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Two Affordable Housing Communities Break Ground in Los Angeles



A groundbreaking ceremony will be held for Crenshaw Gardens, an RHF (Retirement Housing Foundation) tax credit housing community for low-income families, and Crenshaw Villas, an RHF tax credit housing community for low-income older adults, in the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert area of Los Angeles on February 28th at 2 p.m.

California State Assemblyman Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, Los Angeles Deputy Mayor Brenda Shockley, and representatives from the offices of Los Angeles City Councilman Herb Wesson, and the California Department of Housing and Community Development are currently scheduled to attend. Also in attendance will be representatives from the funders of the communities, Retirement Housing Foundation, and other local agencies.

Crenshaw Gardens and Crenshaw Villas will have 49 and 50 residential units, respectively, and both will have ground floor commercial space. The buildings are expected to achieve a minimum LEED Silver certification. The units have been designed with an open plan concept in common areas and will feature Energy Star® appliances and low-flow plumbing fixtures. These communities will each feature a large community room and a communal laundry room, and their exteriors will include a courtyard, environmentally conscious landscaping, and an automatic irrigation system. Both communities have been carefully designed and organized to maximize their accessibility for the physically disabled. Crenshaw Gardens is made possible through funding from the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, Boston Financial Investment Management, The Angelus Trust, the City of Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department, and Citibank. Crenshaw Villas is made possible through funding from the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, Credit Capital, the City of Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department, UNIDAD, California Community Reinvestment Corporation, Bank of America, and the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

About RHF:

Founded in 1961, RHF is a national non-profit organization with a mission to provide a range of housing options and services for older adults, low-income families, and persons with disabilities. RHF is affiliated with the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries of the United Church of Christ and LeadingAge and its state affiliates, and also co-sponsors housing development with other varied denominational and community organizations. RHF sponsors and manages 185 communities (18 in Los Angeles, alone) in 29 states and Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. More than 20,500 people call an RHF community “home.”