

NARRATIVE

Special Needs Housing Coronado Drive Apartments

A Nevada Housing Division (Nevada HFA) TCEP Project

Providing affordable housing and services for frail elderly population and for persons with special needs

A Project Developed by Accessible Space, Inc.

The Project and Development Team

The 60-unit (59 units for residents, one for manager) Coronado Drive Apartments was developed by Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI), a special needs housing developer based in St. Paul, MN. ASI is one of the nation's premier developers and operators of affordable, service-enriched housing for people with physical disabilities, including the frail elderly.

Established in 1998, ASI developed the nation's first supportive housing project with shared personal care services for individuals with severe physical disabilities and now operates more than 100 residential homes and apartment settings in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area and Greater Minnesota, as well as in Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

ASI began working with local nonprofit organizations in Nevada in 1988, responding to research suggesting that over 20,000 persons needed or would need in the near future, affordable, accessible housing and supportive services. ASI was successful in securing financing and supportive services to develop Nevada's first supportive living settings for individuals with physical disabilities.

ASI has received HUD funding for 15 HUD Section 811 Supportive Housing Projects in Las Vegas, Henderson, Reno, and Carson City, Nevada. Thirteen projects have been completed, and the remainder are in various stages of development and/or construction. ASI currently operates 12 accessible, affordable, supportive housing communities in the Las Vegas Metro Area, funded under the HUD Section 811 program, with two additional HUD funded/subsidized residences in development. The largest special needs housing facility, to date, developed by ASI in Nevada has been Coronado Drive Apartments, a nearly \$8 million project financed by the Nevada Housing Division's ARRA stimulus funds utilizing TCEP funds.

The 60-unit Coronado Drive Apartments is an affordable senior rental housing community located within the City of Henderson, Nevada. The residence includes physical spaces and social supports to allow low-income and frail elderly residents to age in place in a setting that promotes individual control, autonomy, choice and dignity. Twenty percent of the units at Coronado Drive are set aside for very low-income seniors with physical disabilities.

Location and Neighborhood

The residence is well located on a 3.49-acre urban infill site within the Boulder Highway Transit Corridor in the Valley View neighborhood of Henderson. The site is across the street from a city park and community center and within walking distance of the Major Center Market, a Rite Aid pharmacy, and a variety of banks, restaurants, places of worship, and a post office. The City of Henderson Senior Center and public library are within 1.3 miles of the project site. Coronado Drive Apartments is served by the Citizens Area Transit (CAT) bus route #716 Silver Star, which provides accessible transportation from several of the senior housing developments in Henderson to the senior center, library, grocery store, and other local services.

The surrounding neighborhood is predominantly residential, well-maintained and relatively crime free. The City of Henderson is a full-service city with its own police, fire department, and other emergency services.

Physical Description (innovative and replicable design)

The wood frame, two-story, new construction, residence features an ADA compliant elevator. It includes 44 one-bedroom/bath and 16 two-bedroom/bath, accessible, adaptable apartments as well as community and service space. Common areas include a dining room with warming kitchen, a library/lounge, a computer lab, an exercise room, and in-door therapeutic spa, offices for management and supportive service staff, and secure and landscaped grounds. No resident is more than 250 feet from their apartment door to the dining room.

Coronado Drive Apartments is a Mediterranean-style design, with stucco walls, roof tile, divided pane windows, and stone accents. It is laid out in a modified “U” shape. The circular driveway, with its porte cochere covered drop-off area, provides easy loading and unloading for the residents, visitors and prospective renters.

The porte cochere is adjacent to a two-story lobby area and the facility’s management offices. The common areas and service space are located in the center of the building, behind the porte cochere.

Units include dishwashers, washer and dryer units, ceiling fans, and ample storage space. One two-bedroom unit is set aside for a live-in manager.

Coronado Drive Apartments was built to high energy-efficiency and green building standards. The building includes high efficiency heating and cooling equipment, EnergyStar® appliances, low-E argon thermal pane windows, high R-value wall and attic insulation, and automatic timer thermostat controls. It was built with low or no volatile organic compound (VOC) paints, carpeting, padding and adhesives and formaldehyde-free particleboard. It offers triple-pane windows and tank-less instant hot water heaters. The development also promotes water conservation with extensive xeriscape landscaping.

As a national leader in the development of housing for the physically disabled, ASI provides 20% (12) “Type A” fully accessible units in the development. The remaining

80% “Type B” units provide appropriate wheelchair turning radii, showers with pull down seats and grab bars, and other design elements to accommodate aging in place.

The site plan includes 89 parking spaces, of which 60 are covered. As a condition of the zoning approval, the entire site is gated with secured, controlled-access entries.

HFA targeted customers

Coronado Drive Apartments is a senior-restricted development available to residents whose age is 55 and above. Twenty percent of the units at Coronado Drive (12) are set aside for seniors with physical disabilities. All of the units are low-income tax credit eligible.

All 59 LIHTC units (not including the 1 manager’s unit) serve senior households below 30% of AMI. Thirty units receive project-based Section 8 rental assistance in order to increase housing affordability, particularly for very low-income, SSI-eligible, physically disabled seniors. This is a population that, because of lack of income, is typically very difficult to serve in tax credit housing. The remaining 29 non-assisted units offer restricted rents at the 30% AMI level.

Supportive Services

An extensive supportive services program includes on-site service coordination, an Age and Disability Resource Center, home-delivered and/or congregate meals, recreation and enrichment activities, and personal care and homemaking services for qualifying frail elderly residents. Because of their disabilities, the frail seniors residing at Coronado Drive Apartments receive maximum benefit from the barrier free design and availability of supportive care services.

Coronado Drive Apartments is located 1.3 miles from the Henderson Senior Center, which is open seven days a week. The Henderson Senior Center has 5,000 square feet of space and has a variety of rooms for activities such as billiards, computers, crafts, library, social services, and a TV/card room. The Henderson Senior Center provides noon-time and home-delivered meals, daily leisure activities and instructional classes, excursions, monthly workshops, education/health seminars, and social services information. ASI also provides twice daily, Monday through Friday, transportation from Coronado Place Apartments to and from the Senior Center. Coronado Place is served by accessible public transit, which provides stops at the Henderson Senior Center, the public library, and local area grocery stores and pharmacies.

Coronado Drive Apartments

A special needs housing project
Developed by Accessible Space, Inc.

ARRA 1602 Stimulus Funds
(TCEP -- \$7.8 million project)
Nevada Housing Division
Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
Program

Coronado Drive Apts. Front



Coronado Drive Apts. Back



Coronado Drive Apts. Interior



Affordable...

- Rent range varies according to household annual income
- Utilities included in rent
- 30 Project-Based Section 8 vouchers available to qualifying households
- Section 8 Housing Choice vouchers welcome

Apartment Amenities...

- 45 standard 1 & 2 bedroom apartments
- 15 wheelchair accessible, 1 & 2 bedroom apartments for households with special needs
- Convenient galley-style kitchens
- Large bathrooms
- Washer & dryer in each apartment
- Carpeted bedroom & living room (standard apts.)
- Accessible, high quality vinyl flooring (accessible apts.)
- Generous closet/storage space
- Outdoor patio/deck for each apartment

Housing Community Features...

- Full-time on-site management
- Controlled-access entry system & elevator service
- Wheelchair accessible common areas
- Large community & dining room with kitchen facilities
- Activity room, fitness center, & tub therapy rooms
- Library & computer rooms
- Outdoor courtyard with gas cooking grills
- Convenient neighborhood location with nearby shopping, banking, pharmacy, and senior center

Housing Community Services...

- On-site service information & referral assistance
- Optional supportive services available
- Transportation services available to and from Henderson Senior Center (Monday through Friday)
- Shopping transportation services available every other Saturday

Basic Qualifications...

- Households must meet minimum age 55 requirements
- Households must be income qualified
- Households must pass rental, criminal, & credit searches



1 Bedroom 1 Bath ~ 645 Square Feet



2 Bedroom 1 Bath ~ 810 Square Feet

Rental Information



Horizon Investment and Management Corp.

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Coronado Drive Apartments

~ Henderson, Nevada ~



An Affordable, Accessible, Service-enriched,
Senior & Special Needs Apartment
Community for Persons Age 55 & Better



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SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTATION
CORONADO DRIVE APARTMENTS

Innovation

• **Physical features and amenities:**

- 20% fully wheelchair accessible apartments (roll under counters & sinks, roll-in showers, accessible ranges and ovens, front loading washers/dryers, etc.)
- Units designed for persons with hearing/visual impairments
- All other units are adaptable and incorporate accessible features as well
- Extra wide common-area hallways permit two persons in wheelchairs to pass each other without interference
- Hands-free, controlled access proximity reader at building main entrance for all residents to gain access to the building
- Remote controlled parking lot access gate for all residents
- Pneumatic operation trash chute on upper floor for residents with limited mobility to more easily remove trash from their units
- Therapeutic spa/tub rooms for resident use in rehabilitation programs, to promote wellness, aging in place, etc.
- Accessible picnic tables for residents in wheelchairs

• **Green Building Components**

- Energy efficient, on-demand, tank-less hot water heaters provide domestic hot water in all units
- Solar screens on all windows
- Low-E argon triple pane/thermal pane windows
- High R-value wall and attic insulation
- Automatic timer and programmable thermostat controls
- Low (or no) volatile organic chemicals (VOC) paints, adhesives, carpeting and padding
- EnergyStar rated appliances
- Xeriscape desert and natural landscaping promotes water conservation and reduces water consumption

• **Service-enriched Housing**

- On-site advocacy, information and referral services
- Aging and Disability Resource Center: provides funding for adaptive equipment, reasonable accommodations, etc.
- Transportation to and from Henderson Senior Center
- Home delivered meal program
- Transportation every other Saturday to/from local shopping venues
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Replicable

Coronado Drive Apartments can be replicated with the continued provision of critical funding via state and federal funding programs, as well through local supplemental funding sources. The provision of subsidy from local Housing Authorities or other rental assistance programs is also critical for creating truly

affordable housing for the extremely/very low-income residents who make their homes at Coronado.

Respond to an Important State Housing Need

The need for serving the frail elderly and persons with some level of physical and/or mental challenges is a growing one within the state. Nevada is home to many retirees who move to Nevada to enjoy the climate, its entertainment venues, outdoor activities, and natural beauty, in other words, an aging in place environment which eventually surfaces to create needs for specialized housing. Findings show that within the state, seniors over the 55 age group fall within the 65 to 74 year age cohort. Research studies reflect that those individuals in the 55 years and older population with the greatest specialized housing needs include the following: Older individuals living alone without family or friend support (according to Census data, 40,000 households with persons 65 years and older in Clark County live alone); the Reno/Sparks area reflects similar household trends although on a smaller scale; and those seniors earning less than \$22,000 annually (lower than 50 percent of the area median income).

