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COHOES >> The Cohoes community gained some new neighbors this week with the grand opening of Lion Heart Residences.

Lion Heart Residences, is a recently completed \$16.4 million, 72-unit affordable apartment project development located off of Williams Street in Cohoes that includes supportive services for tenants with disabilities.

The apartments in Lion Heart Residences are among the thousands of units that form the foundation of Gov. Andrew

Cuomo's new, \$10 billion House New York 2020 program to create or preserve 100,000 affordable units over the next five years.

The project, which was funded by New York State Homes and Community Renewal, the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities, and the Community Preservation Corporation, offers affordable homes for working families, as well as apartments with support services for people with developmental disabilities.

Developed and owned by Regan Development in coordination with Living Resources, the \$16.4 million development features 57 affordable one, two and three-bedroom apartments for low-income households, and 15 fully accessible apartments with support services for residents with developmental disabilities.

Living Resources will provide supportive services including on-site job training and placement for the residents with disabilities, as well as training for caregivers. "This type of partnership speaks to our mission of empowerment and the work we do by ensuring individuals with disabilities are able to grow and thrive in a safe and secure environment," said Living Resources CEO Fred Erlich in a press release.

Rents plus utilities range from \$688 to \$1,083 a month, an affordable rate to households with incomes at or below 60 percent of area median income.

"Local economies are improving as a result of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's policies, and as jobs are created and the workforce grows, it is crucial to provide expanded affordable housing opportunities. Lion Heart Residences helps to fill this need in Cohoes with state-of-the-art apartments that also address one of the Governor's priority initiatives—expanding access to housing with support services so that people with disabilities can live independently within the community," said Commissioner of New York State Homes and Community Renewal James Rubin the release.

“As we continue our efforts to transform OPWD towards community-based living and supports, individuals with developmental disabilities are enjoying a greater quality of life,” said Living Resources’ CEO Kerry Delaney. “Living Resources’ Lion Heart Residences will provide people with developmental disabilities the opportunity to live in the home of their choice with the people they want to live with, be closer to their families, take control of their own daily activities and participate fully in their communities.”



n away from institutional care and more and more people with developmental disabilities are enjoying a greater quality of life. OPWDD acting commissioner Robert M. Berman said that the new Residences will provide people with developmental disabilities the opportunity to live in the home of their choice with the people they want to live with, be closer to their families, take control of their own daily activities and participate fully in their communities.”

Former Cohoes mayor Assemblyman John T. McDonald III, said in the release, “It is a pleasure to support the Lion Heart Residences community in my hometown of Cohoes. Larry Reagan and his team have done a wonderful job building and bringing a much needed housing option to the Capital Region and the partnership with Living Resources is the icing on the cake. I am honored to work with two great organizations and glad that Lion Heart calls Cohoes home.”

Cohoes Mayor Shawn Morse said he looks forward to working with all partners of Lion Heart Residences to ensure comfortable and safe housing for all. “Affordable housing is a vital asset to our community,” he said in the release.

“Lion Heart Residences increases access to affordable housing for individuals and their families, and will help people with disabilities live and succeed in their communities,” added New York State Senator Neil Breslin.

“In addition to bringing new affordable workforce housing to the Cohoes community, Lion Heart will provide a safe and supportive environment where New Yorkers with developmental disabilities can live with dignity and reach their potential,” said Doug Olcott, Community Preservation Corporation senior vice president and regional director, in the release.

The development includes a centrally located community building and is within easy reach of public transportation, shopping and other conveniences. Lion Heart Residences was designed to meet Green Building and Energy Efficiency Initiatives.

For more information on Lion Heart Residences visit www.liveatlionheartresidences.com or call 244-8762.

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