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Woodcrest Retirement Residence

In November 2008, Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato celebrated the grand opening of the WoodCrest Retirement Residence in Moon Twp. The four-story building houses 59 rental units for qualifying seniors and achieved LEED Gold Certification.

a.m. Rodriguez Associates transformed St. Joseph Hall, formerly used to house frail nuns at the Felician Sisters Convent & School, into a retirement residence using green building techniques and supplies. Materials such as carpeting, paint and finishes can contain high levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), polluting indoor air and aggravating pulmonary conditions, including asthma and emphysema. Through design and material selection, WoodCrest has a very low level of VOCs, making it easier for residents to breathe.

The efficiencies and one- and two-bedroom apartments range in size from 495 square feet to 855 square feet and are available to those 55 and older with an income not exceeding \$25,200 for an individual or \$28,800 for a household of two.

Allegheny County provided nearly \$1.3 million in loans for the project, PHFA provided \$1.2 million, and John Hancock Corporation assisted with \$7 million in equity. Woodcrest Retirement Residence is adjacent to the Felician Sisters Convent & High School, which will provide an opportunity for residents to use the library, cafeteria and chapel.

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