Demonstrate Measurable Benefits to Targeted Customers

Projects such as the Coronado Drive Apartments presents alternative housing options to those who otherwise would have no housing alternative other than nursing home care. The needs of seniors in both the Las Vegas and the Reno/Sparks areas are very similar. Seniors earning less than 50 percent of the area median income (or earning less than \$22,000), seniors who are mobility or self-care limited, and seniors with overlapping needs are the groups most in need of housing and services.

Proven Track Record in the Marketplace

The need for affordable, as well as accessible housing in Nevada is high. The waiting lists for ASI housing in Southern Nevada is typically a minimum of 2 to 3 years, depending upon turnover. In addition, many applicants/residents who need accessible, affordable housing also need the funding for community based services and/or waived services in order to safely live within the community of their choice.

Community integration is also a key component of Coronado Drive Apartments. The 20, fully accessible apartments make it possible for persons with disabilities to live within a high quality, service-enriched senior housing community and age in place, as opposed to being institutionalized where choice is limited and the high cost of board and care is high.

Coronado Drive Apartments achieved 100% lease-up in less than 180 days and has established a very healthy waiting list of applicants.

Effectively Employ Partnerships

Accessible Space, Inc. collaborated with the following agencies and organizations to create a truly affordable, accessible, service-enriched senior housing community:

- Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority – provided 30, project-based vouchers (i.e. subsidy)
- Rebuilding All Goals Efficiently (RAGE) – provides on-site information and referral services, and an Age and Disability Resource Center

- Henderson Allied Community Advocates (HACA) – provides information and referral services, as well as financial counseling, assistance with tax preparation, etc.
- Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living (SNCIL) – provides information and referral services to persons with disabilities, advocacy, counseling, etc.
- Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP) – provides transportation every other Saturday to/from local shopping venues
- ASI also received unwavering support from the State of Nevada's Housing Finance Agency, the Nevada Housing Division who provided the critically necessary funding to construct Coronado Drive Apartments via funding provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Achieve Strategic Objectives

The mission of Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) is to provide accessible, affordable, assisted/supportive and independent living opportunities for persons with physical disabilities and brain injuries, as well as seniors. This mission is accomplished through the development and cost-effective management of accessible, affordable housing, as well as the provision of assisted/supportive living and rehabilitation services.

In consideration of the above, Coronado Drive Apartments is the epitome of ASI's mission, and provides a high quality, affordable, accessible, community based, and fully integrated alternative to institutional living for a large number of Nevada seniors. We are extremely proud of the success of Coronado Drive, and are therefore extremely thankful for the tremendous support that was provided by so many agencies, organizations, and so many individuals who committed their time hard work to make Coronado Drive Apartments a reality for the individuals we serve.

Accessible Space Inc., Officers and Managers

NEWS TO FRIENDS OF *Accessible Space, Inc.*



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CORONADO DRIVE APARTMENTS OPEN HOUSE/DEDICATION

On October 13, 2011 Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) held an Open House and Dedication Ceremony for **Coronado Drive Apartments** in **Henderson, Nevada**. This 60 unit accessible, affordable apartment building is designed for persons age 55 and better. Construction began on May 10, 2010 and the building was completed on July 27, 2011.

The event was a wonderful celebration of shared success by ASI's many friends and supporters of Coronado Drive Apartments throughout Nevada. The support and kind assistance of those in attendance truly made Coronado Drive Apartments possible and the dream of accessible, affordable independent living with dignity a reality for area seniors. Many of Coronado Drive Apartments senior residents also joined in the celebration and expressed their heart-felt appreciation to everyone.

The planning and implementation of Coronado Drive Apartments took several years of effort on the part of ASI, **Clark County Community Resources**

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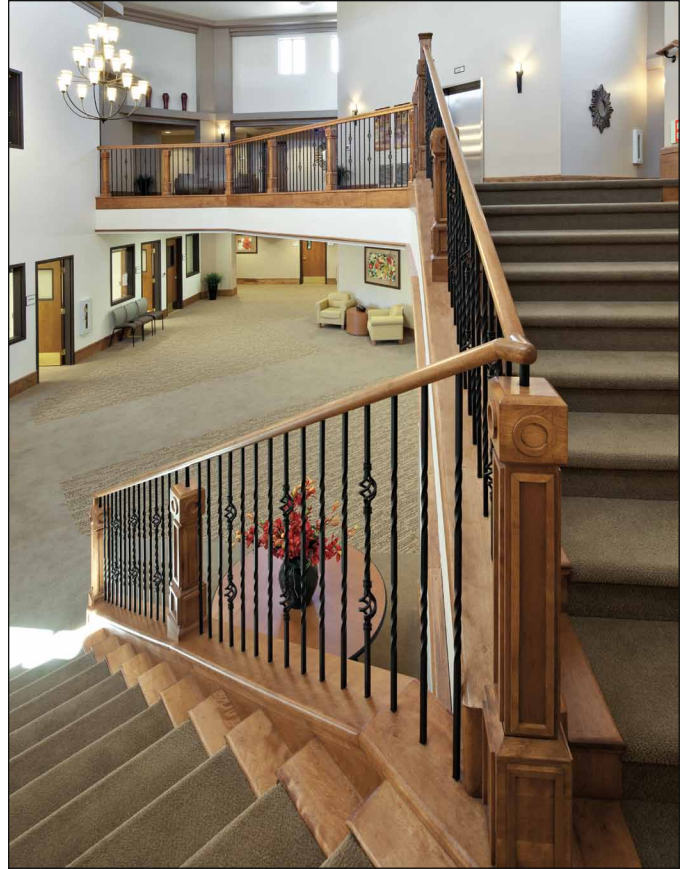
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Management Division, Clark County Board of Commissioners and the **City of Henderson Neighborhood Services Division, Planning and Building Departments**. Over the past four plus years those efforts were joined and buoyed by **Praxis Consulting Group, LLC** and perhaps most importantly by the **State of Nevada Housing Division (NHD)**. [Note: On page three, Mike Pawlak, Manager, Community Resources Management Division, Clark County, Nevada expresses his appreciation for Coronado Drive Apartments in his email to Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO.]

Ken Berry, ASI's Director of Property Management, served as Master of Ceremonies at the Coronado Drive Apartments Open House/Dedication. Guest speakers included Mark Licea, Loan Administration Officer, State of Nevada Housing Division; Mary Beth Scow, Clark County Commissioner – District G; Gerri Schroder, Henderson City Council – Ward I; John Hill, Executive Director, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA); Deloris Sawyer, Director of Housing Programs (SNRHA); Cindy Williams, Vice President for



Below: Rear of Coronado Drive Apartments showing the beautiful patio. Right: Detail of elegant stairway in main hall.



"Looking at the beautiful, finished apartment building, it is easy (well, maybe not for you) to forget the years of planning and effort that went into making possible this modest senior affordable housing development. This single development required the cooperation and coordination of ASI, HUD, the Nevada Housing Division, the City of Henderson, Clark County and the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority. That list doesn't even include consultants, attorneys, investors, syndicators or contractors.

"I say that this is a modest development only to highlight that for ASI as well as for Clark County, this development is but one of a dozen or more similar affordable housing projects that we have on-going at any time. And they are all similarly complicated and difficult to develop. I suppose if it were easy, then we really would not need the various programs that we rely on because the for-profit, market-rate developers could produce sufficient housing to meet the demand. However, as we know, that is not the case. Without the housing and community development programs these units would not be built."

Mike Pawlak, Manager
Community Resources Management Division
Clark County, Nevada



Investor Relations, Idaho/Nevada CDFI; Nichole Wright, U.S. Representative Shelley Berkley's office (Nevada First District); Brittney Sandler, U.S. Senator Dean Heller's office; Janice Ferrante, resident of Coronado Drive Apartments; and Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO. Following the ceremony, tours of the building were conducted and refreshments served.

ASI would like to thank the State of Nevada Division of Housing Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and Tax Credit Exchange Program (TCEP) Programs; the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Section 1602 Funds – Administered by the Nevada Division of Housing; Clark County Board of Commissioners, Community Resources Management and Clark County HOME Program; City of Henderson Neighborhood Services; Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco's Affordable Housing Program; Bank of Nevada; Mississippi Valley Life Insurance/US Bank; the

Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority; Idaho-Nevada Community Development Financial Institute (CDFI); the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Creative Design Architecture, Inc., Architect; Blanchard Hoffmann Construction, General Contractor; Praxis Consulting Group, LLC, Development Consultant; and Horizon Management, Management Agent; as well as a large number of concerned residents, for their key support of this accessible, affordable housing initiative for low and very low-income seniors.

Coronado Drive Apartments is ASI's 12th accessible, affordable housing initiative in Clark County and 15th in Nevada.

Persons interested in residency at Coronado Drive Apartments are encouraged to contact Horizon Investment and Management Corp. at (702) 437-0476.

From left: Cindy Williams, Vice President for Investor Relations, Idaho/Nevada CDFI; Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO; John Hill, Executive Director, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA); Mark Licea, Loan Administration Officer, State of Nevada Housing Division; Mary Beth Scow, Clark County Commissioner – District G; and Gerri Schroder, Henderson City Council – Ward I



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PARK APARTMENTS OPEN HOUSE/ DEDICATION

On October 12, 2011 Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) held an Open House and Dedication Ceremony at Park Apartments in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Park Apartments is a 22 unit 100% accessible, affordable apartment building for very low-income adults with physical disabilities. Park Apartments is adjacent to ASI's Bledsoe Lane Apartments which opened in September 2008. Construction on Park Apartments began on August 23, 2010, and the building was completed on June 16, 2011.

Ken Berry, ASI's Director of Property Management, served as Master of Ceremonies. Tours of the building and refreshments followed the ceremony. Guest speakers included Nichole Wright, from U.S. Representative Shelley Berkley's office (Nevada First District); Ken LoBene, Las Vegas Field Office Director, U.S. Department of Housing

and Urban Development (HUD); Tom Collins, Clark County Commissioner – District B; Millicent (Millie) Booth, Resident of Park Apartments; Phil Ramsey, Resident of Park Apartments and President of the Resident Council; and Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO. Following the ceremony, tours of the building were conducted and refreshments served.

ASI would like to thank the HUD Section 811 Housing for Persons with Disabilities Program; Clark County Community Resources Management Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP); Creative Design Architecture, Inc., Architect; and Crisci Builders, General Contractor for their key support of this accessible, affordable housing initiative for very low-income adults with physical disabilities.

Park Apartments is ASI's 11th accessible, affordable, HUD Section 811 housing initiative in Clark County and the 14th in Nevada.

