

## Partnership Brings New Level of Healthy Living Services to Walnut Square Affordable Housing Property Centene Corporation's Social Health Bridge Teams with Award-Winning Operation Pathways Resident Services Provider

New York, NY February 3, 2020 Operation Pathways, a subsidiary of The NHP Foundation and provider of a robust range of resident services, announced today at an onsite kick-off event for residents, that it has partnered with Centene Corporation's Social Health Bridge™ Trust which helps community based organizations and healthcare entities work more effectively to address the social determinants of health – the non-medical barriers to health such as food insecurity, housing instability/homelessness, unemployment, and lack of access to transportation.

The partnership connects high-need residents living in low to middle income housing to social services integrated with their care plan, ensures care gap closure, and reduces reliance on local hospital ERs. Additionally included are health fairs, nutritional demonstrations, and visits from financial professionals for tax preparation and education.

"Social Health Bridge seeks out stable, experienced partners like Operation Pathways to bring our evidence-based, results-oriented programs to communities in need," said Michael Monson, Senior Vice President of Medicaid and Complex Care for Centene. "Overcoming barriers to more easily navigate the health care system helps bridge the gap between healthcare and community organizations resulting in improved health outcomes for families and individuals."

Resources provided by Social Health Bridge at Walnut Square include assistance with buying affordable healthy foods, bill-paying, transportation, job-training and job search, low-cost quality childcare, safety concerns, and programs to combat loneliness and isolation.

"We encourage our residents to get involved with Social Health Bridge and work together to access their healthy living tools," says Tiffany Martinez, Resident Services Coordinator, Operation Pathways, "The programs are tailored for individuals to choose how best to work towards overcoming barriers and reaching lifestyle goals."

All Social Health Bridge and Operation Pathways resources are available free of charge to the 466 Walnut Square residents who can also join the Operation Pathways Advisory Committee to impact local Social Health Bridge programming in their community.

"For twenty years, NHPF's Operation Pathways has provided children and youth programming, financial education and employment services, and healthier living programs at Walnut Square Apartments," added Ken White, Executive Director Operation Pathways, Inc.



"Now in collaboration with Social Health Bridge, we will build on the deep relationships we have made with residents as we introduce them to an even more robust array of on-site services leading to a healthier and more vibrant community."

The organizations have started to launch programming, which began with a celebration for residents, pictured below on January 22.



## **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. Through Family-Centered Coaching, NHPF's subsidiary Operation Pathways engages with, and assists, families experiencing poverty and other hardship, to problem-solve together. Through partnerships with major financial institutions, the public sector, faith-based initiatives, and other not-for-profit organizations, NHPF has 56 properties, including more than 10,000 units, in 15 states and the District of Columbia. For more information, please visit www.nhpfoundation.org.

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