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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED KINGS CROSSING APARTMENTS LINKS LOW-INCOME SENIORS TO TRANSIT, REVITALIZES AREA

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Finding transportation can be a challenge for many low-income seniors. For residents of Episcopal Homes’ Kings Crossing Apartments, public transportation and retail shops are just an elevator ride away.

With small businesses on the street level, Kings Crossing is part of Frogtown Square in St. Paul, Minnesota. Adjacent to the future Dale Street light rail station, this “transit oriented development” has been recognized by U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan as a model for redevelopment.

Frogtown Square is the result of a partnership between Episcopal Homes of Minnesota and Northeast Dale-University (NEDU). Episcopal Homes owns and manages Kings Crossing, providing quality affordable housing for low-income seniors. NEDU rents street level shops to small businesses to bring jobs and services to the community.

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

About Episcopal Homes: Episcopal Homes of Minnesota (www.episcopalhomes.org) seeks to enhance the quality of life for seniors by providing homes and services that support each individual’s physical, social, and spiritual needs.

About MHP: The Minnesota Housing Partnership (www.mhp-online.org) supports affordable housing development for low- and moderate-income people to strengthen Minnesota communities and families. MHP provides information, consulting, training, resources and advocacy for communities to bolster options for safe and affordable housing.

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