



HOUSING FAMILIES. TRANSFORMING LIVES.

## UPWARD: JANUARY 2017

We hope you've successfully weathered the first month of this new year. January always brings change and transition, especially this year, with the start of a new administration. As a leading nonprofit provider of affordable housing and services to families experiencing homelessness, we have always valued the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) commitment to making homelessness a rare, brief and non-recurring experience. Since 2010, [Opening Doors](#), the nation's first comprehensive federal strategy to prevent and end homelessness, has been instrumental in aligning federal, state and local governments in this shared mission.

Housing Up will work with the newly appointed Secretary of HUD, Dr. Ben Carson, to continue to pursue our mission of providing families the housing stability they need to transform their lives. In this time of transition, it is more important than ever that we find ways to work together to provide a safe home to every family in our nation's capital. We look forward to your partnership this year and beyond.

### WEINBERG COMMONS RECEIVES OFFICIAL PASSIVE HOUSE CERTIFICATION

[The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Commons](#), our most recently completed affordable housing development, is officially a [PHIUS+ certified project](#), making it the first multi-family retrofit apartment building in the country certified by the Passive House Institute US (PHIUS).



Passive building refers to a set of design principles used to achieve a rigorous level of energy efficiency. The PHIUS+ Certification program is the leading passive building certification program in the US, and the only passive building certification that combines a thorough passive house design verification protocol with a stringent Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) program performed on site by highly skilled and specialized PHIUS+ Raters.

As a nonprofit developer of affordable housing, Housing Up is committed to increasing the supply of affordable housing stock in the District of Columbia. Weinberg Commons - the product of a unique development approach, sophisticated financing and cutting edge design - address the District's demand for housing affordable to those earning below 40 percent area median income (AMI).

For more on the certification, click [here](#).

### Join us for happy hour!

We are hosting our first young professionals happy hour event of the year on March 1st at Mission in Dupont Circle @ 5:30 pm.

It's a great opportunity to network, learn more about what we do at Housing Up and how you can get involved. Check out our [event page](#) on Facebook and register!

### Volunteer with Housing Up!

Looking to engage with your community and support homeless families? Volunteer with Housing Up! We're looking for dedicated volunteers to staff resident services programs, like youth & adult tutoring. Contact Emily Koppel at [ekoppel@housingup.org](mailto:ekoppel@housingup.org) for more information.

### HOUSING FAMILIES WITH A \$250,000 GRANT FROM HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are pleased to announce that Housing Up is the recipient of a \$250,000 grant from Holy Trinity Catholic Church. The donation will support the renovation of our Partner Arms 2 building in Northwest, DC.

We are currently in the process of converting Partner Arms 2 from transitional housing to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), which serves chronically homeless families with mental or physical health disabilities. To learn more about the grant and our permanent supportive housing program, visit our [website](#).

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