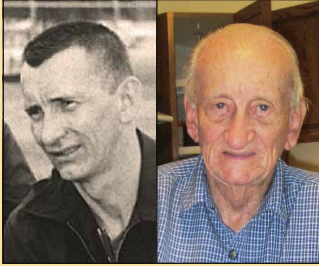
Anyone interested in receiving information on Park Apartments should contact ASI's Property Management Department at (800) 466-7722. Your call will be directed to the appropriate Property Manager.

From left: Tom Collins, Clark County Commissioner – District B; Nichole Wright, from U.S. Representative Shelley Berkley's office (Nevada First District); and Ken LoBene, Las Vegas Field Office Director, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)



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RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: PHIL RAMSEY



Phil Ramsey moved into his new, wheelchair accessible apartment at **Park Apartments** in Las Vegas, Nevada on August 3, 2011, and has already become an

active member of the new building. As President of the Resident Council, Phil has been organizing activities such as potluck dinners and other social events for the residents, and is helping to bring a sense of community and mutual support to the residents of Park Apartments. While speaking at the Open House/Dedication for the building held on October 12, 2011, Phil highlighted his appreciation for the automatic door openers that are installed on all resident apartment entry doors, as well as the roll-under counters and roll-in shower within the apartments that support his independence and improves his quality of life.

Phil has a unique story and history, as he has spent more than 30 years playing in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA). Phil began his wheelchair basketball career with the L.A.

Jets and the Culver City Western Wheels, and then joined the Pan-Am Jets of the Eastern Conference. He returned to California in 1964 as a member of National Champion Long Beach Flying Wheels who won their fifth consecutive National Title. From California, Phil moved to Florida where he played for the Ft. Lauderdale Goldcoasters and the Orlando Wheels. In the early 80's Phil helped start the Ft. Smith (Arkansas) team. In 1997, Phil was inducted into the National Wheelchair Basketball (NWBA) Hall of Fame, and was also named one of the NWBA's "Most Traveled Players."

Phil's NWBA highlights include:

- Pacific Coast Conference All-Star (1958-59-60)
- Southern Conference All-Star (1966);
- Florida Conference All-Star (1971-72-73-74 / MVP 1971);
- Member of the 1964 USA Paralympics Basketball Team.

No doubt Phil's competitive spirit has helped him overcome the ongoing challenges of living in an inaccessible world. His team approach to establishing a sense of community and mutual support among the residents will serve to make Park Apartments an accessible, affordable, and welcoming apartment community where everyone feels at home.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT: JANICE FERRANTE



Janice Ferrante, resident of **Coronado Drive Apartments**, recently spoke at the October 13, 2011 Open House/Dedication for the building.

Ms. Ferrante describes herself as, "one happy person. This building is the answer to my prayers. When you're old

and you're broke, it's great to have a nice place to move in to."

Ms. Ferrante has lived in the Clark County, Nevada area for 17 years. She is a retired nurse from

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and originally moved to the area for a less humid climate. "I have trouble with arthritis," says Ms. Ferrante, "so access to elevators and the accessible features in the building really helps. I'm looking forward to having the van service up and running so I can go shopping more often. My arthritis keeps me from walking very far."

When asked about her favorite feature in the building, Ms. Ferrante said, "The building is just so beautiful! I moved from another building, which was a horrible experience, so I'm glad to be at Coronado Drive Apartments. It's wonderful! Everything is accessible." Ms. Ferrante went on to say that she, "loves the area, loves the mountains." She is "flabbergasted by the nearby senior center, so many things are offered." Ms. Ferrante also mentioned that Henderson is "a great little homey town, people are friendly. There are very kind people in the building and community."

ASI NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Since the Summer 2011 issue of **News to Friends of ASI**, construction has begun on four new developments in Alaska (2), Nevada and Wisconsin. One new development was recently completed in Montana, and by the end of 2011 two new developments should be under construction in Colorado and Nevada.

Van Ee Apartments in Kalispell, Montana was completed on August 8, 2011. The building began construction on October 18, 2010. This 23 unit, accessible affordable apartment building for very low-income seniors is ASI's fourth Section 202 development in Montana, and ASI's 10th supportive housing development in Montana. Van Ee Apartments is named for Ruth Van Ee Saholt, a long-time supporter of ASI who lives in the nearby community of Whitefish, Montana. ASI would like to thank the HUD Section 202 Program; the HUD Demonstration Planning Grant (DPG) Program; and the City of Kalispell, Montana for their support of the Van Ee Apartments.

Heirloom Courts in Hudson, Wisconsin is slated for completion in mid-December 2011. The development began construction on February

16, 2011. Heirloom Courts is a 32 unit, accessible, affordable apartment building for very low-income seniors. Heirloom Courts received assistance from the Otto Bremer Foundation; the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA); the Wisconsin Department of Housing and Community Development and the HUD Section 202 Program. Heirloom Courts will be ASI's first completed building in the State of Wisconsin.



Tribute Commons began construction on September 22, 2011.

A second development in **Hudson, Wisconsin** began construction on September 22, 2011. **Tribute Commons** is a 15 unit, accessible, affordable apartment building for very low-income adults with physical disabilities. Tribute Commons received assistance from the Andersen Corporate Foundation; the Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen

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Foundation; the Hugh J. Andersen Foundation; the Otto Bremer Foundation; the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA); the Wisconsin Department of Housing and Community Development; and the HUD Section 811 Program. Tribute Commons is scheduled for completion in February 2012.

R. J. Piltz Vista Bonita in **Mesa, Arizona** began construction on June 3, 2011. This development is an 18 unit, accessible, affordable apartment building for very low-income adults with physical disabilities. The building is named for Dr. Robert J. Piltz, a previous resident of Mesa, Arizona. He began working for the Veteran's Administration (VA) in 1957 and started working at the Phoenix, Arizona VA in 1967. When he retired, he was the Chief of Mental Health and a Ph.D. psychologist. R.J. Piltz Vista Bonita received key support from the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco's Affordable Housing Program/Mississippi Valley Life Insurance Company (through U.S. Bank); the Arizona Department of Housing; the City of Mesa, Arizona HOME Program; and HUD's Section 811 Program. R.J. Piltz Vista Bonita is scheduled for completion in February 2012.

Tonopah Lamb Apartments in **Las Vegas, Nevada** began construction on October 7, 2011. This development is ASI's first HUD Section 202 in Nevada

and will be ASI's 16th accessible, affordable apartment building to open in Nevada and 13th in Clark County. Tonopah Lamb Apartments is a 34 unit, accessible, affordable apartment building for very low-income seniors. Tonopah Lamb Apartments received key support from the HUD Section 202 Program; the Clark County Community Resources Management HOME Program; and the HUD Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program. Completion is anticipated in September 2012.

Two developments in **Anchorage, Alaska** began construction in October 2011. **The Roosevelt** will be a 10 unit, accessible, affordable apartment building for very low-income adults with disabilities. The Roosevelt received key support from the HUD Section 811 Program; and the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.

Connolly Square will be a 20 unit, accessible, affordable apartment building for very low-income seniors. Connolly Square received key support from the HUD Section 202 Program; the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and the HUD Section 202 Demonstration Pre-Development Grant Program.

These developments represent ASI's first HUD Section 202 or Section 811 initiatives in Alaska. Completion for both buildings is anticipated in August 2012.

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These buildings in Anchorage, Alaska will be managed by ASI's nonprofit cosponsor and partner, NeighborWorks® Anchorage. **Anyone interested in receiving information on these two developments should contact NeighborWorks® Anchorage's Property Management Department at (907) 677-8490. Your call will be directed to the appropriate Property Manager.**

Twin Rivers Apartments in Greeley, Colorado should be under construction in late December 2011. This 17 unit, accessible, affordable apartment building for very low-income adults with physical disabilities will join ASI's Fox Run Apartments in the City of Greeley. The development received significant support from the HUD Section 811 Program; the City of Greeley Urban Renewal Authority's HOME Program; and the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing. Twin Rivers Apartments will be ASI's fourth accessible, affordable apartment building in Colorado.

Mojave Cedar Apartments in Las Vegas, Nevada should also be under construction before December 31, 2011. Mojave Cedar Apartments will be ASI's 17th accessible, affordable apartment building to open in Nevada and 14th in Clark County. Mojave Cedar Apartments is a 10 unit, accessible, affordable

apartment building for very low-income adults with physical disabilities. Completion is anticipated in October 2012. Mojave Cedar Apartments has received key support from the HUD Section 811 Program and the Clark County Community Resources Management HOME Program.

Anyone interested in receiving information on ASI's newest developments should contact ASI's Property Management Department at (800) 466-7722. Your call will be directed to the appropriate Property Manager.



Tonopah Lamb Apartments in Las Vegas, Nevada began construction on October 7, 2011.

R. J. Piltz Vista Bonita in Mesa, Arizona began construction on June 3, 2011.



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NORTHERN NEVADA SUPPORTIVE LIVING SERVICES

On June 1, 2011, ASI initiated its **Northern Nevada Supportive Living Services (NNSLS)** in **Carson City, Nevada**. Assuming NNSLS operations from another provider, ASI now serves 15 clients with disabilities in and around Carson City, Nevada. Services are geared toward independent living skills which are provided by a dedicated staff of seven Independent Living Skills Workers.

NNSLS is based out of ASI's Frost Yasmer Estates, a 24 unit HUD Section 811 apartment building which opened in May of 1997 and also provides 24/7/365 services.

WINSTON COURTS OPEN HOUSE

On October 21, 2011 an Open House was held at **Winston Courts Apartments** in **Hibbing Minnesota**. Renovations at Winston Courts have recently been completed using funds from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) by St. Louis County Community Development, as well as funds from the HUD replacement reserve account for the building.

The improvements included new carpeting and fresh paint in hallways and common areas; a fresh layer of blacktop and other parking lot improvements; new common area furnishings; and new, energy efficient, double-pane windows throughout the entire property. A few apartments were also upgraded with new flooring and paint.

The October 22, 2011 issue of the **Hibbing Tribune** included a story on the building's "facelift." According to resident Suzanne Edmonds, "I like living here...It accommodates my physical disabilities and that's very important. I can't do stairs, so it has an elevator and everything in my house is handicapped accessible." Winston Court Apartments is located at 710 E. 31st Street in Hibbing, Minnesota. **For more information or to apply for an apartment call 1- 800-466-7722, ext. 201, or log on to www.accessiblespace.org.**



Amel Erickson and Suzanne Edmonds, both residents of Winston Court Apartments, chat in the main floor commons area. The complex, which caters to adults with physical disabilities, recently underwent a number of upgrades.

