

Our mission is to strengthen families and communities by creating and providing access to quality affordable housing enriched by the availability of supportive services.



View from State Street, Rochester

Providence Housing and East House Join Forces

Providence is happy to announce its partnership with East House Corporation. Established in 1966, East House is a private non-profit mental health agency providing residential, rehab and support services to adults recovering from mental illness or chemical dependency. More than 1,000 clients and their families are served each year, in more than 200 apartments and nine group homes. East House is funded by the New York State Offices of Mental Health, County of Monroe, client fees and

private donations.

“The development of these apartments will represent the most significant step for East House since the opening of our first group home on Dartmouth Street in 1966,” said Greg Soehner, President of East House Corporation. The East House - State Street Apartments are a direct response to the NYS Office of Mental Health’s plan to create more one-bedroom units for clients of Mental Health Services.

In August the New York State

Division of Housing and Community and Renewal awarded Providence Housing and codeveloper East House Corporation an allocation of Low Income Housing Tax Credits to facilitate construction of our newest venture, East House - State Street Apartments.

The project consists of rehabilitating a vacant two-story building to create 44 one-bedroom apartment units. Thirty of the 44 apartment units will be licensed by the NYS

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Shelter Plus Care Program Introduces Rivendell Court

Shelter Plus Care offers subsidized housing with case management to those in transition

Providence Housing’s Shelter Plus Care Program is nearing completion of an innovative project to improve client outcomes and program sustainability. Rivendell Court is a new permanent supportive housing community that has been created from the acquisition of three properties in Rochester’s beautiful Park Avenue neighborhood. The Shelter

Plus Care Program will manage this community of 19 apartments in three adjacent buildings for its clients in recovery and threatened with homelessness.

Rivendell Court is being created with a combination of private and public funds. Providence has used a grant of \$135,385 from the 2009 HUD McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance

Competition to leverage private capital for acquisition. The Shelter Plus Care program chose to create Rivendell Court in a strong neighborhood to support a healthy recovery environment that gives each person the best opportunity to achieve their goals. Providence plans to acquire the Rivendell Court properties and begin operations in early 2011.

Our Gratitude to Our Many Supporters at Many Levels

Corporate Grants Boost Home Ownership and Shelter Plus Care Programs



JPMORGAN CHASE FOUNDATION
From left to right: Ronald B. Sellers, JPMorgan Chase Retail Lending Manager (Home Lending); Deborah M. Falbo, JPMorgan Chase Community Loan Officer; Tonia Graf, Providence Housing Credit Repair Specialist and Lisa Alcott, Providence Housing Director of Home Ownership Program.



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From left to right: Kathy Klocek, M&T Banking Officer Regional CRA Officer; Beverly Fair-Brooks, Vice President Regional Community Reinvestment Officer; Monica McCullough, Providence Housing Executive Director; Lisa Alcott, Providence Housing Director of Home Ownership Program and Tonia Graf, Providence Housing Credit Repair Specialist.

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Office of Mental Health and will be permanent supportive housing for individuals with mental illness. These beds will be transferred from two existing East House group homes. The remaining 14 units will create new affordable housing for qualified individuals.

All units will include Energy Star rated appliances and lighting fixtures,

In addition to the corporate sponsors featured to the left, we also thank:

- HSBC Bank USA, N.A. Community Development
- Realtors Charitable Foundation
- Citizens Bank

Record-breaking 1,266 volunteer hours!

That is how many hours volunteers contributed to Providence Housing communities this year. Primarily volunteers raked, trimmed, planted, mulched around community centers, main buildings and homes. Miles of fencing were stained. Interiors were painted. Thank you to the following volunteer organizations for their invaluable help and dedication.

DAY OF CARING 2010

Xerox Corporation at Carlson Commons, Lawley Andolina Verdi Winn Residential at St. Andrews, Brown Street and Near Westside, Ortho Clinical Diagnostics at West Town Village, Thomson Reuters at St. Salome Apartments, and First Niagara Bank

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at Union Park and Union Meadows. **WILSON DAY**

University of Rochester freshmen volunteered at St. Salome Apartments and West Town Village.

Other volunteer organizations:

- The North American Redemptorist Dialogue Participants
- Incarnation Church, Youth Group Chicago, Ill.
- St. Mary's Youth Group, Canandaigua

Would your group like to volunteer? Maybe your group would like to adopt a garden for the season or become active in other worthwhile projects. If you are interested, please contact Lori at 585-328-3228 ext. 1433.

Motorcyclists Ride for the Homeless

Proceeds from the first annual **Ridin' For Refuge** held in August benefited Providence Housing's Shelter Plus Care Program and new homeless housing developments.

The 70 mile poker run included 6 stops throughout Orleans and Monroe Counties. The last stop was Merchants Grill. Thanks to owner John Page who generously donated food and music by The Coupe de Villes.

The Shelter Plus Care Program



provides rent subsidies and case management services to homeless persons recovering from drug/alcohol dependency.

high efficiency heating systems, water conserving fixtures and air conditioning. Rents will include all utilities.

The property will have an outdoor patio and two outdoor court yards within the building. The property will include on-site services exclusively for tenants provided by East House. Building amenities will include a large community room and kitchen, library area, game rooms,

and meeting rooms.

Construction is scheduled to begin in spring of 2011.

Development partners also include Buckingham Construction, LLC, as general contractor, and Pardi Partnership Architects, PC. Providence Housing will serve as management agent.

