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Local affordable housing development receives national recognition

INDIANAPOLIS – Mozingo Place, an eastside affordable housing complex designed to serve low-income persons with special needs, is featured in an exhibition at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. According to the museum’s website, the exhibit runs through August 8 of this year and highlights eighteen innovative projects from around the nation “that demonstrate that well designed developments can offer new opportunities for the least wealthy Americans, while creating real value as assets for their surrounding communities.”

Owned and managed by Partners in Housing Development Corporation, Mozingo Place is located at East 10th and Rural Streets. It opened in the summer of 2002 and features 22 efficiency, one-bedroom units and 7,558 square feet of retail space. The project, designed by the local office of URS Corporation, is the result of a public/private partnership involving Fifth Third Bank, Partners in Housing Development and the City of Indianapolis, which awarded more than $1 million of federal funding for the Mozingo Place development.

“Mozingo Place is a great example of our city’s commitment to pushing the envelope when it comes to affordable housing, offering both innovative design and quality services,” Mayor Bart Peterson said. “This exhibit at the National Building Museum is yet another example of how Indianapolis is on the cutting edge when it comes to affordable housing.”

Fall Creek Place, a near north side neighborhood being revitalized through the creation of more than 150 new affordable homeownership opportunities, also has garnered national attention, winning a top award from the American Planning Association as a part of the organization’s 2003 National Planning Awards.

All residential units in Mozingo Place are reserved for low-income persons with disabilities or mental illness and formerly homeless individuals with the goal of empowering residents to become active participants in the community. The housing is paired with a network of social services provided through community partnerships.

For more information about the affordable housing exhibit at National Building Museum, please visit www.NBM.org.

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