



CATHOLIC HOUSING INITIATIVE AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES DALLAS PARTNER ON THIRD COMMUNITY FOR CHRONICALLY HOMELESS

Property purchased August 22, 2023; occupancy expected in early 2024

DALLAS – November 27, 2023 – Catholic Housing Initiative (CHI) has purchased a former Extended Stay America hotel and will convert the property to 136 units of permanent supportive housing for formerly chronically homeless individuals. Catholic Charities Dallas (CCD) will serve as the property manager and will also provide on-site case management and supportive services at St. Jude Center-Vantage Point (SJC-VP), located at 9019 Vantage Point Drive on the south side of I-635 between TI Blvd. and Greenville Avenue.

Renovations began in September 2023 with completion anticipated in May 2024. Each unit will be fully furnished and include a full bath and kitchenette. Additionally, there will be a community room, coffee and game room, onsite laundry, and an outdoor covered pavilion with seating, barbecue grills, and television. There will be controlled access gates and security onsite as well.

“We are grateful to the City of Dallas and Dallas County for their vision, their leadership, and their financial investment in this project, which will provide a safe, welcoming home for 136 adults in need,” said Shannon Ortleb, Chief Operating Officer for CHI.

This will be the third collaboration between CHI and CCD: St. Jude Center-Forest Lane opened in 2018 and St. Jude Center-Park Central opened in 2020. All three projects provide permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless adults; St. Jude Center-Forest Lane is limited to residents aged 55 and over.

“This model of permanent supportive housing has proven effective in stabilizing housing and creating pathways to self-sufficiency for the homeless,” said Dave Woodyard, President/CEO of CCD, which will coordinate social services and activities for residents at the new community.

All residents can access on-site services, including case management services, mobile health clinics, financial coaching, adult education, assistance applying for appropriate benefits, and job-seeking support. The goal of SJC-VP will be to “graduate” guests back to independent living environments, with the tools and resources to be financially stable.

Total cost of acquisition and renovations of SJC-VP is \$11 million. The City of Dallas and Dallas County together invested \$6 million in the project to supplement CHI equity and charitable contributions.

“There are many challenges in our community as we work to solve the issues around housing insecurity and those experiencing homelessness. Knowing that we can have greater impact by bringing great nonprofits, government, and private donors together for a common cause is welcomed and will make a difference for all,” said District 10 Dallas City Council Member Kathy Stewart, whose district includes the Vantage Point property.

Referrals to SJC-VP will come from Housing Forward, which manages the Continuum of Care network and the housing priority list for Dallas.

About Catholic Housing Initiative (CHI)

CHI is a community-based, non-profit organization founded in 1991 by a group of Catholics with a mission of providing quality, affordable family and senior housing. In addition to the three St. Jude Centers, CHI owns and operates more than 1,000 apartment units in Coppell, Carrollton, Mesquite, and Dallas. Recently, CHI celebrated the opening of a single-family housing project in the Five Mile neighborhood of Dallas. Of its existing housing inventory, approximately 20 of the properties are designated for seniors, and the rest are aimed at families. CHI has substantial development and redevelopment experience in addition to its operating and financing expertise. CHI owns the project and provides facility and financial oversight, including securing housing assistance arrangements with DHA and others. For more info, see www.CHIDallas.org.

About Catholic Charities Dallas (CCD)

CCD, a 501(c)3 organization, is one of the leading social service providers in the North Texas region. Founded in 1941, CCD strives to educate, serve, and empower more than 200,000 clients in need annually across a nine-county area, addressing the root causes of poverty and homelessness. As a large multi-disciplinary agency, CCD provides services in the following core mission areas: hunger alleviation; early childhood education; programming for low-income elderly; permanent supportive housing for the homeless; immigration legal services; parenting classes; pregnancy and adoption counseling; refugee resettlement; shelter and foster care for unaccompanied refugee minors; financial coaching and career development assistance; disaster preparedness and relief; and community health care. Additionally, CCD manages nearly a dozen properties for low-income and/or formerly homeless adults, including two St. Jude Centers, The Cottages at Hickory Crossing, and CityWalk@Akard. For more information, please visit www.ccdallas.org.