WEINBERG COMMONS
OPENED: 2015
LOCATION: Ward 7
# OF UNITS: 36
SERVICES PROVIDED:
Affordable housing, PSH
on-site case management
and resident services

BACKGROUND
The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Commons is an innovative, PHIUS+-
certified apartment community that combines state-of-the-art energy
performance features with affordable rents and a range of supportive
services for low-income and formerly homeless families. Weinberg Commons is the first multi-family passive building retrofit
project in the country. The project’s solar panels and energy efficiency
translates to low utility expenses for the families that call Weinberg
home. Weinberg Commons won the award for Best Affordable Housing
Project and an Honorable Mention for Best Multifamily Project
at the 2017 Passive Projects Competition, hosted by Passive House Institute US (PHIUS). This project
represents Housing Up’s capacity to effectively execute transactions with intricate financing structures to
produce an award-winning project. Combining DC’s Department of Housing and Community Development
(DHCD) tax credit financing, Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) capital grant funds, and DC Housing
Authority funds (LRSP), Housing Up completed the project, which features exemplary sustainability and
affordability practices, in November 2015. Twelve units are reserved for very low-income PSH families
exiting the District’s shelter system. Housing Up provides on-site supportive services for these families.
The other 24 units are reserved for households earning less than 60 percent AMI, for whom less intensive
resident services, such as youth and continuing education tutoring programs, are provided.