



DePaul Celebrates



Joseph L. Allen Apartments Opening

New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH), Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), DePaul, local officials, leaders and project partners celebrated the new Joseph L. Allen Apartments at an open house on October 5 in Schenectady, New York.

The three-story, 52,500 square foot affordable housing development at 780 Albany Street features 51 new studio, one- and two-bedroom units, 25 of which are set aside as supportive housing for individuals requiring services to live independently in the community. The \$17.6 million development is part of Governor Cuomo's unprecedented commitment to affordable housing which includes \$20 billion to build or preserve 100,000 units of affordable, and 6,000 units of supportive housing across the State.

New York State Homes and Community Renewal Commissioner RuthAnne Visnauskas said, "The Joseph L. Allen Apartments are doing for Hamilton Hill what Governor Cuomo's aggressive plan is doing across the state – providing affordable and supportive housing so more New Yorkers can live independent lives in the communities they love. This nearly \$18 million development enhances the lives of 51 households, strengthens the neighborhood and advances Schenectady's vibrant revitalization drive."

New York State Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Marie T. Sullivan said, "The supportive housing units in the Joseph L.

Allen Apartments will enable individuals living with mental illness to live and thrive in their communities. With stable housing that supports their recovery, individuals living with mental illness or substance abuse are able to become valuable contributors to their communities."

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, while presenting at the event said, "We were fortunate that DePaul responded to an RFP and that we were able to award them quite a bit of money to put this project up. The building is beautiful but as we've all said, what happens in the building will be more beautiful. Safe, affordable housing and staff that will be committed to working with individuals to meet goals. People can go home at night and put a head on their pillow and know that their life will be successful. That optimism will keep them whole as well."

Named to honor the memory of Schenectady's first African-American City Councilman, Joseph L. Allen, all apartments feature fully-equipped kitchens with a range/refrigerator and microwave, a wall-mounted TV including basic cable service, and in-unit storage. Heat, air conditioning, hot water and electric are included in the rent and community laundry facilities are available at no cost. Tenants have access to a computer lab with Wi-Fi access throughout the building, community room and lounges.

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DePaul President Mark H. Fuller said, "DePaul is pleased to be a community partner in meeting the need for quality affordable housing options in Schenectady and throughout New York State. We are so proud to be part of the revitalization of the Hamilton Hill neighborhood community and to provide homes for people in need. The DePaul Joseph L. Allen Apartments is an example of progress and partnership in action."

The Joseph L. Allen Apartments received funding through HCR's Housing Finance Agency totaling \$8.8 million of tax-exempt bonds and an award of \$602,347 in Low Income Housing Tax Credits; GOSR's award of a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) loan of \$4,725,000; in addition there are OMH loans and grants, and a grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). The project received funding from OMH for case management services for some tenants.

The project incorporates "green" standards, including using Energy Star-rated appliances and lighting fixtures and high-efficiency furnaces and condensing units for heating and cooling. In addition, the Joseph L. Allen Apartments are certified to Version 3.1 of the Energy Star Certified for Homes Program, Enterprise Green Communities Criteria Program 2015, and the NYSERDA Low Rise Residential New Construction program.

Governor's Office of Storm Recovery Executive Director Lisa Bova-Hiatt said, "Schenectady residents well know that severe weather events such as Hurricane Irene do not only impact New York State's coastal areas, and the community championed the opportunity to build back better. The Joseph L. Allen Apartments represent one of several initiatives totaling more than \$15 million in awards to address the impacts of storm events in Schenectady and the Capital region."

NYSERDA President and CEO Alicia Barton said, "Under Governor Cuomo's leadership, more New Yorkers who may not have the financial means to purchase clean energy are getting to reap the benefits of it through multi-family projects like this. This is yet another example of the State's leadership in supporting clean energy for all New Yorkers while also combating climate change."

Senator James Tedisco said, "The DePaul Joseph L. Allen Apartments will provide much needed supportive housing services to residents in Schenectady and enable more people to remain independent in their own community where they most want to be."



Speakers at the Joseph L. Allen Apartments Open House included Joseph L. Allen's daughter Lakeia Allen-Bowman, his grandson Raymond Joseph Allen-Bowman, Schenectady Community Action Program Executive Director Debra Schimpf, Schenectady City Councilwoman Marion Porterfield, Vice Chair of the County Legislature Karen Johnson, 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, Senator James Tedisco, New York State Homes and Community Renewal Commissioner RuthAnne Visnauskas, DePaul President Mark Fuller and Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara. Absent from photo is Assemblyman Phil Steck.

Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara said, "This is a project about people. Projects like the new Joseph L. Allen Apartments add strength and vitality to our community, meeting the tremendous need for quality affordable housing and providing the support services that make a difference. Incredible partnerships like this are making significant investments possible in our city's neighborhoods."

