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Village at Westerly Creek 3 Wins National Award of Excellence

Aurora, CO – The third and final phase of the Village at Westerly Creek Campus (VWC3) won a National Award of Excellence from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). The award acknowledges AHA’s commitment to making a difference in the community and to the people we serve.

Village at Westerly Creek 3 was completed in the summer of 2018 and is the last and final phase of the redevelopment of the 11-acre site that formerly housed Buckingham Gardens; a 120 unit public housing development for seniors. The redeveloped site now houses a total of 194 units of affordable housing, 64 more units than Buckingham Gardens. To meet the needs of the community, AHA addressed the need for affordable, larger family housing options as well as senior housing options by building units for both populations: Exponent provides 50 units for families that range from 2 to 4 bedroom with square footage that ranges from 790 to 1,644 sq. ft. while VWC3 provides 24, rowhome style senior housing units located adjacent to the first phase of the Village at Westerly Creek Campus. The total development cost for the whole campus was \$51 million.

“Our goal was to transform the 11-acre site into quality, affordable housing that is aesthetically and efficiently designed and equipped with modern amenities that will stand the test of time,” said Craig A. Maraschky, Executive Director at AHA. “We feel we accomplished that goal and we continue to work on developing more affordable housing units to meet the high demand in Aurora.”

AHA would like to thank its dedicated staff and the many partners in this development: Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, FirstBank, Enterprise Community Partners, Sugar Creek Capital, City of Aurora Community Development, Arapahoe County Community Development, and Colorado Division of Housing.



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