

## The NHP Foundation Celebrates Progress on \$40.9 Million Cleme Manor Apartments Rehabilitation

Foremost Affordable Housing Not-for-Profit Conducts "Progress Report" Site Tour for Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and other City and State Officials

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HOUSTON, Dec. 19, 2016 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- [Today, The NHP Foundation](#) ("NHPF"), the national affordable housing not-for-profit, welcomes city and state officials to an event showcasing renovations to-date at Cleme Manor Apartments, the largest multi-family housing community in the historic Greater Fifth Ward neighborhood in Houston. The NHP Foundation received \$40.9 million in funding to put toward rehabilitating the 284-unit apartment complex which it acquired in 2014 via a public-private financial partnership with PNC Bank N.A., BBVA Compass, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the National Affordable Housing Trust, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the City of Houston.

Originally constructed in 1970, Cleme Manor Apartments sits immediately south of Finnegan Park and the Finnegan Park Community Center. The property features 25 two-story buildings with capacity for approximately 1,400 residents. NHPF is undertaking a massive rehabilitation of the property – which has not seen a comprehensive renovation in over 20 years – including: the installation of new drywall, Energy Star appliances, doors, higher efficiency HVAC units and water heaters, windows, water savings improvements, and more. In addition, construction of a new play area, tot lot, and renovation of the office, community space and laundry facilities are underway.

One of Houston's most improved areas, the Greater Fifth Ward Finnegan Park neighborhood has been earmarked for \$35 million in streetscape improvement, multifamily construction, single family rehabilitation and renovation of the Community Center. Cleme Manor Apartments is an integral part of the revitalization of the community. In 2014, the acquisition and planned rehabilitation of Cleme Manor played a major role in keeping officials from closing nearby Henderson Elementary, ensuring neighborhood children could attend a school close to home.

"This project supports my goal of building complete communities where residents can find good jobs, safe and attractive homes, and all of the amenities necessary for a great quality of life," said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner. "The Greater Fifth Ward is one of our most historic neighborhoods. Restoring health to this traditionally underserved area will have a tremendous impact on the people living there."

"Cleme Manor is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for NHPF," said NHPF's President and CEO Richard Burns. "Because of its scale, unique needs and the impending aesthetic changes and updates to the neighborhood, Cleme Manor has provided NHPF with an unusually robust chance to 'get in on the ground-floor' and play an essential part in the early stages of an exciting neighborhood revitalization. We are excited and grateful to have this opportunity to deliver a sustainably improved living environment for the residents of Cleme Manor Apartments and additional high-quality affordable housing for the city of Houston."

In addition to Mayor Turner, other officials and guests expected to attend include Tom McCasland, Director, Housing & Community Development Department, Houston; Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee; Dr. Edward Pringle, Director, Houston U.S. Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Office; Betty Gregory, Texas Organizing Project (TOP) Harris County Leadership Board; Kathy Blueford-Daniels, President, Greater Fifth Ward, Super Neighborhood #55; Mark Montgomery, CEO, BBVA Compass, Houston; Grant Murray, Representative from U.S. Senator Ted Cruz's office, as well as additional city, state and community leaders.

For more information on The NHP Foundation please visit [www.nhpfoundation.org](http://www.nhpfoundation.org) or check the organization out on Twitter at [@nhpfoundation](https://twitter.com/nhpfoundation).

### **About The NHP Foundation**

Headquartered in New York City with offices in Washington, DC, and Chicago, IL, The NHP Foundation (NHPF) was launched on January 30, 1989, as a publicly supported 501(c)(3) not-for-profit real estate corporation. NHPF is dedicated to preserving and creating sustainable, service-enriched multifamily housing that is both affordable to low and moderate income families and seniors, and beneficial to their communities. NHPF also provides a robust resident services program to nearly 18,000 community residents. Through partnerships with major financial institutions, the public sector, faith-based initiatives, and other not-for-profit organizations, NHPF has 43 properties, including 7,455 units, in 15 states and the District of Columbia.

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### **About National Affordable Housing Trust**

National Affordable Housing Trust (NAHT) is a non-profit Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) syndicator dedicated to the creation and preservation of quality affordable housing throughout the United States for elderly persons, families, persons with disabilities and all others in need. NAHT provides specialized financial intermediary and consulting through equity, grants and loans, and LIHTC to national and regional investors.

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### **About City of Houston**

The City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) provides the leadership and financing to make affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization happen in Houston. Currently, the Department administers over \$100 million annually in various federal, state and local programs. From investing in neighborhood parks, multifamily communities and economic development, to providing first-time homebuyer assistance and funds to serve the

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