



Veddersburg and Holland Circle Apartments Now Open



Pictured, left to right, are President of Christa Construction Mike Seaman, City of Amsterdam Mayor Michael Cinquanti, Montgomery County Director of Community Mental Hygiene Services Sara Boerenko, New York State Office of Mental Health Associate Commissioner Chris Smith, New York State Homes and Community Renewal Upstate East Director of Development Darren Scott, Director of Development for CSD Housing Mike Newman, DePaul President Mark Fuller, Mental Health Association in Fulton & Montgomery Counties Executive Director Janine Dykeman, Principal of SWBR Architects Joe Gibbons and Executive Director/Vice President of DePaul Properties Gillian Conde.

DePaul joined state, county and local government officials, community agencies, and other partners in June to celebrate the opening of two new affordable and supportive communities in Montgomery County. The Veddersburg Apartments in the City of Amsterdam features 62 apartments and the Holland Circle Apartments in the Town of Amsterdam provides 48 apartments.

“DePaul is grateful to New York State Governor Kathy Hochul and partners for

assisting us in increasing our ability to provide long-term or permanent housing where residents can access the support services they require to live successfully,” said DePaul President Mark Fuller.

Both Holland Circle and Veddersburg Apartments are located in close proximity to many local amenities such as grocery shopping, schools, places of worship, medical care, banks, libraries, government agencies and general shopping. Heat, air conditioning, hot water and electric, and local

television are included in the rent and on-site laundry facilities are available at no cost to the tenant. There is also off-street parking. Tenants have access to a community room, lounges and a computer lab. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the building.

A security deposit equal to one month’s rent is required at the lease signing and the applicant must meet the eligibility requirements of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program for both communities. Income and occupancy requirements apply.

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DePaul and Eagle Star Housing Announce Affiliation

DePaul is excited to announce an affiliation with Eagle Star Housing, Inc. which will create many future opportunities to expand much-needed housing for vulnerable populations, including Veterans experiencing housing instability or in need of permanent housing in a supportive and safe environment. Eagle Star Housing, an affiliate of the DePaul Group, provides quality transitional housing as well as permanent supportive housing.

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Holland Circle Apartments

Located at 160 Holland Circle Drive in the Town of Amsterdam, the Holland Circle Apartments contain 48 apartments for income-eligible tenants with 27 units operated by the Mental Health Association in Fulton & Montgomery Counties, reserved for individuals with a mental health diagnosis who will have access to supportive services onsite. The newly constructed community includes five buildings containing a total of 42 one-bedroom, three two-bedroom and three three-bedroom apartments as well as office space. The apartments are available to households with incomes at or below 60 percent of the area median income.

Project partners include Christa Construction, the Community Preservation Corporation, CSD Housing, LLC, DePaul, the Mental Health Association in Fulton & Montgomery Counties, the Montgomery County Mental Health Department, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, New York State Homes and Community Renewal (NYSHCR), New York State Office of Mental Health, Red Stone Equity Partners, LLC, SWBR Architects and the Town of Amsterdam.

Financing for the \$19.5 million community included Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits that will generate \$9.3 million in equity. Additional financing included a \$2.3 million Supportive Housing Opportunity Program subsidy from NYSHCR. The Community Preservation Corporation provided a \$6.1 million construction loan and a \$7.6 million permanent loan, of which the New York State Office of Mental Health will provide debt service. DePaul is the developer and the Mental Health Association in Fulton & Montgomery Counties is the supportive service provider.

Veddersburg Apartments

Named for the original settler of that region, Albert Vedder, the Veddersburg Apartments, located at 251 East Main Street in the City of Amsterdam, contain 62 apartments for income-eligible tenants with 31 units reserved for individuals with a mental health diagnosis who will have access to supportive services onsite. The community includes 12 studio apartments, 46 one-bedroom, and four two-bedroom units. The apartments are affordable to households with incomes at or below 30 and 60 percent of the area median income.

Project partners include Capital Region Land Bank, Christa Construction, the City of Amsterdam, the Community Preservation Corporation, DePaul, the Montgomery County Department of Social Services, the Montgomery County Mental Health Department, National Equity Fund, New York State Balance of State Continuum of Care, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, New York State Homes and Community Renewal, New York State Office of Mental Health and SWBR Architects.

Financing for the \$21.2 million community included Federal and State Low-Income Housing Tax Credits that will generate \$14.5 million in equity. Additional financing included a \$2.2 million Supportive Housing Opportunity Program subsidy from NYSHCR, a \$1.43 million subsidy from the Federal Housing Trust Fund, and a \$1.9 million subsidy from the NYS HOME program. The Community Preservation Corporation provided an \$11.2 million construction loan and the Capital Region Land Bank assisted with a \$50,000 grant. The New York State Office of Mental Health provided a \$209,000 Project Development Grant and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority awarded a \$56,200 grant. DePaul is the developer and supportive service provider.



In Other Development News...

DePaul's Mosaic Apartments, a \$27 million apartment community slated for Schenectady, was awarded Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program and Tax-Exempt Bond financing as part of \$875 million in financing subsidies recently announced by New York State Governor Kathy Hochul aimed at creating or preserving 3,100 affordable, sustainable and supportive homes.

