



Bergen County Awards \$92,000 Grant to Senior Residence

River Edge, NJ (September 7, 2015) – The Bergen County Division of Community Development has awarded the Senior Residence at St. Peter the Apostle Church with a \$91,974 Community Development Block Grant. The funds will be used for capital improvements to the building including the installation of a building wide emergency generator and replacement windows.



The Senior Residence at St. Peter the Apostle Church (“The Senior Residence”) is a 24 unit affordable supportive senior housing community located in the former convent of St. Peter the Apostle Church in River Edge, NJ. Build with Purpose, a New Jersey based nonprofit redeveloped and opened the building in 2013.

“We are so appreciative to Bergen County for their grant. The new generator will ensure the safety of our residence during power outages like Super Storm Sandy which knocked out power to millions in New Jersey for a long period of time. While this kind of power outage is an inconvenience to many, it can prove life threatening to seniors who often have higher care needs” said Gina Principato, manager of The Senior Residence.

The Senior Residence opened in 2013 and is now home to nearly two dozen seniors. The residence’s “bed and breakfast” feel is inviting and homey. Residents are provided with three meals a day, housekeeping, laundry service and recreation. Assistance with medication is also provided.

The Bergen County Division of Community Development is the seventh largest Urban County recipient of Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Act, and Emergency Shelter Grant funds in the nation. The division provides a comprehensive and flexible source of funding for municipalities, non-profits, and families to address a myriad of community, housing and economic development needs. Predominantly serving low and moderate income neighborhoods and families, its programs serve as valuable tools to empower people to create viable urban communities.

For more information regarding this project please contact **Gina Principato at (201) 225-0707** or gprincipato@stpetersresidence.org.

About The Senior Residence

The Senior Residence at St. Peter the Apostle is a small close-knit community for seniors and persons with disabilities who wish to live in a family like atmosphere. With 24 hours staffing and on site manager, the non-denominational residence provides residence with everything needed to live independently at about half the cost of assisted living.