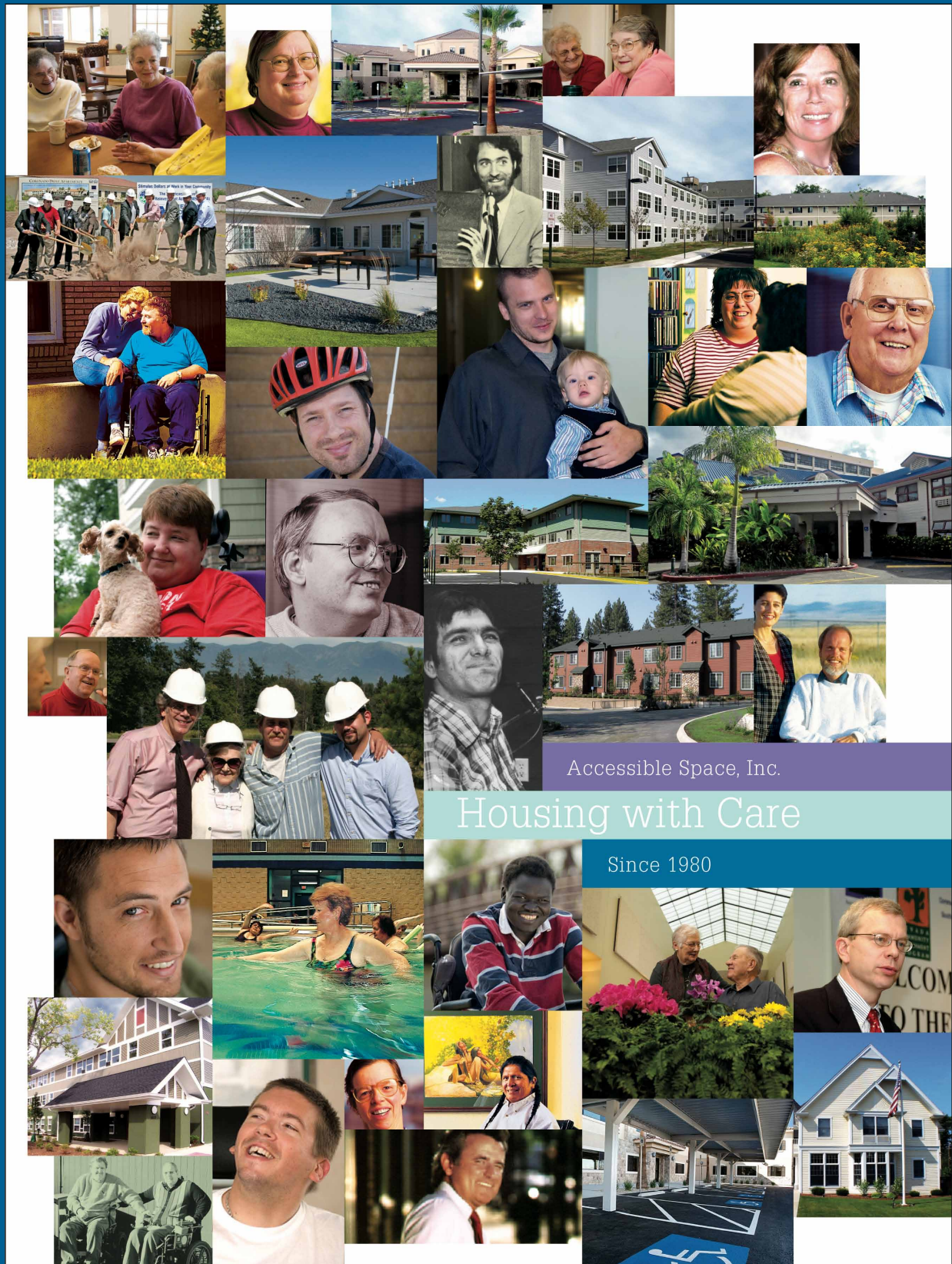
ASI'S 2008-2010 TRIENNIAL REPORT

Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) is proud to present its 2008-2010 Triennial Report entitled "30 Years of Housing with Care." Focusing on the organization's history, current activities and growth over the last three years, the report tells the stories of people and organizations who have worked with ASI to develop accessible, affordable housing and supportive care services. Additional material describes current services/programs and provides a list of ASI's housing and service sites.

ASI's 2008-2010 Triennial Report directs the reader to ASI's web site, www.accessiblespace.org, to find more information on the organization.

ASI wishes to extend its appreciation to Barsuhn Design and Joe Treleven Photography from Minneapolis, Minnesota for contributing a portion of their excellent services to ASI's 2008-2010 Triennial Report.

The report and associated materials are now available by request. To receive a complimentary copy of the report and our new informational materials, please contact ASI's administrative office via e-mail at info@accessiblespace.org, or via phone at 1-800-466-7722 or (651) 645-7271.



MISSION SUPPORT LUNCHEON

BUILDING BETTER LIVES: OPENING THE DOOR

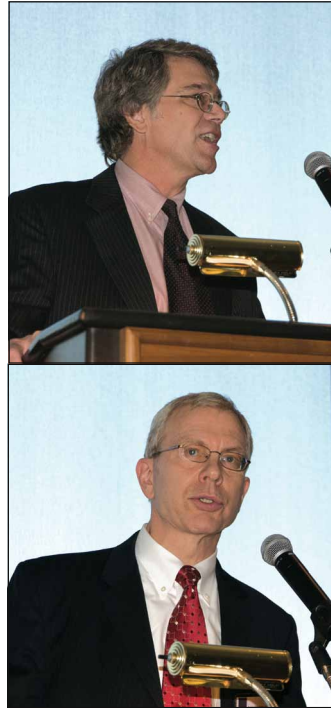
On October 6, 2011 Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) held its first "Mission Support Luncheon" at the Town & Country Club in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Approximately 150 guests received information about the mission and history of Accessible Space, and viewed a video which introduced four residents of ASI's supportive housing.

The program was emceed by Brock Peterson, Manager of the Highland U.S. Bank. Mr. Peterson was Chair of the event committee. Other speakers included Mark Hamel, Chair of the Board of ASI; Stephen Vander Schaaf, President/CEO of ASI; Stephen Wiggins, one of the founders of ASI and a long-time Board member.

Special guests included early and current Board members of ASI: Dr. Larry Schut, Michael Darling, Maynard Bostrom and Steve Schugel. The event guests were entertained by singer Jo Bolles and enjoyed lunch during the presentations. Over **\$45,000** was raised to support the mission of Accessible Space and to purchase accessible amenities at ASI's two apartments buildings in Rochester, Minnesota: Bostrom Terrace and Kenosha Drive Apartments.

Accessible Space would like to thank the event committee, table captains and guests for making this such a successful event!

Steve Wiggins addresses the supportive gathering at ASI's first "Mission Support Luncheon."



Left: Stephen Vander Schaaf, President/CEO of Accessible Space, Inc.



Above: Stephen Wiggins, one of the founders of Accessible Space, Inc.

Mark Hamel, Chair of the Board of Accessible Space, Inc.

SPECIAL THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT OF ASI

Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) continues to experience success in its fundraising activities across the United States. Buildings under development, as well as buildings open for several years in Minnesota benefited from funding awards in the Summer and Fall of 2011.

In July, the **MGM Resort Foundation** awarded funds for Life Skills Training to ASI's Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP). This is the fourth year the MGM Resort Foundation has supported NCEP's community-based rehabilitation services for Nevadans with brain injuries.

In August, NCEP also received a gift from the **Bernie Buckley Charity Golf Tournament**.

In September, the **Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation** provided matching funds to improve the accessibility features at Kenosha Drive Apartments and Bostrom Terrace Apartments in Rochester, Minnesota.

In October, the **City of Rochester/Olmsted County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program** awarded funds in support of ASI's HUD Section 811 application which was submitted in the recent funding round.

ASI would also like to thank the **Target Foundation** for their donation of general operating support.

On behalf of ASI's Board of Directors, residents and staff, we offer our sincere thanks to those individuals and organizations providing support during past several months. The support provided by these individuals, foundations, corporations and government agencies is critical in ASI's continued development of accessible, affordable housing and supportive care services across the United States.

JENNIFER SAMAHA RETIRES FROM ASI

BY STEPHEN VANDER SCHAAF
PRESIDENT/CEO



On August 19, 2011 Jennifer Samaha, MSW, retired from Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI). Jennifer began working at ASI in November 1989 as Associate Director of Brain Injury Programs. In June 1990, Jennifer was appointed Director of Programs for the organization. In those nearly 22 years of service, Jennifer has overseen the

provision of supportive care services to thousands of very low-income adults with physical disabilities and/or traumatic brain injuries.

As Director of Programs, Jennifer had administrative responsibility for ASI service programs for persons with mobility impairment and brain injury at 30 sites in Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana and Nevada. Programs included Service for Persons with Mobility Impairment (MIS), New Beginnings for Brain Injury (NBBI), Shared Living Program (SLP), Nevada Supportive Housing Services and Independent Living Services.

Jennifer is particularly proud of the Quality Assurance monitoring involving resident and staff surveys that she initiated, as well as service documentation and site quarterly reviews.

Prior to working at ASI, Jennifer served as Manager of Resident Services, Social Services Administrator; and Social Worker II for the Public Housing Authority in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Jennifer is a Licensed Independent Social Worker in the State of Minnesota; and holds a BA from Pomona College in Claremont, California, as well as a Masters' in Social Work from the School of Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago.

Since joining ASI, Jennifer has been involved in the addition of the Shared Living Program and expansion of ASI's New Beginnings for Brain Injury Program and Services to Persons with Mobility Impairments, as well as the conversion of the last two to Assisted Living Services in 2006-2007. Thanks to Jennifer's expert leadership, these three Minnesota programs/services and others in Nevada, Montana and North Dakota have served thousands of very low-income adults with physical disabilities and/or brain injuries, as well as seniors, in need of "housing with care." Jennifer's focus on the individual, her acute operational skills and ability to listen to many interests combined to provide ASI with a solid base that has stood the test of time plus responded to many external, as well as internal, challenges.

On August 18, 2011 a retirement party was held for Jennifer in the Court International Building (ASI's Corporate Offices). This special gathering was an acknowledgment of Jennifer's many contributions to our residents, staff and Board of Directors. Guest speakers included Jon Gutzmann, Executive Director, Public Housing Agency of Saint Paul. Evelyn LaRue, Director of Resident Initiatives, Minneapolis Public Housing Authority who spoke on behalf of Cora McCorvey, Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer; and Mark Hamel, Chair of ASI's Board of Directors.

Jennifer's plans during her retirement, which will no doubt be an active one, will focus on spending time with her grandchildren, travel, advocacy and senior cooperative housing.

It is hard to imagine ASI without Jennifer's energy, but I and so many others have been blessed to work with such a good soul for over two decades. She has been a dedicated employee, a mentor and a good friend who has always kept us true to our founding mission.