Assemblyman Phil Steck said, "Ensuring access to affordable housing is a critical investment in our communities and helps working families keep more of their hard-earned money so that they can keep up with the ever-increasing costs of living. The Joseph L. Allen Apartments will provide Schenectady residents with a safe, comfortable and affordable place that they can be proud to call home."

City of Schenectady Mayor Gary McCarthy said, "The DePaul development on Albany Street has replaced blighted vacant structures with a beautiful new building that adds momentum to our efforts to reinvest in and rebuild Hamilton Hill. The late Joe Allen would be proud to see this quality housing go up and help this neighborhood grow again."

Schenectady County Legislature Chairman Anthony Jasenski said, "This is a great day for the Hamilton Hill Neighborhood as we open the new Joseph Allen Apartments

on Albany Street. This \$18 million development not only provides affordable housing for our residents, but has led the way for additional redevelopment including more than \$30 million in the surrounding neighborhood. Working together with our County economic development team, we have attracted more than \$50 million in new investment to the Hamilton Hill neighborhood."

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Pictured here are Joseph L. Allen's daughter Lakeia Allen-Bowman with her husband Raymond Bowman and son Raymond Joseph Allen-Bowman.

A Legacy of Community Betterment

Joseph L. Allen dedicated his life to bettering Schenectady's Hamilton Hill neighborhood in which he grew up and later raised his own family.

"My father really cared about people," said Allen's daughter Lakeia Allen-Bowman. "He genuinely loved the city of Schenectady and willingly helped anyone who needed a hand. Especially the downtrodden and disenfranchised."

Bowman said her father would be extremely pleased to see his name on DePaul's newest project, a three-story, 52,500 square foot apartment building

located at 780 Albany Street in Schenectady's Hamilton Hill neighborhood.

"He loved living in Hamilton Hill and often talked about how it used to be a very nice

neighborhood and how he wanted to see it become great again," Bowman added. "I'm sure that he would be pleased with [the Joseph L. Allen Apartments], not only because it is a great honor but because it will be a step toward improving a community that he cherished."

Joseph L. Allen passed away in April 2015 at the age of 79. After attending Mount Pleasant High School, he graduated from Kentucky State College in 1958. That same year, he was drafted into the United States Army where he served honorably until he was discharged in 1961. Mr. Allen later went on to earn his Master's degree in educational psychology from the College of St. Rose in 1981.

Mr. Allen's interest in community service began as a youth advisor with the Carver Community Center. He began working for the New York State Division for Youth in 1966, eventually rising to the assistant director of the NYS Division for Youth until 1990 when he became the Director of the Troy Community Urban

Home. Mr. Allen retired from New York State as a Supervisor of the Albany Intake Unit in 1999.

Mr. Allen's dedication to community betterment began even before he was elected as the first African-American member of the Schenectady City Council in November 1995. His long history of involvement started as a founding member of the Albany Alumni chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He previously served as the president of the Schenectady Chapter of the NAACP, President of the Hamilton Hill Neighborhood Association, Chairman of the Youth Advisory Board at the Carver Community Center, Human Services Planning Council of Schenectady County, Hamilton Hill Task Force, Minority Contractors Technical Assistance Board and the Schenectady IDA Board. He also served as a trustee board member of the Duryee Memorial AME Zion Church where he was an active member of the male chorus.

During his time serving on the Schenectady City Council, Mr. Allen served in many capacities, including council president, chairman of the Claims Committee, Public Safety Committee and chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Bowman said her father made a lot of connections through his community service.

"He knew everyone," she said. "We couldn't really go anywhere in the city without someone recognizing him or stopping to say hello. Even if they didn't know his name, they knew who he was."

"He loved living in Hamilton Hill and often talked about how it used to be a very nice neighborhood and how he wanted to see it become great again."

— Lakeia Allen-Bowman, Joseph L. Allen's daughter



Dedicated to community, education, work, family and his church, which is located right across the street from the Joseph L. Allen Apartments, Mr. Allen is remembered as always being accessible and willing to lend a hand.

Marion Porterfield, Mr. Allen's

successor on the Schenectady City Council, said having a building which will serve those on a fixed income or with a mental health diagnosis named after him is a great honor to Joseph L. Allen's legacy.

"He would be extremely pleased to see the development going in because he

was a strong advocate for the area," she said. "He always wanted to make sure Hamilton Hill was included in plans to revitalize the city."



Joseph L. Allen

News in Brief



DePaul's Annual Giving Appeal

Our agency has grown to serve over 5,000 people annually in programs that encompass mental health residential and support services, senior living residential services, addiction prevention and support programs, vocational programs and affordable housing. In all of our endeavors, we are proud to help people go beyond what they once thought possible. When you receive the DePaul Annual Giving Appeal later this year, please consider a gift that will help DePaul continue caring for those we serve. Every time we make a difference, every life we change for the better, every achievement great or small is a triumph. For more information on making a donation, contact Marcia Dlutek at (585) 426-8000 or mdlutek@depaul.org.



