., a participant in DePaul's Recreation program, was selected as the yellow team MVP during the 10th Annual Brian Salerno Memorial Basketball Tournament. She is seen here with DePaul Recreation Director Dan Charcholla and Noreen Salerno.

In May, teams from DePaul, East House and the Finger Lakes DDSO competed in six basketball games at DePaul's Recreation Center in Rochester, New York at the 10th Annual Brian Salerno Basketball Tournament held in honor of the late Brian Salerno, a longtime supporter of DePaul and participant in its men's basketball league for many years.

"Our clients look forward to this day all year," said Activities Coordinator Meagan Licata. "They practice hard on Tuesdays and Thursdays at DePaul's Recreation program and their competitive spirits run high as we get closer to the date. Everyone had a great time and we saw a lot of camaraderie. I loved watching and cheering them on."

In addition to an overall MVP, a player from each of the four teams was awarded MVP. A very special thank you goes out to Noreen Salerno and the Immortal Hoops League for supporting this undertaking. Her generous donation truly made this day special for all involved.



An Artist Coming Into His Own by Marcia Dutek

On a chilly evening in February, Michael Benvenuti surveyed the crowd in the gallery of the Creative Wellness Coalition, a peer-run service of the Mental Health Association in Rochester. A throng of people had gathered at the opening night of Benvenuti's show, admiring his artwork. The pieces in this, his first show as a featured artist, reflect a new path for Benvenuti, who once focused more on cartoons. Gallery-goers instead admired detailed figures, animals, birds and objects drawn in pencil, pen-and-ink and paint.



There is humanity in his work. Benvenuti clearly sees nuance in his subject and translates it from his mind's eye, to pen, to paper. It was a proud and almost overwhelming event for Benvenuti, who has been creating art since grade school.

"I've always really liked art," he said. "Now I'm exploring more, using different mediums like pen and ink, pencil, charcoal, acrylics and pastel chalk. I'm doing different kinds of art now."

Benvenuti is a longtime resident of DePaul programs currently living at Cornerstone, a DePaul Single Room Occupancy (SRO) program in Rochester, New York. He also attends the DePaul Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS) program and is a regular at DePaul's Recreation Center.

"I've been with DePaul since 1989," he said. "The people at DePaul are always supportive and nice. They care about us."

He grew up in Irondequoit, New York and developed an early interest in drawing after observing a friend create cartoons with dialogue. Soon, Benvenuti was creating comic strips, which he does to this day. In high school his interest turned to drawing science-fiction characters. He fine-tuned his artistic expression, often copying book covers featuring characters such as Tarzan and Conan. In eleventh-grade, his hard work was rewarded with an honorable mention

for a portrait of Jimmy Page, the guitarist for Led Zeppelin, in an art show.

Benvenuti has also created posters and had his work selected for use as the cover of a holiday card for a local organization.

He still enjoys cartooning in single and multi-panel strips. He enters the original pieces in contests in various newspapers and periodicals. His month-long show at the Creative Wellness Coalition represents a new venue for expression.

"I love coming to the Creative Wellness Coalition," Benvenuti said. "It has been about two years since I started and I look forward to the days that I attend. I have learned many new skills and have become more confident in my abilities as an artist. I keep thinking about other artists and where I can go with this. Encouragement and support from my peers and staff have made me want to work more at my art."

Art Educator at the Creative Wellness Coalition, Leslie Werlin, commented that Michael is "very focused on personal growth and that is reflected in his art." He continues to risk more, exploring various styles, colors and backgrounds.

"It was so moving to see him enjoy the impact his art has made. He's such a quiet, kind, gentle soul. The more he creates, the more he grows," Werlin added.

Veronica Weider, Director of the Creative Wellness Coalition, drove Benvenuti home after opening night, an evening that featured refreshments, soft music in the background and an opportunity to meet the artist and see his work. Seven of his pieces were purchased that evening. "This has been a transformational experience for Mike," said Weider.

"It was a memorable evening. I don't think I used any gas driving," said Weider. "We floated all the way home."

NOTA Black History Month Luncheon

Residents of DePaul's Neighborhood of the Arts (NOTA) Treatment Apartment Program in Rochester, New York presented stories about inspirational African Americans and shared a meal of fried chicken, greens and beans and other traditional fare in honor of Black History Month in February.

"The NOTA community enjoys celebrating Black History Month because it brings together people of all cultures and provides an opportunity to share stories of the people and experiences that have helped to shape their lives," said Senior Program Supervisor Chris Nutting.



Pictured here, NOTA resident Kerri D. describes a scene from 1963 in which her father experienced the issue of racism first-hand during a visit to the South.

Story of Hope: Serenading a Long-Time Volunteer

Award-winning, international band Taylor Made Jazz performed a surprise concert to honor volunteer Marlene K., a resident of DePaul's Seneca Square Single Room Occupancy program in Buffalo, New York in December. A resident of Seneca Square for seven years, Marlene, 74, has volunteered with the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service, St. Ann's Church, the Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo General Hospital, the Harvest House of South Buffalo, and reading to the blind, one of her favorite activities.

"It gave me comfort that someone could see through me," she said.

Van Taylor, founder of Taylor Made Jazz, met Marlene through the volunteer circuit. Recently, they reconnected and Marlene suggested Taylor Made Jazz perform a show at



Marlene with members of Taylor Made Jazz.



Marlene with sons Dave and Harold.

