



BETHANY COMMUNITIES CONDUCTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOTTERY AND ANNOUNCES NEW NAME FOR PROJECT

Bethany Community Services held the affordable housing lottery for Merrimack Corner (formerly known as Merrimack Place) on Wednesday, April 3 at the Haverhill Public Library.

The lottery meeting, which was open to the public, had approximately 100 applicants and interested community members in attendance. In total 252 eligible applications were drawn, and each was assigned a number. Applicants will be notified by mail of their ranking, and eligible applicants will be matched with an available apartment that meets their criteria. Once the 48 units are filled, all remaining applicants will be included on the wait list for future openings and notified accordingly.

Jered Stewart, President & CEO of Bethany Community Services, welcomed Mayor Melinda Barrett to assist with the lottery drawing. Mr. Stewart commented, "In addition to providing affordable and accessible homes, this new property provides a connection to the Merrivista building and all the services and amenities available. The new building will incorporate wellness activities including a fitness space with modern equipment. We look forward to this new campus and all the benefits it will provide to the almost 200 residents living here."

After the meeting, Bethany Community Services announced the re-naming of the property from ***Merrimack Place to Merrimack Corner***. "This addition to the Bethany Communities' portfolio of affordable senior housing properties is so much more than just a place to live. This new property is where needs and opportunities meet, creating an inclusive community of supportive services, activities, and the sense of belonging every senior deserves. The new name Merrimack Corner reflects all of these coming together to meet the needs of our seniors."

Merrimack Corner provides an additional 48 units of affordable senior housing in Haverhill, MA. The building, which is scheduled to be ready for occupancy in June, features 1 and 2 bedroom units with on-site laundry, off-street parking, AC units, 24-hour emergency maintenance and exercise/fitness room. Rent includes heat, hot water, and electricity. Income limits apply for all units and rent is based on income.

Currently there is an open application period ongoing for Merrimack Corner. Applications are available to download online at www.bethanycommunities.org. Completed applications can be mailed to Bethany Community Services, Inc., 10 Phoenix Row, Haverhill MA 01832. For more information, reasonable accommodation or to request an application, please call (Mon-Fri 8:30am – 3:30pm) Bethany Community Services, Inc., 10 Phoenix Row, Haverhill MA, at 978-374-2160. For TTY/TTD dial 711 or (800) 720-3480.

Bethany Community Services is pleased to present this Equal Housing Opportunity and does not discriminate because of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, handicap, disability, national origin, ancestry, familial status, marital status, gender identity and expression, genetic information, gender identity, receipt of public assistance, or military or veteran status in the leasing, rental, sale or transfer of studio apartments, buildings, and related facilities, including land that it owns or controls.

Since 1965, Bethany Community Services, a Haverhill non-profit agency, has been providing quality, affordable housing and supportive services to low and moderate-income seniors including meals, wellness and mental healthcare, activities, personal assistance, and transportation, enabling those who are aging-in-place to remain independent and within the Bethany communities as long as possible.

If you would like more information about Bethany Community Services, please contact **Beth Grady** at 978.374.2160 or email at bgrady@bethanycommunities.org.

(photo: Haverhill Mayor Melinda Barrett assists with the drawing of lottery numbers)