DePaul Seeks Holiday Helpers

You can make a difference for a client in need in a DePaul mental health residential program this holiday season by becoming a Holiday Helper! Sign up and you'll be matched with a holiday wish that includes the individual's gender, age and size, if appropriate. You can also donate generic items such as hats, gloves, scarves and socks for adults, or personal care items. Past wish lists have included requests as simple as a piece of chocolate cake, books, cat toys or socks. For more information about how you, your family, place of worship, club or workplace can adopt someone in need, contact Amy Cavalier at (585) 719-3102 or acavalier@depaul.org.

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Schenectady City Councilwoman Marion Porterfield said, "When I think of this project it reminds me of the Book of Nehemiah of rebuilding of the wall and what revitalization does for the spirit of the community."

Schenectady City Council President Leesa Perazzo said, "These new apartments create wonderful living spaces for our residents and at the same time help to bring new investment and new jobs to Hamilton Hill. This development adds vibrancy to a key corridor in Schenectady."

Chairman of the Schenectady County Metroplex Development Authority Ray Gillen said, "When we first met DePaul, we learned that they build quality housing units and the company has exceeded our expectations on Albany Street. As the lead local agency that worked with DePaul to obtain the site and get necessary approvals, we are very proud to see the opening occur and we are also excited that this new housing has leveraged additional investment so we now have more than \$50 million

in construction and investment going to this neighborhood."

Executive Director, Schenectady Community Action Program Debra Schimpf said, "Working in partnership to improve and strengthen our communities, making them better places to live, is a hallmark of the promise of Community Action. The Joseph L. Allen Apartments are a perfect example of the type of affordable housing that is needed to ensure that low-income families have access to safe, secure and cost-effective housing."

Lakeia Allen-Bowman said, "The building looks absolutely beautiful. It is surreal to see my father's name on the front. My entire family is grateful to DePaul and all those involved for assisting in keeping my father's legacy alive."

Partners involved in the project are DePaul, New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH), the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), the City of Schenectady and Mayor Gary McCarthy and Councilwoman Marion Porterfield, Schenectady County, the Schenectady County Metroplex Development Authority, Schenectady Community Action Program (SCAP), Red Stone Equity Manager, JPMorgan Chase, Christa Construction and SWBR Architects.

Southwestern Association of the Deaf visits RVA

Thank you to the Southwestern Association of the Deaf for visiting DePaul's Rochester View Apartments (RVA) in Henrietta, New York! Property Manager Denise Frye gave a tour of the building which features enhanced supports to accommodate tenants who may be Deaf, hard of hearing and those using American Sign Language (ASL).



Photo by Lawrence J. MacDonald, Sr.

NCADD-RA Director Recognized with Award

Jennifer Faringer (left) is pictured with ASAP Coalition member Kym Laube.



Congratulations to Jennifer Faringer, Director of DePaul's NCADD-RA, on being awarded the Eileen Pencer Victory Award from the Association of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Providers of New York State (ASAP).

The award recognizes individuals for their "outstanding contribution to the substance use disorder field." Specifically, Jennifer is "recognized for her passion, commitment, leadership, and advocacy. She is a role model and mentor for women in the field of addiction prevention, treatment and recovery supports."

DePaul Hosts 26th Annual Smouse Tournament

Fun was had by all at DePaul Recreation Department's 26th Annual Bill Smouse Memorial Softball Tournament which took place in Rochester, New York in September. Participants came from social clubs and day programs and included residents from DePaul's Ridgeview Commons, Rochester View and Neighborhood of the Arts (NOTA) Apartment Treatment Programs, and Halstead Square, Edgerton Square and Cornerstone Community Residence-Single Room Occupancy Programs, as well as from East House and the Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities Service Office (DDSO).



Danita Fomey (NOTA, above left), Heather Murphy (NOTA, above right), and Activity Coordinator Austin Pettigrew with Jacob Vanderveen (Edgerton Square, left).



2017 Smouse Tournament Champions

Pictured here is the winning team which included Mike B. (Halsted Square), Patrick Ortiz (Cornerstone), Matt T. (Community), Patricia Fox (Cornerstone), Marvin Tellier (Community), Activity Coordinator Laurene Lavictoire, Patrick H. (Ridgeview Commons), Roger Hendrix (Cornerstone), Caitlin Shultz (Community), Kira (Community) and Will (Community).

Started in 1990 by DePaul Recreation Director Dan Charcholla, the tournament recognizes the late Bill Smouse, a former employee at the Edgerton Recreation Center who donated his time to a community sports league to provide positive experiences for individuals with disabilities.

