

The Connection and Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust Partner on Milestone: New 30-Unit Permanent Supportive Housing Development in Bridgeport

The Connection will provide case management services to residents in need



Dignitaries at the Event. Front row, from left: Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust Board Vice President Kim Bianca Williams, U.S. Senator Chris Murphy, State Representative Jim Hines, U.S. Senator Dick Blumenthal, HUD Secretary Julian Castro, Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust Executive Director Liz Torres, Bridgeport Mayor Joe Ganim, and Department of Housing Commissioner Yvonne Klein.

On Friday, January 15, Federal, state, and local officials gathered at 1803 Stratford Avenue in Bridgeport to celebrate the grand opening of the Milestone Apartments, a new, 30-unit permanent supportive housing development in Bridgeport's East End designed for low-income adults with special needs and with a particular preference for veterans.

Built by affordable housing developer Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust (BNT), Milestone, will help revitalize the existing neighborhood and be a cornerstone development in the East End of Bridgeport. The East End Project will combine supportive affordable housing units with market rate housing that targets adults with special needs whose incomes are less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI). The first floor of the complex has 9,000 square feet of commercial

space that will be home to a new early learning center operated by ABCD.

The project was financed by a grant approved from the Interagency Committee on Supportive Housing under the state's Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative for the City of Bridgeport HOME funds, financing from Corporation for Supportive Housing, LISC, and Wells Fargo Bank. BNT has a long-standing relationship with the City of Bridgeport and has a direct grassroots connection with the East End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone (NRZ), civil groups and the various governmental entities in the City.

The project architect is Henry Schadler Associates, P.C.; Housing Consultants are the Housing Development Team, LLC; Property Manager is Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust, and The Connection is the service provider. General Contractor is Haynes Construction.