Seneca Square. Van Taylor decided this was a perfect opportunity to recognize Marlene for her volunteer work.

"As you go through life, you meet nice people who do nice things for other people all of the time, and a lot of times these people wonder, 'Is there more to this?' and 'Do people actually care?'," said Van Taylor. "It's nice to let a person know you are important, you are special and you have made a difference. It's really simple."

To read more about Marlene's days of volunteering, visit DePaul's blog at <http://blog.depaul.org>.



Many thanks to the **Greater Rochester Community Transportation Foundation (GRCTF)** for their generous support of DePaul Community Services' clients in DePaul WorkGuide, the DePaul PROS Program, and DePaul Recreation. GRCTF provided DePaul with a grant for bus passes to be used by consumers for transportation to vocational enrichment opportunities, job interviews, career fairs, and other programs. They will also be used as part of DePaul's initiative to teach and encourage DePaul consumers to learn how to use public transportation. This generosity will promote independence and self-sufficiency for many people in need!

Thank you also to the **Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation** for their generous grant to DePaul WorkGuide allowing DePaul to assist more people in finding and retaining gainful employment!



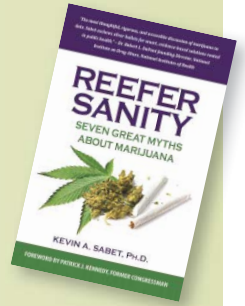
Charcholla Receives Mental Health Practitioner's Award

Congratulations go out to DePaul Recreation Director Daniel J. Charcholla who was awarded the Mental Health Practitioner's Award from the Mental Health Association of Rochester/Monroe County. The award recognizes an individual who has devoted their career to interacting with clients through the development of therapeutic relationships, providing hands-on care and support with the goal of helping clients reach personal goals while instilling dignity, hope and courage. The recipient also embodies empathy, strength, concern and a positive attitude to help others in their recovery. Charcholla, a 34-year employee of DePaul, was recognized at a ceremony in May.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS with the NCADD-RA



The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence – Rochester Area’s 2014 Annual Luncheon featured guest speaker Kevin A. Sabet, Ph.D. presenting “Seven Great Myths About Marijuana and How You Can Help Shatter Them.” Sabet, pictured here with NCADD-RA Director Jennifer Faringer, is the Director of the Drug Policy Institute at the University of Florida, co-founder of Project SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana) and author of “Reefer Sanity: Seven Great Myths about Marijuana.”



The NCADD-RA also recognized two individuals for their contributions and efforts in the substance abuse/recovery field. Glenn Palmer, Director of Clinical Operations for the Department of Psychiatry at Strong Memorial Hospital was awarded the Charlotte C. Hegedus award and Margi Taber, Vice President of Programs and Operations for the Rockstar Superstar Project, was honored with the Helen Guthrie Memorial Youth Advocate of the Year award.

Safe Take-Back

NCADD-RA

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence - Rochester Area (NCADD-RA) hosted a press conference in an effort to encourage people to safely dispose of their unwanted or unneeded prescribed pain medications during the Drug Enforcement Administration’s Safe Take-Back Day in Rochester, New York in April. Previous DEA Safe Take-Back Days have netted more than 36,000 pounds of medications in Western New York alone.

Speakers included Monroe County Sheriff’s Office Zone C Commander Captain David Inzanna, Captain Laurie Strem, Director of Strong Recovery Addiction Psychiatric Service Patrick Seche, MS, CASAC, NCADD-RA Director Jennifer Faringer, NYS State Senator Ted O’Brien and Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.



a sweetheart celebrating her 100th birthday! Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks paid a visit to Woodcrest Commons to declare February 14, 2014 Antonia Rios-Boubnoff Day. Antonia is a native of Peru and has been

DePaul s Valentine’s Day

Woodcrest Commons, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Henrietta, New York celebrated Valentine’s Day with yummy treats, sentimental sing-a-longs and

a resident of Woodcrest Commons for two years.

Love was in the air at Cambridge House, a DePaul Senior Living Community, in Hildebran, North Carolina, as residents celebrated Valentine’s Day. Married for 68 years, Cambridge House residents Frank and Mildred Ballew, pictured on right, share a dance. The couple has one son and has been living at Cambridge House for eleven months.





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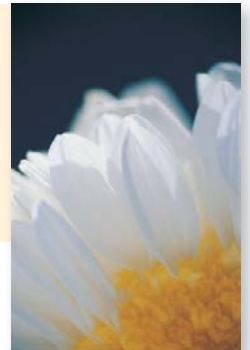
Gregory Lane of Lane Law, PLLC, Michael Grammatico of Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, Mark Fuller, DePaul President, Gerald Scott, retired from the New York State Office of Mental Health, and David Cecere of Erie and Niagara Insurance Association.

DePaul's 21st Annual Golf Classic was held on June 2 at Ridgmont Country Club in Rochester, New York. More than



100 golfers enjoyed a picture perfect day on the course to support DePaul's programs and services which touch the lives of thousands each year. Thank you to all our sponsors, players and employees who helped make this one of the best tournaments yet!

May... Mental Health Month



Pathways to Wellness— this year's Mental Health Month theme called attention to strategies and approaches that help all Americans achieve wellness, good mental and overall health. Wellness is more than an absence of disease. It involves complete general, mental and social well-being, of which mental health is an essential component.

There's no better time than now to spread the word about why pathways to wellness are so important. Read about DePaul's Mental Health Stories of Hope throughout this edition of DePaul Details.

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