Development Project Includes Senior Housing and Health Care Facility

CHELSEA, MA – Jan. 25, 2021 – Construction is underway in Everett on a new development project by The Neighborhood Developers (TND), a nonprofit community development corporation based in Chelsea. The project includes 77 affordable rental apartments for seniors and a 4,000-square foot health care facility that will offer services by the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) operated by the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC).

TND is partnering with EBNHC to create a community asset featuring public green space and a new health center on the ground floor to serve the elderly residents of the building and members of the community. The health center will provide comprehensive care and support for clinically complex seniors, including preventive care, specialist visits, prescription drug coverage, and health and wellness programs. PACE is the ideal solution for those who want an alternative to nursing home care for the right combination of medical, social, recreation, rehabilitation, home care and other services.

“The partnership between The Neighborhood Developers, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, and the city of Everett will bring much needed affordable housing opportunities to one of the city’s most vulnerable populations, our senior citizens,” said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. “Having a health care facility constructed in conjunction with the housing will give residents the chance to receive care in a state-of-the-art facility with a well-respected provider. I look forward to breaking ground on this project and adding additional affordable housing to the city’s inventory.”

EBNHC serves more than 100,000 patients across its clinic locations and is the largest community health center in Massachusetts. It is among the largest community health centers in the country. Neighborhood PACE, operated by EBNHC, is part of the national PACE network that provides comprehensive care and support for adults age 55 and over with specific needs and preferences.

This collaboration between an affordable housing developer and health center is bolstered by the impact of COVID-19 on Everett and surrounding communities.

“Expanded access to needed health care services for seniors is critical as we fight our way out of this pandemic and recover from its impacts to our lives and health,” said Manny Lopes, CEO and president of EBNHC.

While the coronavirus has been particularly dangerous for people living in congregant housing, TND saw much lower COVID-19 infection rates for people residing in its properties as compared to those in the surrounding community.

“In 2020 COVID-19 painfully highlighted the connection between health and housing,” said Rafael Mares, executive director of TND. The new development will provide access to healthy, affordable housing and convenient medical services and wellness programs.

Construction is scheduled to be completed in May 2022. More information is available on the project webpage.