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APAH's Gilliam Place Named 2020 Best Affordable Housing Development



Arlington, VA (November 20, 2020) – On Thursday, Gilliam Place, APAH's newest property, was recognized with a Virginia Housing Award for Best Affordable Housing Development at the Virginia Governor's Housing Conference.

"Arlington County has lost much of its affordable housing," said Carmen Romero, APAH's Vice President of Real Estate Development. "The genesis of this project was to create opportunities for 173 low-income households to live in this high-opportunity area."

Recognized for its innovation and effective design, Gilliam Place is a mixed-use six-story development located in the heart of Columbia Pike Town Center. All the apartments are affordable to households earning 60% of the area median income (AMI) or below. The project includes nearly 9,000 square feet of commercial and civic space for the Church's new worshipping space and La Cocina VA, a bilingual culinary training center and onsite café that opened just this year.

"APAH is honored to be recognized for this collaboration with Arlington Presbyterian Church. We hope this project is a model for other faith institutions across the nation and a testament to the power of faith in service for their communities," said APAH President/CEO, Nina Janopaul. "The pandemic has been difficult for many APAH families, but Arlington Presbyterian Church continues to be a wonderful partner and neighbor to our community through their volunteer work and generosity."

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development has posted the video of Gilliam Place from the awards ceremony online and [can be viewed here](#).

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About APAH: APAH's mission is to develop, preserve, and own quality, affordable places to live; to promote stability and opportunity for our residents; and to advocate with the people and communities we serve. Founded in 1989, APAH now helps more than 1,800 households live in stable, secure, and affordable rental homes. APAH is working to bring more than 1,000 additional affordable apartments to the DC metro area over the next 5 years. APAH's Columbia Hills Apartments, received the 2019 ULI Washington Trends Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing. APAH was recently named one of the nation's Top 50 Affordable Housing Developers by Affordable Housing Finance magazine.