RESIDENT ACTIVITIES



WAS... Up Club visited an apple orchard in October 2011.



Phillip DiGiacomo, ASI's Caretaker at Frost Yasmer Estates in Carson City, Nevada and Matthew Mooney-Bickel, a NNSLS consumer, display produce from their garden.



Frost Yasmer Estates residents enjoying a weekly cookout on their patio.

IN MEMORIAM

ASI is saddened by the passing of 14 residents over the past four months. We will miss our friends and the spirit they brought to ASI.

Mary Angel (3/27/1934 - 10/15/2011)
Tangle Brush Villa, The Woodlands, Texas

David Barnard (11/27/1956 - 8/28/2011)
Mid America Commons, Kansas City, Kansas

Shirley Fox (12/7/1932 - 8/25/2011)
Fox Run, Greeley, Colorado

Bette Goodman (4/4/1929 - 10/24/2011)
Washington Avenue, Albert Lea, Minnesota

Kathryn Hebert (4/28/1949 - 10/23/2011)
Windvale Pines, The Woodlands, Texas

Carl Jennerette (1/15/1943 - 9/1/2011)
John Chambers, Las Vegas, Nevada

Alice Khellah (1/28/1958 - 10/13/2011)
Pecan Hills, Austin, Texas

Sandra Kefu (1/29/1962 - 9/26/2011)
Arroyo Terrace, Chandler, Arizona

Rosella Larson (2/19/1923 - 10/15/2011)
Washington Avenue, Albert Lea, Minnesota

Sonja Peterson (1/31/1947 - 9/23/2011)
Washington Avenue, Albert Lea, Minnesota

Anthony Robertson (12/30/1955 - 7/22/2011)
Sandy Robinson, Las Vegas, Nevada

Lori Shortt (10/8/1961 - 8/6/2011)
Grandview, Billings, Montana

Ralph Shaffer (12/1/1934 - 8/2/2011)
Summer Wood, Bozeman, Montana

Ella Witz (3/4/1954 - 8/4/2011)
Bledsoe Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada



Hmong residents of Arlington Gardens in St. Paul, Minnesota dressed in their beautiful traditional garments.

ACCESSIBLE SPACE, INC. FOUNDERS MATCH YOUR YEAR-END GENEROSITY

Thanksgiving Day 1958. An automobile heading south from Texas collided with a bus 80 miles across the Mexican border. The vehicle, with three young men inside, rolled. Two men emerged with superficial injuries, but one young man suffered a severe spinal cord injury that resulted in quadriplegia. It was the start of a long recovery for Maynard Bostrom and years in and out of hospitals and nursing homes. Independence was key for Maynard.

Maynard leads an active life volunteering, traveling, serving on Accessible Space, Inc.'s board of directors, managing his own time and activities, and living at Accessible Space, Inc.'s accessible affordable "housing with care" apartments in Rochester, Minnesota.

While ASI continues to respond to the need for accessible, affordable "housing with care" throughout the country, nearly 4,800 people remain on our waiting lists. Despite our success, Accessible Space, Inc. is facing challenging times at the state and federal levels. There are fewer dollars for accessible, affordable housing and for the 24/7/365 care services so many residents need.

We ask for your financial support to help with this need. Your gifts are needed to help others with spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, congenital deformities, stroke, ataxia, post-polio, muscular dystrophy and other orthopedic, neurological and muscular disorders have what we all want – a home of their own with independence.

Your gifts can change lives – open doors. Doors to accessible, affordable "housing with care". Together, with your support, we can open doors and provide care for others like Maynard. Accessible Space, Inc. founders, **Charles Berg and Stephen Wiggins have pledged a total of \$40,000 to match donations to Accessible Space, Inc. from now until December 31, 2011.**

Please join our year-end giving campaign for accessible, affordable "housing with care" for people with disabilities and/or seniors by making a tax-deductible charitable gift at www.accessiblespace.org (go to Donate Now) or mail your donation with the form below to:

**Accessible Space, Inc.
Individual Fund Development
2550 University Avenue, Suite 330 North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55114**



Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____ Telephone # _____

Enclosed is my check payable to Accessible Space, Inc. (Please do not enclose cash.) **Thank You.**
Your donation to Accessible Space, Inc. is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.
Tax ID # 41-1330242

Together we can change lives, open doors, hear others say "Life is good."

Please contact Jacque Rooney at 1-800-466-7722, ext. 252, to discuss giving opportunities.

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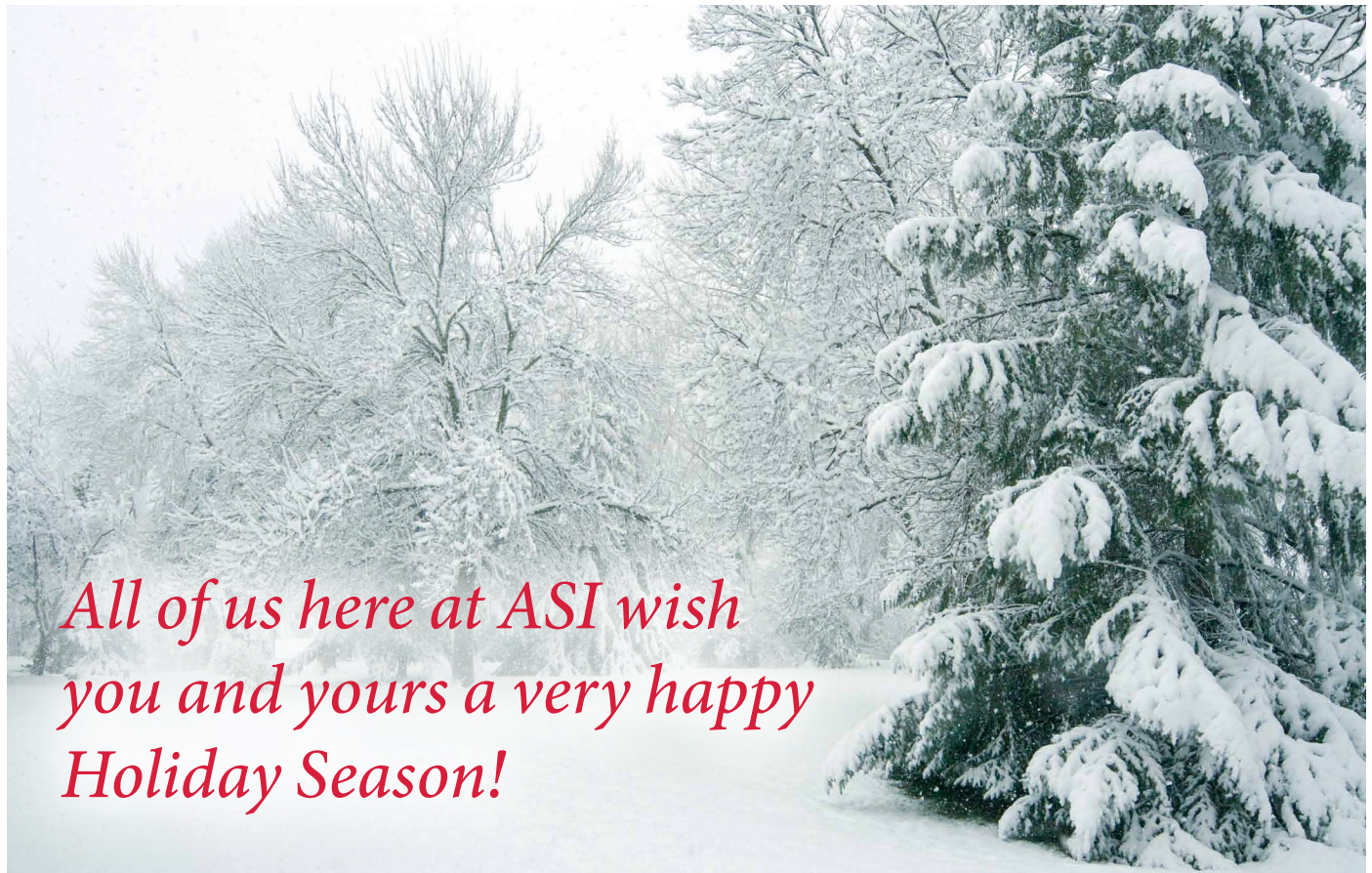
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Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO, shares a laugh with HUD Secretary Donovan.



Kurtis Grossiant, resident of Fox Run Apartments, with Shaun Donovan, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

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HUD SECRETARY DONOVAN VISITS ASI's FOX RUN APARTMENTS

On May 14, 2010, Shaun Donovan, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), visited Fox Run Apartments in Greeley, Colorado. Secretary Donovan traveled to Greeley to tour Fox Run Apartments and its 23, 100% accessible, affordable apartments for very low-income adults with physical disabilities. During his visit to Fox Run Apartments Secretary Donovan spoke to a number of residents including Kurtis Grossiant. [Editor's Note: See Mr. Grossiant's story on page 2.]

Following the tour a panel discussion was held. Joining Secretary Donovan in a panel discussion were Mayor Tom Norton, City of Greeley; Colorado

Governor Bill Ritter; and U.S. Representative Betsy Markey, District Four, Colorado. The focus of the panel discussion was developing affordable, sustainable housing and communities, particularly in rural areas and small towns.

Secretary Donovan told a crowd of about 100 people in the parking lot at Fox Run Apartments that he hopes more places like Fox Run can become a part of the landscape. "Fox Run is a remarkable example of what we need to be doing more of across the country," Secretary Donovan said. The other speakers gave updates on what the city and state have done for sustainability and affordable housing.

"The money is available to encourage communities like Greeley to partner with surrounding communities, to connect transportation and housing developments more closely," Secretary Donovan said.

Secretary Donovan spoke before a crowd of local officials, dignitaries and residents in front of Fox Run Apartments. He said that HUD is investing \$100 million in northern Colorado for communities to coordinate efforts around affordable and sustainable housing, as well as transportation. The money is expected to be funneled through the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization.

HUD invested \$4 million in funding toward Fox Run Apartments, which quickly rented its 23 units within 60 days of opening last fall. As evidence of need for such housing, ASI was recently awarded HUD Section 811 funding for another 100% accessible, affordable apartment building in Greeley. [Note: For more on this development and ASI's other recently funded HUD Section 811 and Section 202 initiatives, see the article on page 8.]

Representatives from ASI present for the visit and panel discussion included Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO; Ken Berry, ASI's Director of Property Management; and Dan Billmark, ASI's Director of Real Estate Development.



Secretary Donovan and Representative Markey take notes from audience questions and suggestions.



Residents, friends and caregivers gather for the panel discussion at Fox Run Apartments in Greeley, Colorado.



Mayor Tom Norton and Governor Bill Ritter addressed the audience.



