



SAINT FRANCIS CENTER

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St. Francis Center Celebrates Groundbreaking for Seniors Supportive Housing Development

Denver, CO – 10/10/2023 – St. Francis Center, a nonprofit organization that provides comprehensive services to people experiencing homelessness, will celebrate the groundbreaking for its new development, St. Francis Apartments West, on 221 Federal Blvd. The ceremony will be attended by city officials (including comments by Mayor Michael Johnston), community leaders, and St. Francis Center staff and volunteers. This momentous occasion marks a significant step forward in our mission to address solutions to homelessness and provide affordable housing options for older individuals within the Denver community.

St. Francis Apartments West will be a 60-unit supportive housing complex for older adults experiencing homelessness. The building will include 51 one-bedroom apartments and nine two-bedroom apartments. One hundred percent of the units will be reserved for residents who qualify as low income. The building will also include on-site support services, such as case management, mental health counseling, and substance abuse treatment.

“We are thrilled to be breaking ground on St. Francis Apartments West,” said Nancy Burke, CEO of St. Francis Center. “This development will provide much-needed affordable housing and supportive services for seniors experiencing homelessness. We are grateful to the City of Denver and our other partners for their support of this important project.”

The development of St. Francis Apartments West was made possible with funding from the City of Denver, the CO. Department of Housing, and public/private donors. The project is expected to be constructed by October 2024 and St. Francis Center will own and operate over 200 units of housing.

Key features of St. Francis Apartments West include:

1. **Affordable Housing:** St. Francis Apartments West will provide affordable housing options, ensuring that residents can access a secure and comfortable place to call home.
2. **Supportive Services:** Residents will have access to a range of supportive services, including case management, counseling, job training, and other resources designed to promote self-sufficiency.
3. **Community Spaces:** The development will feature communal areas and green spaces, fostering a sense of community and belonging among residents.
4. **Sustainable Design:** St. Francis Apartments West will incorporate sustainable and energy-efficient design elements to reduce its environmental impact.
5. **Collaboration:** St. Francis Center is partnering with local organizations and government agencies to maximize the impact of this development and create a comprehensive support network for residents.

St. Francis Center Denver serves close to 10,000 people each year. The organization is funded by a combination of government grants, private donations, and earned income.

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About St. Francis Center

St. Francis Center is a nonprofit institution with roots in the Episcopal Church. It has been a transformation hub for people experiencing homelessness in Metro Denver for more than 40 years, offering a wide array of programs to guide individuals transitioning from homelessness to stability. As a multi-service organization, St. Francis Center focuses their efforts in four key areas: day shelter services to meet immediate, basic needs; permanent, supportive housing and case management; employment services offering specialized career training to justice involved individuals; and outreach to those living on the streets. Visit www.sfcdenver.org for more information.