'Round our House

St. Salome Apartments, Irondequoit

No moss grows under the feet of the more than 60 residents at **St. Salome Apartments**. Every week these seniors hold a coffee hour. Once a month they have cake night and pizza night (not on the same night). And just in the past year they have had an ice cream social, pot luck dinner, prime rib dinner, sub night, deli night and Luau night! They have had Christmas in July, a community garage sale and a neighborhood watch meeting. They have Euchre and Rummikub cube tournaments. Bob has hosted a spring cook-out for his fellow residents. Many gather for 'Lunch with George.' The first annual Thanksgiving dinner was held with all the trimmings for residents and invited family members.



Plymouth Manor Carlson Commons Olean Heights, Rochester

Carlson Commons Community Center was 'jumping' as almost 70 residents gathered for their annual Block Party. A magician captured the attention of all with his tricks and surprises. Thanks to volunteers from Catholic Family Center for helping with this event.

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New Homes for 75 Households

ATWOOD PARK 4 Atwood Drive, Gates

Just opened in November, **Atwood Park Apartments** features 33 one-bedroom apartments for those 62 years old and older who have less than 50% of the area median income. The building is 100% smoke-free and all units are handicap-accessible and visitable. Each apartment has a private patio or balcony. There is a community room with a kitchen and patio, a sitting room, lounge and front porch. Development partners for Atwood Park include LECESSE Construction, Stantec and SWBR Architects.

Applications and other inquiries can be made to 585-247-0985.

The Ribbon Cutting ceremony was held on December 3rd.



UNION MEADOWS II 30 Viola Drive, North Chili

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on June 29th for **Union Meadows II**. Offering forty-two townhomes for families and seniors, these 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom, units also have an attached garage. Very close by is a community room with laundry facilities and a playground. Developed by Rochester's Cornerstone Group, Union Meadows II is sponsored and managed by Providence Housing. Housing inquiries can be made to 585-293-9150



Home Ownership Program

Class helps buyer know what to look for/avoid in purchase

Our **Home Ownership** program boasts that 99% of families who have gone through the program since 2004 are still in and maintaining their homes. Is there someone you know who would like to be part of our success story? You or someone you know may qualify for a \$4 to \$1 match savings program.

In addition to the regularly scheduled first-time home buyers' Saturday classes, we will be offering weekday classes, too. We will also begin to host post-closing workshops where home

owners will learn how to maintain and protect their home investment. Please call program director Lisa Alcott at 585-328-3228 ext. 1319 to learn more details.

How about a check-up? A financial check-up, that is. Certified Financial Health Counselor Tonia Graf can help you improve your credit rating and help you get your financial house in order. Tonia can be reached at: 585-328-3228 ext. 1356.

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OUR COMMUNITIES

For Families

Brown Street, Rochester
Carlson Commons, Rochester
Near Westside, Rochester
Northern Star, Rochester
Olean Heights, Rochester
Plymouth Manor, Rochester
Shortsville Meadows, Shortsville
Union Meadows, North Chili
Union Meadows II, North Chili

For Seniors

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St. Salome Apartments/Patio Homes, Irondequoit
Union Park, North Chili
West Town Village, West Henrietta

For People with Disabilities

Elizabeth Blackwell, Geneva
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St. Andrews, Gates

OUR PROGRAMS

Shelter + Care
Monroe County Home Ownership Program
Credit Restoration

THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP PROVIDENCE HOUSING COMMUNITIES

Wish List

Bingo machines
books, DVD movies, puzzles, games and crafts
carpet shampooer, commercial
digital cameras
outdoor gas grill with tank
picnic benches and tables
porch chairs, swings and park benches
refrigerator
tools (used home repair tools for display)

Volunteers Needed

We welcome volunteer groups of any size to help us with spring and fall cleanup.

United Way Donor Designation # 2388

Providence Housing is eligible to receive designations through United Way's annual campaign. Please consider designating a portion of your United Way gift to Providence Housing donor designation number 2388. For more information, please contact us at 585-328-3228, ext.1433. To learn more about the United Way, visit www.uwrochester.org.

Giving to Providence

Providence gratefully accepts contributions to support the development of affordable housing. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, donations to Providence are tax-deductible.

Please call 585-328-3228, ext. 1433

Awards ♦ Recognitions ♦ Salutes ♦ Cheers

Providence Housing was awarded the **Joseph Entress Memorial Award** by the Gates Chili Chamber of Commerce president, Art Pires at their 25th Annual Community Awards Celebration Dinner. The award, given under the Economic Development category, "recognizes an individual or organization for on-going improvement encouraging continued economic development in the area."

Two Providence Housing employees have recently received certification in their areas of expertise. **Tonia Graf**, credit repair specialist, is now a Certified Financial Health Counselor and a member of the National Association of Certified Credit Counselors. **Jeff Jozefski**, development associate, is now a LEED® Green Associate.

Congratulations to **LECESSE Construction** for receiving the 2010 Rochester Business Ethics Awards. An independent panel of judges based its decision on published criteria that includes executive commitment to business ethics, company ethics program, conflict resolution procedures, demonstration of sound ethical business practices, and demonstration of good corporate citizenship. Companies vying for the award submit a detailed application that documents their policies and activities in these criteria. LECESSE has been the construction partner with Providence Housing on more than eight affordable housing projects. Congratulations to Andy Hislop, president and his dedicated team.

PROVIDENCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, a not-for-profit corporation, is an affiliate of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester. Providence Housing develops, finances and manages housing for individuals and families in the twelve counties of the Diocese of Rochester. They include: Monroe, Wayne, Livingston, Ontario, Seneca, Cayuga, Yates, Steuben, Schuyler, Tompkins, Tioga, and Chemung County.

