

Grand opening of West Seneca housing development announced

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(Photo courtesy of the New York State Office of Mental Health)

WEST SENECA, N.Y. (WIVB) — On Thursday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced the opening of a \$24.4 million mixed-use housing development in West Seneca.

Ebenezer Square, a three-story building on Seneca St., will have 100 apartments for low-income families and people with behavioral health needs.

“These strategic investments help support some of our most vulnerable New Yorkers by ensuring they have access to a safe and decent place to call home,” Cuomo said.

“This project brings together affordable housing alongside supportive residential programs, creating a truly integrated community that will foster recovery and independence.”

The project was supported by a \$16.5 million construction loan through New York’s Office of Mental Health.

Solar technology supported by the state supplies three-quarters of the development’s electrical usage.

Those living in the building will have 24/7 access to care, as staff and security will be on-site at all times.

“Ebenezer Square is successfully integrating a licensed residential program with affordable housing,” New York State Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said. “Residential programs such as Ebenezer have been shown to help their clients find lasting recovery and a better connection with their surrounding communities. Under Governor Cuomo’s leadership, New York State continues to expand the opportunities and options which enable individuals with disabilities to live fully integrated lives in their home communities.”

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