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CHA Senior Housing Overcomes Devastating Fire

Official re-opening & complete occupancy celebration for Flannery Apartments

CHICAGO – Community leaders and residents joined the Chicago Housing Authority to celebrated the official re-opening of an 18-month, \$16 million renovation project at Flannery Senior Apartments.

The 16-story building was damaged by a devastating fire caused by a severed gas main in 1998, which resulted in a gut renovation of the facility.

The project scope included the rework of the floor plan to accommodate 125 residential units, facade and site improvements, including new interior construction, updated mechanical systems and the development of 504 compliant ADA units.

“Flannery Senior Apartments is a proud testament to CHA’s Plan for Transformation, which is rebuilding and rehabilitating public housing units for families and seniors in Chicago,” said Lewis Jordan, CEO of the CHA. “This tragic situation afforded the CHA an opportunity to create a housing choice that offers seniors, 62 or better, a viable, thriving community they can truly call home.”

Holabird & Root, the project’s architects, presented a pictorial of the site renovations which includes a

- Solarium with views of city’s beautiful skyline
- Award winning vegetable and flower garden
- Updated recreation room
- Renovated laundry facilities on every third floor
- Security cameras around exterior of building and first floor
- Fully handicap accessible kitchens and bathrooms

“We believe building better residential communities for our seniors begins with changing the physical landscape and continues by affording seniors an opportunity to tap into the benefits of Chicago’s rich and rewarding quality of life,” said Jordan.

The CHA aims to provide seniors with an environment befitting of a residential community with ample access to a variety of social services. Senior residents gain access to these services through CHA’s blended management program which links seniors to programs offered by the different departments of the City of Chicago.

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