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“Dallas is full of new development projects for new multi-family housing. ASD has been developing and managing very low-income housing for over 30 years. We are excited about this new development, centrally located just across the Trinity river, south of downtown, that offers new quality affordable housing.” - President and CEO Traswell C. Livingston III.

Acquiring the property in 2018, ASD has received \$1.19 million from the City of Dallas/HUD to remodel and refurbish the existing 8 units into 12 units with plans to open in late 2020. Once complete, The Lancaster Project will provide an independent living environment for low-income (80% or lower Area Media Income) men, women and families living with HIV/AIDS.

Working with construction partners Oglesby Greene Architects, ASD has developed a construction plan that will enable us to add four additional new construction housing units to The Lancaster Project property, increasing the project’s housing capacity by 50%. Grants from The Moody Foundation, the Perot Foundation and other private donations are being used for this expansion project.

Local government officials in attendance included Chad West, Dallas City Councilman, District 1 who currently leads the committee on Housing and Homelessness Solutions.

“This is a great day for affordable housing. Every year this organization takes another step in helping our affordable housing crisis”- Chad West

“We have fought these battles long and hard. I applaud you for the courage, the stick-to-it-ness of those who have been here on the ground fighting and meeting the challenges” - Dallas County Commissioner District 3 John Wiley Price.

Dallas County Commissioner District 1, Dr. Theresa Daniel, and Undra Miller from Senator Royce Wests office were also in attendance.

Livingston says -“This housing is focused on those that at some point were chronically homeless, have stabilized their health, no longer need supportive housing and are ready to move on to more independent housing. Too often they are faced with barriers of criminal to background, credit scores and just plain stigma based on income sources. This development offers hope, a promise that emergency shelter does not have to be



forever, there are agencies out there working to provide affordable housing for them.”

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