Kurtis Grossiant is a resident of Fox Run Apartments in Greeley, Colorado. When HUD Secretary Donovan visited Fox Run Apartments, he spent several minutes speaking with Kurtis.

Living in Fox Run Apartments is the first time Kurtis has lived on his own. Previously, he was living with his parents who also reside in the Greeley area. Kurtis attended an open house held prior to the completion of Fox Run Apartments. He was very excited to be living independently and had difficulty deciding which apartment would be his home. Despite his disability, Kurtis is very committed to maintaining his independence at Fox Run Apartments. Kurtis has made a lot of new friends, and he's well liked by his fellow residents.



Coronado Drive Apartments and Major Avenue Apartments Hold Ground Breaking and Open House Events in Henderson, Nevada

Two special events were held on May 6, 2010 in **Henderson, Nevada**. **Coronado Drive Apartments** held a Ground Breaking Ceremony which was followed by an Open House and Dedication Ceremony at **Major Avenue Apartments**.

Coronado Drive Apartments began construction on May 10, 2010. This 60 unit affordable development is designed for very low-income adults age 55 and over. Located in **Henderson, Nevada** this building will be adjacent to the recently completed Major Avenue Apartments. Coronado Drive Senior Apartments should be completed in May 2011.

Major Avenue Apartments in **Henderson, Nevada** received its Permission to Occupy (PTO) on

December 7, 2009. Major Avenue Apartments is a 25 unit accessible, affordable apartment building for very low-income adults with physical disabilities. It is ASI's ninth building in the Las Vegas/Clark County, Nevada Metropolitan Area and 12th building in Nevada.

The Open House/Dedication Ceremony began with a welcome by Ken Berry, ASI's Director of Property Management. Guest speakers at the event were Andy A. Hafen, Mayor, City of Henderson, Nevada; Steve Sisolak, Clark County Commissioner,



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Clark County, Nevada; Mark Licea, Federal Programs Supervisor, State of Nevada Housing Division; Charles D. Harvey, State American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Director, Office of the Governor; Ken LoBene, Director, Las Vegas HUD Field Office; Lila Coleman, mother of ASI Resident; and Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO.

ASI would like to thank the City of Henderson, Nevada; Clark County, Nevada Board of Commissioners; and the State of Nevada for their efforts in helping ASI complete Major Avenue Apartments and begin construction on Coronado Drive Apartments. The dedication plaque includes recognition of financial support for **Major Avenue Apartments** from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section

811 Program; Clark County Board of Commissioners/HOME Program; and City of Henderson HOME Program. ASI would also like to thank Creative Design Architecture, Inc. (CDAI), Architect; and Crisci Builders, Inc., General Contractor.

ASI would like to acknowledge the assistance of many organizations for bringing **Coronado Drive Apartments** to construction start: the Nevada Housing Division LIHTC Program; American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Section 1602 Funds – Administered by the Nevada Housing Division; Clark County HOME Program; City of Henderson Neighborhood Services; Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco's Affordable Housing Program; Bank of Nevada; and Mississippi Valley Life Insurance/US Bank; Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority; Idaho-Nevada

CDFI; and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). ASI would also like to thank Creative Design Architecture, Inc. (CDAI), Architect; and Blanchard and Hoffman Construction, Inc., General Contractor; Horizon Investment and Management Corporation, Management Agent; and Praxis Consulting Group, LLC, Development Consultant.

The events closed with the unveiling of the dedication plaque for Major Avenue Apartments; plaque presentations for Coronado Drive Apartments; and the ground breaking for Coronado Drive Apartments. Refreshments and tours of Major Avenue Apartments followed. Both events were attended by approximately 125 people.



Far left: Charles D. Harvey, Nevada ARRA Director, Office of the Governor

Left: Mayor Hafen speaks with William Wantland, resident, Major Avenue Apartments.

Below left: Stephen Vander Schaaf accepts Certificate of Congratulations from Mayor Hafen

Below right: Ken Berry acknowledges Major Avenue Apartments' residents, Jarod and Eleesha Hollingsworth.



ASI NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Since the Winter 2010 issue of **News to Friends of ASI**, ASI has begun construction on two new developments in two states. By the end of September 2010, three developments will be completed in Minnesota, Nevada and South Dakota. Also by the end of October 2010, seven developments located in Arizona, Kansas City, Montana, Nevada, South Dakota and Wisconsin should be under construction. These 12 buildings will offer 326 units of additional accessible, affordable housing for very low-income adults with disabilities and/or seniors.



Kenosha Drive Apartments, Rochester, Minnesota

Kenosha Drive Apartments in Rochester, Minnesota is scheduled to be completed by September 30, 2010. It began construction on October 1, 2009. This 54 unit affordable development designed for very low-income seniors received significant support from the HUD Section 202 Program; and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Kenosha Drive Apartments joins Bostrom Terrace, a 15 unit accessible,

Bob Hogan Apartments, Las Vegas, Nevada



Eastwood Apartments, Watertown, South Dakota

affordable apartment building designed for very low-income adults with physical disabilities, which is also in Rochester and has been open since March 2005.

Eastwood Apartments in Watertown, South Dakota is scheduled for completion by August 31, 2010. It began construction in September 25, 2009. This 19 unit accessible, affordable apartment building for very low-income adults with physical disabilities received significant support from the HUD Section 811 Program; and the City of Watertown. When completed Eastwood Apartments will be ASI's fifth building in South Dakota.

Bob Hogan Apartments in Las Vegas, Nevada is scheduled for completion by September 30, 2010. The building began construction on September 29, 2009. Bob Hogan Apartments is a 21 unit accessible, affordable apartment building. It will be ASI's 10th building in



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the Las Vegas/Clark County, Nevada Metropolitan Area and 13th building in Nevada. Bob Hogan Apartments is named for Robert T. Hogan, MS, former Director of ASI's Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP) in Las Vegas. Bob Hogan Apartments has received significant support from the HUD Section 811 Program; Clark County HOME Program; Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco's Affordable Housing Program; and Mississippi Valley Life Insurance.



Coronado Drive Apartments, Henderson, Nevada

Coronado Drive Apartments began construction on May 10, 2010. This 60 unit affordable development designed for very low-income adults age 55 and over is ASI's first building utilizing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Section 1602 Tax Credit Exchange Program. Located in **Henderson, Nevada** this building will be adjacent to the recently completed Major Avenue Apartments. Coronado Drive Apartments has received significant support from the State of Nevada Division of Housing Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program; Clark County, Nevada Department of Finance Low Income Housing Tax Credit Match Pool; City of Henderson HOME/LIHTC Matching Funds; City of Henderson HOME Program Funds; Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco's Affordable Housing Program; Bank of Nevada; and Mississippi Valley

Life Insurance. Coronado Drive Apartments should be completed in May 2011.

Nordic Meadow Apartments in Alexandria, Minnesota is a 15 unit, accessible, affordable apartment building. Construction began on March 29, 2010 and Nordic Meadow Apartments' anticipated completion is January/February 2011. ASI would like to thank the HUD Section 811 Program; the City of Alexandria Housing and Redevelopment Authority; the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines' Affordable Housing Program; U.S. Bank; The Otto Bremer Foundation; and a large number of concerned residents for their key support of this accessible, affordable housing initiative for very low-income adults with disabilities. This development will be ASI's 39th accessible, affordable housing initiative in Minnesota.

Park Apartments in Las Vegas, Nevada will be ASI's 14th accessible, affordable apartment building in Nevada and 11th in Clark County. This 22 unit, accessible, affordable apartment building should be under construction by August 31, 2010. ASI would like to thank the HUD Section 811 Program and the Clark County HOME Program for their significant commitment of financial assistance to this affordable housing initiative for very low-income adults with physical disabilities.

Crocus Meadow Apartments in Sioux Falls, South Dakota is a 15 unit accessible, affordable apartment building designed for very low-income adults with physical disabilities. Crocus Meadow Apartments should be under construction by September 30, 2010. It will be ASI's fifth, affordable housing initiative in South Dakota. Three accessible affordable apartment buildings are open in Brookings, Rapid City and Sioux Falls with the fourth opening on August 13, 2010 in Watertown, South Dakota (Eastwood Apartments). Crocus Meadow Apartments will be adjacent to ASI's Pasque Meadow

Nordic Meadow Apartments, Alexandria, Minnesota



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Apartments, a 40 unit accessible, affordable apartment building designed for very low-income seniors that opened in November 2006. ASI would like to thank the HUD Section 811 Program; the City of Sioux Falls' CDBG Program Funds; the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines' Affordable Housing Program; and U.S. Bank.

In **Kalispell, Montana, Van Ee Apartments** should be also under construction by September 30, 2010. This 23 unit affordable apartment building for very low-income seniors is ASI's fourth Section 202 development in Montana and ASI's 10th supportive housing development in Montana. ASI would like to thank the HUD Section 202 Program and the HUD Demonstration Planning Grant (DPG) Program.

R. J. Piltz Vista Bonita in Mesa, Arizona should be under construction by October 31, 2010. This 18 unit accessible, affordable apartment building designed for very low-income adults with physical disabilities will be ASI's second building in Arizona. ASI would like to thank the HUD Section 811 Program; the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco's Affordable Housing Program; Mississippi Valley Life Insurance Company; the Arizona Department of Housing; and the City of Mesa, Arizona HOME Program.

Two accessible, affordable and supportive housing developments should soon be under construction in **Hudson, Wisconsin. Heirloom Courts** is a 32 unit, affordable apartment building for very low-income seniors. This development received support from many local organizations, as well as key funding from the HUD Section 202 Program; HUD DPG Program; the Otto Bremer Foundation; the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA); and the Wisconsin Department of Housing and Community Development.

Tribute Commons is a 15 unit accessible, affordable apartment building for very low-income adults with physical disabilities. Tribute Commons received key funding from the HUD Section 811 Program; the Otto Bremer Foundation; WHEDA; the Wisconsin Department of Housing and Community Development; the Andersen Corporate Foundation; the Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation; and the Hugh J. Andersen Foundation.

If you are interested in receiving information on any of ASI's newest developments, please contact ASI's Property Management Department at (800) 466-7722. Your call will be directed to the Property Manager of the location in which you are interested.

CASA NORTE REHABILITATION AND NEW VAN

From October of 2009 through June of 2010, Casa Norte in Las Vegas, Nevada had some long overdue renovations completed. Included were external painting of the home, internal painting of the living room, kitchen and hallways, installation of bamboo flooring and tile in all of the common areas, replacement of the living room and office furniture and renovating one of the four bathrooms. Casa Norte is a long-term residential setting for very low-income adults with physical disabilities and/or traumatic brain injuries.

