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**CenterPointe Today Broke Ground for a New Housing Project**

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On Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, CenterPointe broke ground for a new housing project that will serve low-income clients who are disabled by serious mental illness. Mayor Chris Beutler participated in the groundbreaking event. "This housing project shows the commitment of this community to the idea that all residents deserve safe and affordable housing," Mayor Beutler said. "I am pleased that the City of Lincoln is one of the partners in this project to provide those with disabilities a better environment for success."

The building will have 10 apartments at 3161 Overland Trail on the north edge of Peter Pan Park. Hampton commercial Construction will work with architect Kurt Suhr, Housing Consultant Hanna Keelan Associates, and designer Grasso Consulting to complete the project. The project is made possible with funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, City of Lincoln's HOME fund, LB 1040A Housing Dollars from Region V Systems, and a Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund grant from the Department of Economic Development.

CenterPointe's mission is to help people with substance use and mental health problems, attain healthier, more productive lives. Providing stable housing for clients in recovery is critically important to their success. The 540 square foot apartments will include a kitchen, living room, bedroom and bathroom. The complex will also include a community room that residents can use for meetings or for family events. CenterPointe will provide residents with case management services and other supportive services. With the new apartments, CenterPointe will have 102 housing units to serve the clients in recovery.

CenterPointe has five service locations, Adult and Youth Residential Treatment facilities, a short term Residential Treatment facility, two Outpatient Treatment facilities, and the agency serves approximately 900 clients annually. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development program allows persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible in the community by increasing the availability of housing with supportive services.

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