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NEW MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC HOUSING COMMUNITY IS FIRST IN NATION TO OFFER HOUSING FOR SENIORS WITH MEMORY CARE NEEDS

-Thomas T. Feeney Manor Creates Housing Alternative for Elderly, Saves Money -

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Minneapolis Public Housing Authority's Thomas T Feeney Manor is the first public housing community in the nation to offer housing for low-income seniors with memory care needs. Typically, residents with severe memory loss would be asked to relocate to a nursing facility when they became too difficult to manage. Feeney Manor not only offers dignity to seniors, but provides services that save taxpayers and the community significant money.



The costs of assisted living programs are considerably less than that of nursing homes. According to the Department of Health and Human Services' National Clearinghouse for Long Term Care Information, in the Twin Cities the average cost of a private room in a nursing home is \$5475/month. In contrast, the average cost of residing in an assisted living facility is \$3063/month. Creating an affordable housing alternative for seniors saves tax dollars.

This 48-unit development is physically linked to Heritage Park Senior Services Center, a multi service health and wellness facility focused on services for public housing seniors and other elders in the community. Residents can access an array of medical, rehabilitative, social and recreational services and opportunities without having to leave the building.

Feeney Manor also incorporates environmentally efficient design elements. Utilizing geothermal and solar energy sources, Feeney Manor greatly reduced the long-term energy costs.

The Thomas T Feeney Manor is featured as the project-of-the-month for Minnesota Housing Partnership's [***Impact Spotlight***](#). The ***Impact Spotlight*** celebrates the work of affordable housing partners in creating healthy, sustainable communities. Pace-setting projects are selected based

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on ingenuity in housing development and collaborative efforts linking housing for low-to-moderate income families to transportation, jobs, or services.

About MPHA: The mission of the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (www.mphaonline.org/) is to promote and deliver quality, well-managed homes to a diverse low income population and with partners, contribute to the well-being of the individuals, families and community we serve.

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