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## DePaul Celebrates Completion of Riverside Apartments

DePaul will celebrate the completion of the Riverside Apartments at 238 Ontario St. in Buffalo, (in Riverside) with an open house from 10:30am until 1pm this Thursday, June 12. The dedication ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The 68-unit workforce housing community is now filled to capacity.

"All city residents deserve a safe and affordable home and to-

important are the families and individuals who have a new place to call home."

Speakers at Thursday's event will include Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown, New York State Homes and Community Renewal Upstate Director of Capital Development Leonard Skril, city of Buffalo Common Council member in the North District Joseph Golombek Jr., New York Office of Mental Health Director of

the Bureau of Housing Development and Support. Moira Tashjian, MPA, Community Preservation Corporation Senior Vice President and Regional Director of the Eastern New York and Supportive Housing Program Michael

Skrebutenas, Erie County Office of Mental Health Commissioner Ellery Reaves, Senior Vice President of Community Development Banking at JP Morgan Chase David J. Walsh, President of the Black Rock-Riverside Alliance, Inc. Mary Ann Kedron, and President of Rediscover Riverside Evelyn Vossler.

DePaul renovated the former Buffalo City School 60 building, which was closed for nearly ten years. Much of the historical architecture was retained in the project's

design and the original auditorium has received an extensive update.

Décor includes antique items which were once a part of the school

including an antique marching band drum and class portraits which have been donated by former employees, students and teachers. The gymnasium flooring has been repurposed in the hallways, former chalk-

boards were reused in the design of the new mailboxes and the school's old granite bathroom stalls were used in the making of the walls in the new bathrooms, according to Conde.

"From meeting the growing need for quality affordable housing options in Buffalo and throughout New York State to the rebirth of a major centerpiece in the community, this project has been a win-win for all those involved," said DePaul President Mark Fuller. "DePaul is proud to be part of the Riverside community revitalization efforts."

The \$20 million project, funded by a combination of \$1.5 million in city HOME funds, \$3.25 million from New York State Homes and Community Renewal along with state

and private funding, created over 350 construction jobs and add 40 permanent jobs to the community.

The DePaul Riverside Apart-



ments were made possible through the following who collaborated on the project: DePaul staff including Vice President of DePaul Properties, Inc. Gillian Conde and DePaul Executive Director / Vice President

Christopher Syracuse, DePaul Board members, SWBR Architects, general contractor R&P Oak Hill, the city of Buffalo, Erie County, New York State Homes and Community Renewal, New York State Office of Mental Health, Southern Tier Environments for Living and project investors First Sterling, JP Morgan Chase Bank and the New York Housing Trust Fund Corporation, the Community Preservation Corporation, the Black Rock Riverside Good Neighbor Planning Alliance and Rediscover Riverside.

"School 60 has been an important part of the Riverside community for 100 years," said Riverside Good Neighbor Planning Alliance member Mary Ann Kedron. "We could not be more pleased that this building is once again housing individuals from our community in a new progressive way."



day we continue to show our commitment to do whatever we can to provide quality housing options," said Mayor Byron W. Brown.

"It took vision and resolve to transform the former Buffalo City School 60 Building into these beautiful apartments that will further support area businesses, strengthen the fabric of community in Riverside and be a springboard for even more investment. The hard work of everyone involved is well represented in the bricks and mortar but equally