



2012 Grand Opening of Jefferson Apartments Marks Monumental Progress on Near Eastside

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Indianapolis – The John H. Boner Community Center announced today the completion of the Jefferson Apartment Building on the near eastside; a renovation and expansion project which totaled \$4.2 million. Other partners in the project include the City of Indianapolis, 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee, Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership (INHP) and M&I Bank. Funding for this project came from Rental Housing Tax Credits from the State of Indiana, City of Indianapolis, United Way of Central Indiana, INHP and the David M. Cook Foundation.

“Residents living in these apartments will be provided the tools, skills and training to become future homeowners” said Katie Etter, executive director of the John H. Boner Community Center. “This program will be another tool our community will have to help families move from being renters to becoming homeowners.”



As part of the Great Indy Neighborhoods Initiative (GINI) Quality of Life Plan, more than 600 near eastside residents gathered and collectively discussed a need and desire for a large scale housing redevelopment plan. Concerned about low-income community residents, specifically renters, the group envisioned and created the homeownership program.



Designed to help families make the transition from renter to homeowner through purchasing their first home within the community, the center partnered with INHP to serve these families and individuals. The building was not only renovated, but expanded to provide 29,472 square feet to create 18 units of one to three-bedroom apartments and two affordable condos within the building.

This also represents the first completed project on behalf of the 2012 Super Bowl Host Committee Legacy Project. Through a partnership with the John H. Boner Community Center, the Legacy Project is designed to assist the neighborhood in the implementation of the housing redevelopment, commercial and business development initiatives contained in the neighborhood's plan in addition to the building of the Near Eastside Education and Wellness Center on the Arsenal Tech Campus.

"This is a great opportunity to prepare Near Eastside families for long-term, successful homeownership," said INHP President Moira Carlstedt. "It's also an example of what can be accomplished when families, neighborhoods, nonprofits, businesses, the government, our city, community leaders and others work together in partnership."

"We continue to be impressed by the resourcefulness of the residents of the near eastside in envisioning and achieving projects such as this," said Mark Miles, chair of the 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee. "This neighborhood is an extraordinary example of how change can happen when residents organize and create a vibrant vision for their future."