Also, in June 2010 ASI purchased a new van for use by its residents at Casa Norte in Las Vegas, Nevada. The residents are especially enjoying the air conditioner!



ASI RECEIVES HUD FUND RESERVATIONS FOR FIVE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

By Stephen Vander Schaaf
ASI President/CEO

On July 12, 2010 Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) was notified by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that five of its supportive housing development applications were awarded Section 811 and Section 202 capital advance fund reservations. Located in three states, these five developments represent over \$14 million in federal funds to construct 91 units of accessible, affordable and supportive housing. HUD also committed over \$1.2 million in additional funds through Project Rental Assistance Contracts (PRAC) to make the apartments affordable for very low-income adults with physical disabilities and seniors.

ASI received HUD capital advance fund reservations in one state that is "new" to ASI. Two buildings received awards in **Anchorage, Alaska**. ASI served as consultant and cosponsor, respectively, for **The Roosevelt**, a 10 unit accessible, affordable apartment building designed for very low-income adults with physical disabilities, and **Connolly Square**, a 20 unit accessible, affordable apartment building designed for very low-income seniors. ASI would like to thank its nonprofit cosponsor/partner, NeighborWorks® Anchorage, for helping secure the HUD funding for these two developments that totaled over \$6.4 million.

In **Greeley, Colorado**, ASI received over \$1.9 million in HUD Section 811 funding for a 17 unit accessible, affordable apartment

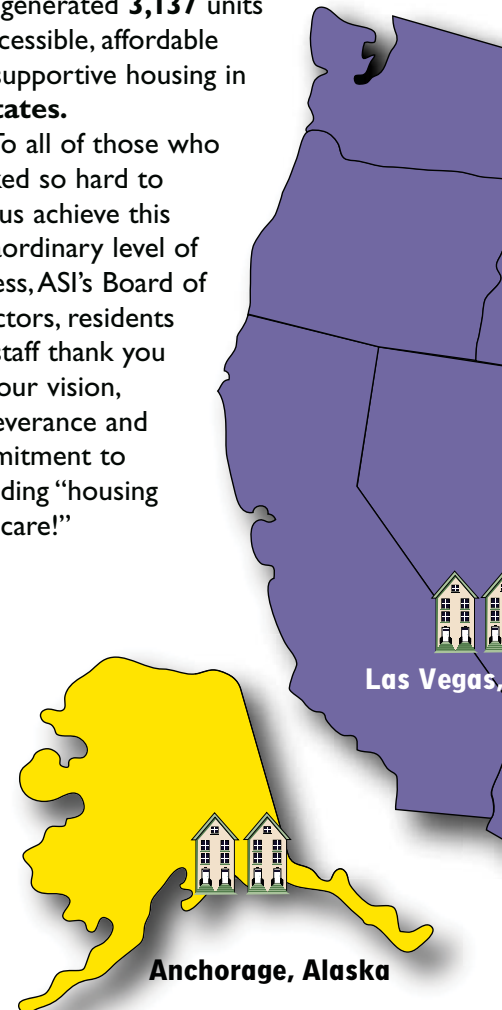
building. ASI would like to thank the City of Greeley Urban Renewal Authority for their key support of this accessible, affordable housing initiative for very low-income adults with physical disabilities. This development will be ASI's second accessible, affordable housing initiative in Greeley and fourth in Colorado.

ASI received over \$1.4 million in HUD Section 811 funding for a 10 unit, accessible, affordable apartment building in **Clark County, Nevada**. Also receiving funding of over \$4.6 million is ASI's first HUD Section 202 building in Clark County. Clark County ElderHousing Development will be a 34 unit accessible, affordable apartment building for very low-income seniors. ASI would like to thank the Clark County HOME Program for its significant commitment of financial assistance to these new accessible, affordable housing initiatives. The Clark County 2009 Supportive Housing Development and Clark County 2009 ElderHousing Development will be ASI's 15th and 16th accessible, affordable apartment buildings in Nevada and 12th and 13th in Clark County.

These five new developments will enable ASI and its partners to provide accessible, affordable and supportive housing services to very low-income adults with physical disabilities, as well as seniors, living in **Alaska, Colorado and Nevada**. When combined with ASI's previous developments, these new initiatives represent a total of 144 HUD Section 811/Section 202 accessible, affordable housing developments that ASI has partnered, sponsored

or cosponsored across the United States. Representing over **\$446 million** worth of development, construction and rental subsidy funds, these **144 developments** have generated **3,137** units of accessible, affordable and supportive housing in **31 states**.

To all of those who worked so hard to help us achieve this extraordinary level of success, ASI's Board of Directors, residents and staff thank you for your vision, perseverance and commitment to providing "housing with care!"



2009 U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
Section 202/811 fund reservation



States where ASI has existing developments

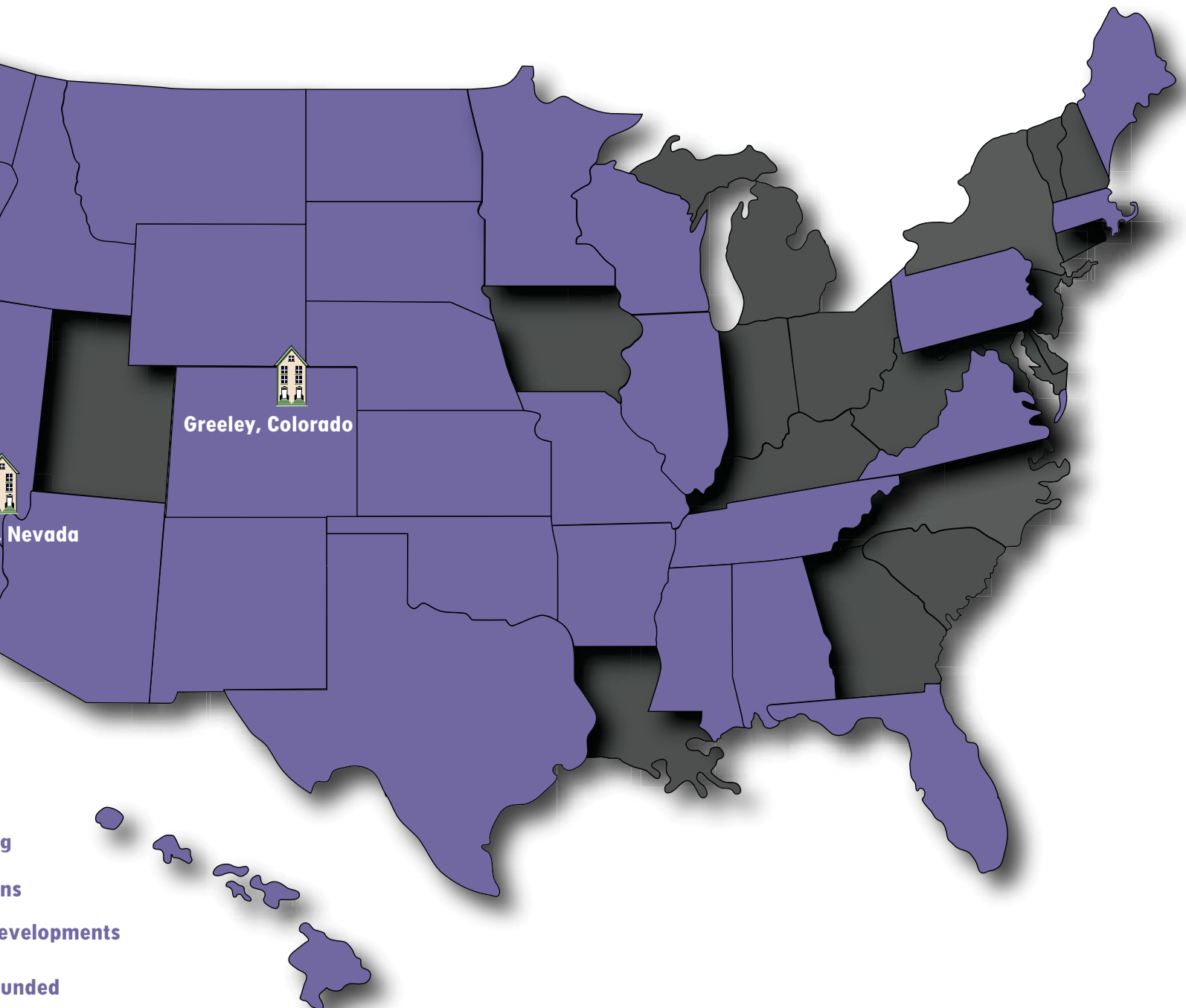


States where ASI has yet to be funded



New state where ASI received HUD funding

Accessible Space, Inc. 2009 HUD Section 811/Section 202 Fund Reservations for Five Supportive Housing Developments



UD Section 202/811 Funding in 2009

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NCEP RECEIVES THREE-YEAR CARF ACCREDITATION

ASI's Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP) in Las Vegas, Nevada recently received a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CARF is the nationally recognized accrediting body responsible for setting industry standards in rehabilitation care.

CARF's accreditation covers NCEP's community integrated brain injury services including NCEP's residential and day treatment/outpatient rehabilitation programs, pediatric brain injury program and vocational services.

The survey was conducted in May 2010. It reported commendations on over 20 strengths and five exemplary areas with comments such as:

- NCEP does an excellent job of providing opportunities for persons served to share their talents and skills.
- The day program offers a comprehensive range of therapies that addresses the needs of the whole person, also welcoming former persons served to continue attending.
- Both families and referral sources express a high level of satisfaction with NCEP,
- The building in which NCEP is housed is on a college campus, which offers a wide range of opportunities for educational collaboration, activity development and transportation.
- NCEP has a significant history of advocating for brain injury survivors in Nevada. The Director has re-established the Brain Injury Association of Nevada and has been appointed to the Advisory Committee on TBI and the Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities.

As part of ASI, NCEP's goal is to provide persons with brain injuries and neurological impairments the highest quality rehabilitation treatment and care, enabling these individuals to maximize their independence and improve their quality of life. Congratulations to NCEP on this important certification from CARF!

STEPHEN VANDER SCHAAF SPEAKS TO UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CLASS

By Kaitlin Scopoline
ASI's Housing Certification
Specialist

Prior to starting at ASI, I attended the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities and received a BA in Housing Studies. A number of working professionals were guest speakers in our classes, providing invaluable advice, sharing their experiences and stressing the importance of education. Now as a former graduate and working professional, I was able to arrange for ASI's President/CEO, Stephen Vander Schaaf, to speak in the Property Development and Management class at the University of Minnesota's Saint Paul Campus on April 20, 2010.

Drs. Marilyn Bruin and Becky Yust, the professors of the class, asked that Mr. Vander Schaaf speak about ASI's background, philosophy, mission, and the population served. After Mr. Vander Schaaf presented ASI's history and values, as well as the need for accessible, affordable housing, the students were given time for questions.

