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COUNTY CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING OF A NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN LA VERNE

18 of the 35 Units Reserved for Youth and Families
Suffering From Mental Illness

La Verne, CA, January 29, 2015 – Officials from the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) joined representatives from the office of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to celebrate the



groundbreaking of the Cedar Springs Apartments, a new affordable housing complex being developed by A Community of Friends (ACOF) and David & Margaret Home, Inc. Cedar Springs Apartments are located next to the David & Margaret campus in the City of La Verne, which has been providing youth and family services for over 100 years.

The CDC provided construction and permanent financing of over \$2.2 million in federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds, which included a \$150,000 Energy Efficiency Incentive grant, and \$224,446 in Fifth Supervisorial District Homeless Bonus funds. The new development will provide 35 units of affordable housing, including 25 Transition Age Youth

(TAY) units for persons that have aged out of the foster care system, and 10 units for low-income families. Fifteen TAY units and three family units will be reserved for persons with a mental illness; one additional unit is reserved for the onsite property manager. David & Margaret Home, Inc., will be the lead service provider, making available one full-time case manager and one full-time service coordinator for the tenants.

Sean Rogan, CDC Executive Director said, “The need for affordable housing for the County’s low-income families is ongoing. As we build high quality developments such as Cedar Springs, we remain focused on the supportive services to help bridge the way to independence, especially for our TAY residents that are just starting on the road to adulthood.” Onsite amenities will include a 2,600 square-foot community center that will have a case manager and service coordinator office, a property management office, computer lab, community kitchen, laundry rooms and outdoor amenities including a picnic area with built-in barbecue, community garden, and a tot-lot with seating for adults.

Cedar Springs will also feature several unique sustainable and accessible elements. The project is pursuing Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) platinum designation and will include a reclaimed graywater system. There will be two fully accessible units for the mobility impaired, and one unit for the audio or visually impaired. In addition, 18 units will have universal design features and be adaptable for persons requiring accessibility modifications.

For more information on the development of the Cedar Springs Apartments, please contact Deidre Strohm, Director of Fund Development for ACOF, at (213) 480-0809, x262. All media may also contact Elisa Vásquez, Public Information Officer for the CDC, at (626) 586-1762.

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