The Charles J. Lesh, MD Apartments in Batavia recently began welcoming new tenants. DePaul added 20 new Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI) units to the existing community.

The Mosaic and Charles J. Lesh, MD Apartments are both part of Governor Hochul's \$25 billion comprehensive Housing Plan that will create or preserve 100,000 affordable homes across New York State, including 10,000 with support services for vulnerable populations, plus the conversion of another additional 50,000 homes to all-electric.

"We look forward to working with Governor Hochul to continue changing even more lives for individuals in Montgomery, Schenectady and Genesee counties and across New York State by offering housing stability for the most vulnerable populations," said DePaul President Mark Fuller.

Eagle Star Housing News

New York State Assemblyman Brian Manktelow of the 130th District recently visited 270 on East in Rochester. The Assemblyman, pictured lower left, learned more about Eagle Star Housing's Permanent Supportive Apartment Program from staff while touring the apartment community.

Staff and residents of Liberty Square in Batavia and Pembroke Home had a wonderful evening attending Military Appreciation Night at the Batavia Muckdogs game! Pictured below are Robert Zac Johnson, Liberty Square staff Rich Greenfield and Michelle Laraby, Dominick Shannon, John Hummel, Keith DeGolier and Michael Cefaly.

Many thanks to the Chili American Legion for a generous monetary donation to Eagle Star Housing! Auxiliary members Barbara Alexander and Lisa Gartz are pictured right with Spencerport Home Manager Hayley Fleisher (center).

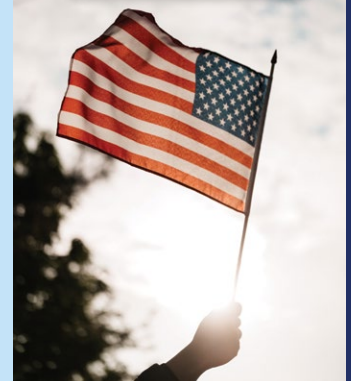


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Eagle Star Housing's Transitional Housing Programs support Veterans on their journey to find permanent housing within three to six months. To ensure that Veterans are provided with a safe place to live while they search for permanent housing, staff work to address any barriers that may impact a successful journey, including physical and mental health issues and substance use disorders. Eagle Star Housing offers Transitional Housing Programs at the Farmington Safe Haven, the Pembroke Home and the Spencerport Home.

Permanent Supportive Housing Programs offer a unique opportunity for increased support to help ensure a successful independent living environment for every Veteran. Eagle Star Housing provides Permanent Supportive Housing options at 270 on East in Rochester and Liberty Square in Batavia. The Huntington Apartments in Seneca Falls are currently under construction.

Eagle Star Housing strives to ensure positive outcomes for all the Veterans they serve, regardless of the program.



NCADD-RA Hosts Annual Luncheon

DePaul's National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence-Rochester Area (NCADD-RA) celebrated the 75th (Plus Two) Annual Luncheon in May. Keynote Speaker Dr. Kevin McCauley presented "Psychoneuroimmunology: Where Stress, Trauma & Addiction Intersect." The Charlotte C. Hegedus Community Excellence Award was presented to Jason Teller, BA, CASAC. Ted Aman, LMHC, Master CASAC, received the Helen Guthrie Memorial Youth Advocate Award.

Over 200 professionals in the addiction prevention, treatment and mental health fields, government officials, law enforcement agencies, and coalitions attended this year's luncheon which featured the highest-ever levels of sponsorship via corporate sponsors, table sponsors and agency ad placements. Congratulations to the NCADD-RA's team on another incredibly successful year of education and advocacy!



Pictured left is Dr. Kevin McCauley with NCADD-RA Director Jennifer Faringer. Pictured center, front row, left to right, is Team Awareness Workplace Wellness Project Coordinator Valerie Way, Finger Lakes Prevention Resource Coalition (FL PRC) Community Development Specialist Jerry Bennett and FL PRC Project Coordinator Irene Lawrence; and back row, left to right, is Administrative Assistant Elaine Alvarado and Finger Lakes Addiction Resource Center Coordinator David Young. Pictured top right is Family Program Coordinator Bridget DeRollo and lower right is Hispanic Prevention Education Program Coordinator Isabel Baldwin with NCADD-RA Intern Olivia Delisanti.

Carriage Factory Apartments Host Press Conference



DePaul's Carriage Factory Apartments hosted a press conference in June where Assemblyman Demond Meeks, Assemblyman Harry Bronson, Field & Fork Network and Foodlink announced a \$2 million appropriation in the New York State budget to expand Double Up Food Bucks New York. Pictured, left to right, are Field & Fork Network Communications Director Nichole Borchard, Rochester Mayor Malik Evans, Assemblyman Demond Meeks (District 137), Assemblyman Harry Bronson (District 138) and Foodlink's Senior Vice President of Community Impact Mitch Gruber.

Foodlink operates the Curbside Market, a market on wheels that links communities in the Rochester area to fresh, affordable food. It makes weekly stops at several of DePaul's locations in Rochester.

