New Housing Opportunities in Fairfield County

Creation of Supported Special Needs Apartments in Larger, Integrated Affordable Housing Developments



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Experience with Affordable and Special Needs Housing

- Regan Development Corporation
 - Family Business
- 30+ Years of Experience in the Development and Ownership of Affordable Housing – Over 3,000 Apartments
- Focus on Creation of Special Needs Housing Opportunities
 Over 400 Apartments
- Connecticut's First Integrated Supported Affordable Developments for People with IDD
 - Housing for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
 - Housing for People with Physical Disabilities
 - Housing for People with Mental Health Issues
 - Other Special Needs Populations



Regan Development Partnered With FAVARH, the ARC of the Farmington Valley on Connecticut's First 2 Integrated Rental Communities under the IDASH Program

Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder Housing

- Bear Woods Apartments, Canton, CT
- Lavender Field Apartments, Bloomfield, CT

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A Partnership with Favarh, the ARC of the Farmington Valley to Create Integrated Housing for People with IDD

Bear Woods Apartments, Canton, CT









Bear Woods Apartments Canton, CT



40 Rental Residences

Including 10 Supported
Apartments for People with IDD

Collaborative Partnership is the Key to Success







Service Agency Involvement A Partnership from the Start





Early Planning Meetings with Stephen Morris and the Favarh Team
Communication Regarding Design
Communication Regarding Program Needs
Communication During Marketing, Qualifications and Rent Up
Communication Continues During Operations

Life Changing Results of a Great Collaboration

Bear Woods Apartments, Canton, CT



Positive Aspects of Integrated Independent Supportive Apartments

- Individuals Feel More Control Over Their Apartment and Staff
- Individuals are More Fully Integrated in their Community
- Individuals Make More Friends Who Were Not Disabled
- Individuals Display More Responsibility for Their Life
- Advocacy for Equal Access and Equal Rights are Identified and Addressed
- Active Relationships with the Community Develop and Thrive



Lavender Field Apartments Bloomfield, CT

38 Rental Residences

Including 9 Supported
Apartments for People with IDD

Currently
Under
Construction
Completion
2022



Lavender Field Financing

Capital Financing

- Syndication of 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- IDASH Funding from State of Connecticut
- Developer Loan

Rental Assistance

- State of Connecticut Rental
 Assistance Program Rental Subsidy
- Service Financing
 - Connecticut DDS Service Funding









Financing Tools for a Successful Long Term Community Asset

A True Partnership Creates Success

Each Member of the Development Partnership Brings Special Talents . . .

Service Agency Partner

Service Expertise

Grass Roots Connections to Families and Community

Local Political / Community Linkage

State Agency Collaboration – CT Department of Developmental Services



Developer Partner

Development Experience & Knowledge of Funding, Building and Renting Track Record with Funding Agencies – CHFA, CT DOH, CT DDS

Financial Strength
Housing Quality
Design Features



A Partnership from the Start

Planning... **Budgeting...** Design Input . . . **Marketing Outreach Qualification & Screening** Per Affordable Execution.

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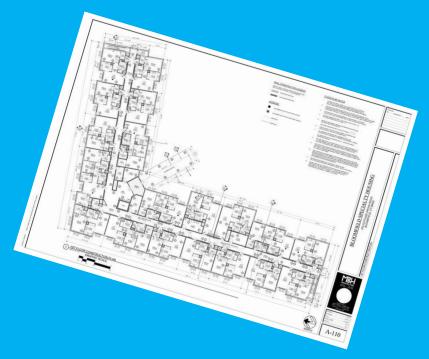
OPWDD Supportive Housing Loan

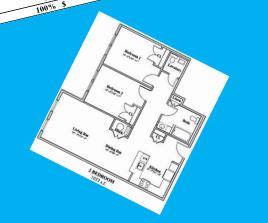
HFA New Construction Program Additional DD Fee for Reserves

Federal LIHTC Equity State LIHTC Equity









16,000 109,040

48,382 16,667

119,467

19,841

142,222



Social Service Coordination





State of Connecticut
Department of Developmental Services

Housing Management Cooperation

Proper Attitude
Proper Personality
Additional Training / Sensitivity
Oversight by Supervisors and by
Ownership
Proper Line Between Housing &
Services



Socially Interactive Spaces







Places for Integrated Social Activities
Special Effort by Favarh for Everyone to Participate

Accessible Features

Thoughtful Planning for Some Special Needs Residents
Kitchens – Induction Cooking
Bathrooms
Common Spaces









Smart Home Technology

Favarh has worked to create Smart Home Innovations to foster independence Communications
Climate & Lighting Control
Motion Sensors

What Does a Developer Bring to the Table?

- Experience in Housing Creation
- Knowledge to Avoid Costly Pitfalls
- Financial Resources to Plan and Build the Housing Guaranties for Finances
- Knowledge & Experience in Municipal Approval Process
- A Team of Design Professionals & Skilled, Experienced Contractors
- Track Record to Secure Necessary State & Federal Funding
- Property Management Team to Assure Successful Operations



Land for 30 – 40 Rental Apartments

Thoughts on Finding Land

- Town Owned Land
- Institutions
 - Churches, Synagogues
 - Schools
 - Hospitals
- Corporate Owned Headquarters Surplus Land
- Networking for Land by Commission Members and Star Board Members and Staff
- Brokers for Land
- Town Planner for Land Suggestions







Conclusion The Power of Partnering with Developers

Alliances Work!

- This Can Definitely Work!
- Even in Difficult Fundraising Times, This is One Path to Successful Creation of Accessible Affordable Housing for Your Consumers







It Is Easier Than It Sounds!

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