

HUD HAPPENINGS MINNESOTA Spring 2017



**HIGHER GROUND
OPENS
IN SAINT PAUL**

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES OPENS HIGHER GROUND IN SAINT PAUL

During January 2017, Catholic Charities of Minneapolis and St. Paul opened the doors of its new Higher Ground facility in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

HUD Funding for Higher Ground:

- Continuum of Care Permanent Supportive Housing (targeted to chronic homeless): 64 units - \$530,936
- Emergency Solutions Grant: City of St. Paul – \$72,000
- Emergency Solutions Grant: State of MN Office for Economic Opportunity - \$50,000

HUD is providing over \$650,000 in funding for the project, which offers 473 people experiencing homelessness a dignified place to sleep each night and a pathway out of poverty. Located across the street from the current Dorothy Day Center, the five-story building includes emergency shelter for 280 women and men and a range of permanent housing options for 193 people—including many long-term homeless individuals and veterans. The building will also offer medical respite beds for men and women who are experiencing homelessness and are recovering from hospitalization; specialized housing and assistance for women suffering from late-stage alcoholism; and Pay-for-Stay beds that have a minimal fee, which is held in savings for clients and can be used for a first month’s rent or down payment for permanent housing.

Catholic Charities is leveraging significant public-private investments and partnerships in order to fully realize the new vision for the Dorothy Day Center. The Center is a statewide asset, having provided services to residents from 56 of Minnesota’s 87 counties last year—and the new vision has received support from a bipartisan group of legislators from every corner of the state of Minnesota.



Higher Ground images and data courtesy of Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Dorothy Day Center

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PHASE I: Higher Ground Saint Paul—Now Open! Dignified shelter and a wide range of housing in one building

- **Separate dignified shelters** with semi-private bunk beds for men and women. Each bunk bed will include electrical outlets, space for personal belongings, and bed linens.
- **Pay-for-Stay Shelter for Men**, where 60% of the guests are working. The Pay-for-Stay will provide guests with the option to reserve a bunk with a locker.
- **Permanent housing for formerly homeless individuals**, including a medical respite wing, a wing for late stage alcoholic women, and preference for veterans.

Total Number of units at Higher Ground Saint Paul: 473

- Men’s Shelter – 172
- Women’s Shelter – 60
- Late Stage Chronic Alcoholic Women’s Program – 12
- Respite Care – 16
- Pay for Stay – 48
- Floors 3, 4, 5 (Single Room Occupancy) – 165



PHASE II: Saint Paul Opportunity Center and Dorothy Day Residence

Construction is scheduled to begin on the Saint Paul Opportunity Center and Dorothy Day Residence in Spring 2017, and is anticipated to be complete in late 2018. In partnership with Ramsey County and several nonprofit organizations, the Saint Paul Opportunity Center will provide:

- Job training
- Physical and mental health clinics
- A Veterans Resource Hub
- Housing retention and placement services

The Dorothy Day Residence will provide an additional 171 units of much needed affordable housing. In addition to veterans preference for nearly all housing, there will be dedicated housing for young adults and a housing wing dedicated for veterans is planned.

When completed, Catholic Charities’ Dorothy Day Place will have a transformative impact on thousands of lives and will be a key milestone for advancing the statewide plan to prevent and end homelessness.

Inside Higher Ground St. Paul





HUD Minneapolis Field Office Director Michele K. Smith (third from left) during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Hawthorne EcoVillage. Images courtesy of Mississippi Watershed Management Organization.

HAWTHORNE ECOVILLAGE APARTMENTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN NORTH MINNEAPOLIS

For nearly a decade now, both public and private partners have been working together to make the Hawthorne Eco Village a wonderful place to live. The four block neighborhood in North Minneapolis had been plagued with a high rate of foreclosures and boarded buildings and was selected by the Hawthorne Neighborhood Council for cluster redevelopment.

The success of the Hawthorne EcoVillage allowed the community to amplify their cluster concept and sustainable planning model to additional local housing activities

The neighborhood has already seen an incredible transformation with the rehabilitation of numerous single family and multifamily housing units as well as the construction of new housing. HUD is proud to be participating in the latest phase of the Hawthorne Eco Village redevelopment: the construction of the Hawthorne EcoVillage Apartments. The project, to which HUD is contributing \$2.66 million in FHA financing, is being developed by Project for Pride and Living (PPL). It consists of 75 units of affordable and supportive housing at the intersection of Lowry and Lyndale Avenues. Construction began in July of 2016 and is expected to be completed this October.

Hawthorne EcoVillage includes a number of eco-friendly stormwater practices. Stormwater runoff from the building’s roof will be captured in a storage tank and reused to irrigate public spaces. A prominent raingarden area will treat stormwater runoff as well as provide habitat in a highly visible community space. Finally, an underground filtration system will help keep runoff out of nearby stormdrains.

DR. BEN CARSON SWORN IN AS HUD SECRETARY



Dr. Ben S. Carson, Sr. was sworn in on March 2, 2017 as the 17th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Vice President Mike Pence administered the oath of office with Secretary Carson's wife Candy and granddaughter Tesora holding the bible. Secretary Carson will now lead a cabinet agency with approximately 8,000 employees and an annual budget totaling more than \$40 billion.

Among his first actions in his new role, Secretary Carson plans an ambitious listening tour of select communities and HUD field offices around the country, beginning in his native Detroit.

"I am immensely grateful and deeply humbled to take on such an important role in service to the American people," said Secretary Carson. "Working directly with patients and their families for many years taught me that there is a deep relationship between health and housing. I learned that it's difficult for a child to realize their dreams if he or she doesn't have a proper place to live, and I've seen firsthand how poor housing conditions can rob a person of their potential. I am excited to roll up my sleeves and to get to work."