Awareness Across DePaul

The first half of 2023 has been rich with a variety of unique and poignant ways to raise awareness and celebrate diversity!

March was **Women's History Month**. In coordination with the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, DePaul and several other organizations sponsored the Women Empowering Women Conference in March. Twenty DePaul employees had the opportunity to attend the event.

Staff members across the agency also celebrated **International Women's Day** on March 8 in a multitude of ways. Pictured top right, staff at Westwood Commons in North Chili wore purple and posed for photos with cutouts of women who are their heroes.

April was **National Deaf History Month** and April 15 was **National Sign Language Day**. Seniors at Heritage Manor of Lockport practiced using American Sign Language with the help of iN2L engagement technology. Pictured top left is resident Ziggy.

Juneteenth was honored in a number of ways across the agency. DePaul's Carriage Factory Apartments in Rochester celebrated with educational activities including African drumming with Mayukwa Kawysha, pictured middle right, storytelling with Koketso Ferreira, and memory lane dancing with Shalom Singer. Youssou from the African American Cultural Center presented a traditional African Dance and Drum Class at Glenwell in Cheektowaga, pictured above.

DePaul residents and staff participated in the 2023 NAMIWalks Rochester in May which is **Mental Health Awareness Month**! DePaul sponsored the event and the team also raised \$550 through fundraising efforts. The annual walk increases awareness and supports services available to individuals and families affected by serious mental illness.



Thank You to Excellus BlueCross BlueShield and DePaul Staff



Thank You United Way Day of Caring Volunteers



DePaul was the recipient of the gift of service from volunteers throughout the Rochester area on the United Way of Greater Rochester and Finger Lakes Day of Caring on May 11.

Thank you to Excellus BlueCross BlueShield and DePaul staff for helping refresh DePaul's Remember Garden in Highland Park in time for the Rochester Lilac Festival. Also, a sincerest thanks to Canandaigua National Bank & Trust and DePaul staff who volunteered time at Woodcrest Commons in Henrietta to help with painting, raking leaves, cleaning out flower beds and setting up the patio furniture for spring.



Spotlight on Centenarians

Congratulations to some of the many residents in DePaul's care celebrating milestones in the first half of 2023, especially those seniors who are celebrating birthdays of 100 years or more!

Pictured left to right, Richard Betteridge, a resident of Westwood Commons in North Chili, turned 100 years old in June, and at Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda, Tomasina Cammarata marked her 100th birthday and Howard Biondi celebrated his 102nd birthday in June!

DePaul Staff Attend and Present at ACLAIMH Conference

Over 20 staff from DePaul Community Services and Living Opportunities of DePaul attended the Association for Community Living Agencies in Mental Health (ACLAIMH) Western Region Conference in April. Designed to provide direct care staff with tools to continuously improve the services they provide residents and to care for themselves, the annual conference was held in Watkins Glen. Presenters included DePaul's Senior Director of Specialized Programs and Community Engagement Kristen Grimaldi, LMSW, and Clinical Coordinator of Treatment Services Linda Donahue, LCSW.



Celebrations Abound

Residents at DePaul's Senior Living Communities have discovered the fountain of youth with plentiful opportunities to celebrate the second half of life!



In honor of **Mother's Day**, June Blattenberger shared her reflections at Glenwell in Cheektowaga and Alice Remus enjoyed a tea party tradition at Heritage Manor of Lockport.



Father's Day memories included fishing on the patio at Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda with Keith Brooks and Robert DeLuca and coffee hour at Westwood Commons in North Chili with Harold Murphy.



Flag Day was an opportunity to get together to honor Old Glory. Westwood Commons celebrated with strawberry shortcake and a sing-along. Pictured left is Ken Langley. At Wheatfield Commons, seniors learned about proper flag etiquette and painted crafts. Pictured center is Paul Layer and Connie Critelli is shown with a creative poppy craft.

Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month



As a provider of senior living services, raising awareness around Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in June is a holiday close at heart for DePaul staff, residents and their families.

Glenwell in Cheektowaga is sponsoring a team in the 2023 Buffalo Walk to End Alzheimer's in September. As part of their fundraising efforts, residents, staff, family members and the community have been helping support the Alzheimer's Association with hot dog roasts and ice cream float sales! Pictured during a hot dog roast is resident Rita Wrobel and her family.

Residents and staff at the Trolley Station Apartments in Canandaigua participated in the Go Purple in June campaign to highlight the awareness holidays. Pictured is resident Barbara Henry.

Seniors at Wheatfield Commons in North Tonawanda showed support of Alzheimer's awareness with Alzheimer's-themed paintings. Pictured with her finished piece is Joan Sumner.





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Diversity at DePaul

The Diversity at DePaul committee sponsored staff to attend the Eleversity 2023 Women of Color Summit kick-off event! The one-day summit provided an uplifting environment for, by and about women of color to promote equity, education, and professional development. The 2023 theme is "I.C.U. - Intentionality, Commitment, and Urgency: Pushing the Needle Forward and Upward."



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