Mr. Vander Schaaf made such an impression that he was the subject of a question on the class' final exam: "Compare and contrast the development and management of market rate and supportive housing."

It is apparent that students are interested in providing housing to adults with disabilities and the elderly. They were very encouraged by ASI's commitment to those in need of "housing with care," as well as impressed by the organization's track record in providing affordable housing across the country.



VAN EE APARTMENTS GROUND BREAKING

On July 30, 2010 a Ground Breaking Ceremony was held for the **Van Ee Apartments** in **Kalispell, Montana**.

The Van Ee Apartments will be a 23 unit accessible, affordable apartment building for seniors age 62 and older. This development has received significant support from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Section 202 Program (supportive housing for very low-income seniors); the HUD Demonstration Planning Grant (DPG) Program; and the City of Kalispell, Montana. The Van Ee Apartments should be under construction by September 30, 2010 with completion anticipated by October 2011.

The Van Ee Apartments is ASI's fourth Section 202 development in Montana and ASI's 10th supportive housing development in Montana. Van Ee Apartments is named after Ms. Ruth Van Ee Saholt, a resident of Whitefish, Montana and long-time supporter of ASI.

The Ground Breaking/Site Dedication Ceremony began with a welcome by Devin Connelly-Vander Schaaf, ASI's Marketing Specialist. Guest speakers at the event were Jim Atkinson, Councilman, City of Kalispell, Montana; SueAnn Grogan, Director, Whitefish Housing Authority; Marney McCleary, Housing Director, Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana; Flo Kiewel, Flathead County Coordinator, Summit Independent Living Center, Inc.; and Stephen Vander Schaaf, ASI's President/CEO.

The event closed with the official ground breaking and refreshments.



Flo Kiewel, Flathead County Coordinator, Summit Independent Living Center, Inc.



From left: Stephen Vander Schaaf, Ruth Van Ee Saholt, Jim Vander Schaaf and Devin Connelly-Vander Schaaf



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MARP AND ASI HOST BINGO NIGHT – AGAIN!

The residents of the New Beginnings for Brain Injury (NBBI) and Shared Living Programs had so much fun last year at their Bingo Night event, the Minnesota Association of Rehabilitation Providers (MARP) and Accessible Space Inc. (ASI) decided to host the same event this year. On May 16, 2010 residents and staff of NBBI, Shared Living, ASI and MARP had a fun evening of Bingo with a pizza party. The event was held at Neill High Rise in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

MARP is an organization of case managers and counselors working with adults with injuries and disabilities. The party was being hosted by both organizations to have some fun, get a chance to make some new friendships and continue to grow a long-term relationship between our two organizations. Children of the staff were invited. We had fun helping make the event a great success.

This the fourth year MARP has hosted an event. ASI appreciates MARP's interest in our residents and staff. Both staff and residents look forward to attending events hosted by MARP.



THE PAINT-A-ROOM PROJECT

The Paint-A-Room Project is a volunteer service offered by the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota. This service is led by trained volunteers to paint the bedrooms of those with brain injuries in group homes.

The goal is to give those affected by brain injury a chance to have an impact on the environment they live in by choosing the color of their bedroom. In this way, a person can feel positive about having made a change in their living space, making it more personable and likeable as their own.

ASI residents were encouraged to share their story with the group of volunteers who painted their room. This was a great opportunity for the residents and the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota to collaborate to spread awareness and education about brain injury to people in Minnesota.



Mike Koscuilek (above) and Paul Senger (below) of ASI's Flintwood Home were excited to have their rooms painted this summer.



RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

By Shelle Sponseller
ASI's Nevada Supportive Housing
Services Manager

The December 2009 opening of Major Avenue Apartments in Henderson, Nevada meant more to Jarod and Eleesha Hollingsworth than just having an affordable and fully accessible living environment to call home. For this young couple, it meant having an opportunity to live life as newlyweds in the community, independently.

Jarod and Eleesha met while attending the College of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas. They had so much in common that the relationship felt natural. They are both twins, both live with Cerebral Palsy, both have been in wheelchairs for a majority of their lives, both lived with their parents and both shared the same religious beliefs. After a whirlwind courtship, they fell in love and the couple married in July of 2008.

Following their wedding, Jarod moved into the home of Eleesha and her parents. Though they had already completed the application process for ASI housing, there were no units available for them and there were no other housing alternatives. Jarod recalls that "life was awkward; trying to have the life of a normal married couple but still living under her mom and dad's rules." In addition to having Eleesha's parents helping them, both Jarod and Eleesha had Personal Care Attendants (PCA) that assisted them daily. They had no idea how independent they could be because they were always surrounded by people who were willing to help them out.

In November of 2009, their offer letter for a two-bedroom unit at Major Avenue Apartments arrived.

Major Avenue residents Jarod and Eleesha Hollingsworth



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Jarod said "It was a shock because we never thought we would get an apartment." Quickly the excitement turned into nervous energy. Could we make it financially? Do we make too much to qualify? How do we coordinate all of the services that we need? What do the units look like? Are we going to have enough space for all of our equipment? These and a million other "what if" questions took over their minds. But in December of 2009 the nerves dissolved and reality set in...the paperwork was signed and the move took place. They were home!

Six months later life is great. "We found ASI and a whole world of opportunity opened up to us," claims Jarod. Both Jarod and Eleesha are working part-time jobs and are productive and active members of the community. They entertain family and friends in their home. Eleesha enjoys watching the children play at the park across the street. Their PCA still comes daily to assist them, but every day affords them the opportunity to test out a little more of their independence including washing dishes and starting to cook. They will soon be traveling to Colorado to vacation independently. Every day their list of goals and aspirations grow; like driving, taking cooking classes and even transferring with less help. Both just want to be as independent as possible. Their philosophy for life resonates loudly in whatever they do: "You can do it...whatever you put your heart into you can do!"



Gucker Bec, resident of Bostrom Terrace, Rochester, Minnesota

On July 1, 2010 Gucker Bec, resident of Bostrom Terrace in Rochester, Minnesota, became a naturalized United States Citizen. Mr. Bec's home country is Sudan. Congratulations, Gucker!

WELSH MANOR BBQ



Residents of Welsh Manor in Memphis Tennessee enjoy a backyard barbe-cue with families.

IN MEMORIAM

ASI is saddened by the passing of five residents over the past six months. We will miss our friends and the spirit they brought to ASI.

Kathleen Baker, Superior View, Duluth, Minnesota (12/30/53 - 7/28/2010)

Bonnie Blesi, Northern Lights, Brainerd, Minnesota (9/11/1948 - 3/29/2010)

Robert Brandt, Casa Libertad, Longmont, Colorado (8/9/1952 - 5/27/2010)

Tina Hardy, Third Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota (3/12/1960 - 2/3/2010)

Jackie Sherick, Casa Libertad, Longmont, Colorado (11/27/1941 - 5/25/2010)



Check presentation by Genentech, Inc.

SPECIAL THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT OF ASI

Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) continues to experience success in its fundraising activities across the United States. Buildings under development, as well as buildings open for several years in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada and Wisconsin, benefited from a number of significant funding awards in the first half of 2010.

In February, two city and county entities approved funding for ASI's 2009 HUD applications. These awards were from the **City of Greeley Colorado, Urban Renewal Authority, HOME Program** for the Greeley, Colorado Supportive Housing Development; and the **Clark County, Nevada Community Resources Management, HOME Program** for the Clark County 2009 Supportive Housing Development and the Clark County 2009 ElderHousing Development.

In April, the **California Department of Housing and Community Development, Supportive Housing Program** approved substantial funding for Tomlinson Apartments in Vista, California.

In May, the **City of Mesa, Arizona HOME Program** approved significant funding for R.J. Piltz Vista Bonita. This building will be located in Mesa, Arizona and should be under construction in early Fall 2010.

Also in May, the **Andersen Corporate Foundation** approved funding for Tribute Commons in Hudson, Wisconsin. The Nevada Supportive Housing Services (NSHS) Project also received a funding award from the **Nevada Department of Health and Human Services' Fund for a Healthy Nevada**.

In June, the Nevada Community Enrichment Program (NCEP) received substantial funding from the **Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Office of Disability Services**. NCEP also received general operating support from the **Bernie Buckley Charity Gold Tournament**. In July, NCEP received a generous grant for its Life Skills Training services from the MGM Resort Foundation (formerly the MGM MIRAGE Voice Charitable Foundation).

Our thanks to **Genentech, Inc.** for their generous donation to general operating support. ASI would also like to thank the **Greater Twin Cities United Way** for their increased multi-year support for ASI's New Beginnings for Brain Injury Program. In addition, ASI received general operating support from the **Dorsey Whitney Foundation** and an Economic Opportunity Grant from **US Bancorp Foundation** for ASI's endeavors in the Twin Cities.

We would also like to thank Sarah Trautz, the mother of a resident at Roselawn Village Apartments in Roseville, Minnesota who helped secure funds from the **City of Roseville** to purchase a trellis for the outdoor deck at Roselawn Village. A fundraising event for the trellis was held on April 25, 2010 and matching funds were donated by **Thrivent Financial**. Shade is especially important to residents with physical disabilities since many are unable to regulate their body temperature.

In addition we'd like to say thank you to Kent Stover and his staff at **North Country Outdoor Solutions** for donating their time in expanding the resident garden at Arlington Gardens Apartments in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

On behalf of the Board, residents and staff of ASI, we offer our sincere thanks to those individuals and organizations providing support during the past six months. Given the difficult economic times nationally, the capital and operations support provided by these individuals and groups is critical in ASI's continued development of accessible, affordable housing and supportive care services across the United States.



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Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) has been providing accessible, affordable and supportive “housing with care” opportunities for very low-income adults with physical disabilities and brain injuries, as well as seniors, since 1978. ASI currently serves 2,523 adults with disabilities and/or seniors in 125 community settings in 22 states. Over 98% of the individuals served by ASI are very low-income and need financial assistance to receive community-based health care, rehabilitation services and accessible, affordable housing.

Your generous, tax-deductible donation will support these critical services and allow us to expand our mission in 2010 when we hope to open another three accessible, affordable apartment buildings (94 apartments) in three states. In addition 17 other accessible, affordable apartment buildings representing 353 apartments are under development in eleven states and will benefit from your support.

ASI needs your help during these difficult economic times so we can continue to provide accessible, affordable housing with care to our residents. Individuals and corporations can contribute to ASI by using the enclosed donation envelope. Your tax-deductible donation can also be made via credit card at <http://givemn.razoo.com>. Under the DONATE button, type in Accessible Space and follow the procedure.

Thank you for assisting ASI with its mission to provide “Housing with Care.” We appreciate your continued support.