For nearly 30 years, Secretary Carson served as Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center, a position he assumed when he was just 33 years old, making him the youngest major division director in the hospital's history. Dr. Carson received dozens of honors and awards in recognition of his achievements including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. He is also a recipient of the Spingarn Medal, which is the highest honor bestowed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Dr. Carson has written nine books, four of which were co-authored with Candy Carson, his wife of 41 years. Together, they co-founded the Carson Scholars Fund, which celebrates young people of all backgrounds for exceptional academic and humanitarian accomplishments. The Fund has recognized more than 7,300 scholars, awarded more than seven million dollars in scholarships, and installed more than 150 Ben Carson Reading Rooms throughout the United States.

Born to a single mother with a 3rd grade education who worked multiple jobs to support their family, Secretary Carson was raised to love reading and education. He graduated from Yale University and earned his M.D. from the University of Michigan Medical School. He and his wife are the proud parents of three adult sons and three grandchildren.

Read Secretary Carson's full biography:

https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/about/principal_staff/ben_carson



Dr. Ben Carson sworn in as HUD Secretary by Vice President of the United States Mike Pence.

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA CONTINUUM OF CARE EFFECTIVELY ENDS VETERANS HOMELESSNESS!

The Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care (CoC) received confirmation in early February 2017 from the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) that they have effectively ended homelessness among Veterans in their area. The Southwest Minnesota CoC serves 18 counties: Big Stone, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Swift, and Yellow Medicine counties.

USICH Executive Director Matthew Doherty noted that his agency appreciates the commitment of the Southwest Minnesota CoC to "building upon this success to end homelessness for everyone in your community." He thanked the CoC for their dedication to this work and said that the USICH is looking forward to hearing about the group's continued progress.

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

The HUD Minneapolis Field Office thanks the Southwest Minnesota Housing partnership and everyone working with the Southwest Minnesota CoC for their dedication to ending veterans homelessness in their jurisdiction.



HOMELESS VETERAN REGISTRY

As part of Heading Home: Minnesota's Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, the State of Minnesota and its partners have committed to end homelessness among Veterans.

The Minnesota Homeless Veteran Registry will ensure that Veterans experiencing homelessness have access to appropriate housing and services. Anyone who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard can join the Registry, regardless of the type of discharge. If you are a Veteran and choose to join, a team of housing and service professionals will work together to help you access housing and services that meet your needs. Participation is voluntary. You do not have to join, and choosing not to participate will not affect your eligibility for services.

Anyone who knows of a homeless Veteran is encouraged to call 1-888-LinkVet (546-5838). Veterans can choose to join directly and anyone can refer a Veteran to join by completing their appropriate release of information form, based on their current location.

View the release forms and more information for landlords and veterans here:

<https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/homelessnessandprevention/homelessveteranregistry.jsp>

HUD MINNEAPOLIS WELCOMES MARCIA KOLB AS OUR NEW COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (CPD) DIRECTOR

Marcia Kolb joined the HUD Minneapolis Field Office in January 2015 as a Troubled Asset Specialist providing oversight of a multifamily portfolio of 58 troubled properties.

Prior to coming to HUD, Marcia worked as the Assistant Commissioner of the Multifamily Division at the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency where her responsibilities included overseeing financing multifamily production, asset management and the administration of CPD formula and competitive programs for the State of Minnesota including HOME, NSP, HOPWA and Shelter Plus Care.

Marcia earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Business from Metro State University and a Masters of Business from Bethel University.

Congratulations on your new position as HUD Minneapolis CPD Director, Marcia!



OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY HOMES

The Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) is excited to make available its first ever Healthy Homes Calendar. The calendar highlights drawings by local students working with our Lead Hazard Control grantees. The calendar provides information on national recognition days and weeks on topics around healthy housing as well as featuring tips on maintaining a healthy home, resources, and other insights.

You can download a digital version of the calendar at the link below. In the near future, the calendar will be available on the Government Publishing Office website.

<https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=2017hhplanner.pdf>

NATIONAL HEALTHY HOMES MONTH

The second annual National Healthy Homes Month (NHHM) will be June 2017. OLHCHH would like to hear feedback from your experience with the first annual NHHM in 2016. Please email your thoughts on successes from 2016 and what you would like to see more of in order to make NHHM 2017 the best it can possibly be. Emails should be sent to keara.a.oconnor@hud.gov.



Currently, millions of American homes have moderate-to-severe physical housing problems, including lead-based paint hazards, dilapidated structure; roofing problems; heating, plumbing, and electrical deficiencies; water leaks; and high radon gas levels. These conditions are associated with a wide range of health issues, including unintentional injuries, respiratory illnesses like asthma and radon-induced lung cancer.

National Healthy Homes Month 2017 will focus attention on ways to keep people of all ages safe and healthy in their homes by promoting community events that empower families to protect themselves from hazards in their home. The month will also highlight resources that are available to make a difference in the places where families live, play, and grow.

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- **Federal Housing Administration Resource Center:** (800) 225-5342
- **HUD Homes:** <https://www.hudhomestore.com/>
- **HUD Subsidized Housing List for Minnesota:**
 - Call (612) 370-3051
 - Email MN_Webmanager@hud.gov
- Visit HousingLink.org
- Download the HUD Resource Locator mobile app or visit <https://resources.hud.gov>

The advertisement features a photograph of a desk with a laptop, a tablet, and a smartphone. The tablet and smartphone screens display the HUD Resource Locator app interface, which includes a map of the United States and various resource icons. The text "HUD RESOURCE LOCATOR IS NOW AVAILABLE. HUD at your Fingertips" is overlaid on the image. Below the text are logos for Google Play and the App Store. The URL "RESOURCES.HUD.GOV" is at the bottom left, and the "eGIS" logo is at the bottom right.

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