Eagle Scout Project a Win for Recreation!



A junior at Aquinas Institute in Rochester, New York, Frankie Tavino chose to build a bocce ball court on the grounds of DePaul's administrative headquarters in Rochester, New York for his Eagle Scout project. Installation of the 64-foot long and 12-foot wide bocce court began in mid-August along with help from his family and friends. Frankie estimates he spent a total of 50 hours on the project.

"Bocce ball is a lifelong recreation experience," said DePaul's Recreation Director Dan Charcholla. "You can play it at any age. The Recreation Department deeply appreciates the addition of a bocce ball court and we'll certainly be out there playing!"

Frankie Tavino is the son of Gina Tavino, Director of Payroll at DePaul. For the full story, visit DePaul's blog at www.depaul.org/blog/.



Shining a Spotlight on Talent



First Place – Tamaz Mincey of the West Main Apartment Treatment Program, pictured with Activity Coordinator Austin Pettigrew.



Second Place – Shane Vann of Cornerstone, joined by Cornerstone Residential Services Coordinator Teresa Snow.

Third Place – Victoria Proulx of Halstead Square, pictured with Care Manager Erica Stone and Austin Pettigrew.



Clients and staff members from DePaul's mental health residential programs brought their best talents to the stage during DePaul's Second Talent Show at Halstead Square in June! In the spotlight were 13 acts featuring music, singing, poetry reading and dancing! After some top-notch talent and tough decisions, the top three performances were determined to be

Tamaz Mincey of the West Main Apartment Treatment Program performing an acapella song, Shane Vann of Cornerstone, joined by Cornerstone Residential Services Coordinator Teresa Snow, performing a dance routine, and Victoria Proulx of Halstead Square also singing acapella!

In the judges' seats were Program Director Tony Whitlow, Care Manager Erica Stone and Assistant Director of Care Management Melissa Guilfoil. Activity Coordinator Austin Pettigrew got the crowd laughing as the Master of Ceremonies.

A big thank you goes out to Activity Coordinators Laurenne Lavictoire and Austin Pettigrew, and Elmgrove Assistant Residence Manager Jennifer Wright for their work planning and implementing the show and to Halstead Square for hosting!

"Everyone cheered and clapped for one another and all the performers received ribbons for participating."

– Activity Coordinator
Laurenne Lavictoire

Highlights from National Assisted Living Week



Family isn't always blood, it's the people in your life who want you in theirs: the ones who accept you for who you are, the ones who would do anything to see you smile and who love you no matter what."

This Maya Angelou quote inspired this year's National Assisted Living Week theme, "Family is Forever." DePaul's Senior Living Communities recently celebrated National Assisted Living Week (NALW). Established by the National Center for Assisted Living, NALW took place September 10 – 16. The week-long event allowed residents, their families and staff to recognize the strong bonds and lasting imprints they share.

The relationships we cultivate throughout our lives can leave a lasting imprint. The personal and professional relationships we form with friends, family, co-workers and acquaintances help us grow and evolve. Maintaining these relationships as we age can often lead to an increase in happiness and life expectancy.

At DePaul, we offer a personalized approach to delivering support and services while encouraging family members to be actively involved in the care of their loved ones. We have seen many special bonds formed between our staff and the residents they care for, creating memories that will last a lifetime.



Elaine Koch, Mary Light, Florence Vancott, Mary Volonino and Helen Kohler show off the "family tree" craft on display at Westwood Commons in North Chili, New York.



Libby Carter, a resident of Southfork in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, poses for a photo with her daughter in front of Southfork's "family tree" wall décor.



Roger Green, a resident at Heath House in Lincolnton, North Carolina, is pictured here with Lincolnton Mayor Ed Hatley who read a proclamation in honor of National Assisted Living Week.

To read more about these and other inspiring stories and videos, visit DePaul's blog at <https://www.depaul.org/blog/>

DePaul Celebrates Centenarians!

"Be kind."

"Tell the truth always, even if it hurts."



"Do the right thing."

"Trust the Lord."

"Live a life of purpose."

DePaul centenarians have plenty of advice for living a fulfilled life after turning 100 years or older this year! In honor of National Centenarians Day on September 22, DePaul recognized residents who celebrated these milestone birthdays in 2017 with a video on the DePaul blog.

Pictured on left, several centenarians living at DePaul Senior Living Communities turned 100 or more in August and September including Mary Stanton of Horizons in Canandaigua, New York, Dorothy Bell of Southfork in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and Nolie Boyles of Twelve Oaks in Mt. Airy, North Carolina!



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Pictured left to right are Stephen J. Pease, WNY Area Retail Leader Vice President, Heidi Born, Appletree KeyBank Assistant Vice President and Chris Syracuse, DePaul Community Services Executive Director/Vice President.

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