



**HOME CONFERENCE
DOORKNOCKER AWARDS
SALT LAKE COUNTY CONSORTIUM, UTAH**

AWARD CATEGORY: Special Needs Housing/ Reaching Underserved Populations

COMMUNITY: Salt Lake County Consortium, Utah

PROJECT/PROGRAM NAME: Life Start Village Apartments

HUD REGION/FIELD OFFICE: Region VIII / Denver Field Office

HOME UNITS/TOTAL UNITS: 11 HOME units/41 total units

HOME FUNDS/TOTAL FUNDS: \$725,000 HOME funds / \$5,364,228 total funds

PARTNERS:

- Family Support Center
- Utah Housing Corporation

FUNDING SOURCES:

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| • Salt Lake County HOME | \$650,000 |
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| • State of Utah | \$650,000 |
| • Shelter Plus Care | \$550,000 |
| • Salt Lake County CDBG | \$25,000 |
| • Donations | \$424,472 |
| • Tax Credit | \$2,942,556 |
| • Deferred Developer Fee | \$47,200 |

BRIEF NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

Approximately seven years ago, Salt Lake County began working with the Family Support Center, a non-profit organization, on developing affordable housing for women and children in crisis. The Family Support Center had been providing counseling services to families dealing with domestic violence, job loss, and

medical emergencies and realized that the clients they served were often in need of affordable housing in addition to supportive services. Supportive housing for families in crisis, however, did not exist.

With technical assistance from Salt Lake County, the Family Support Center identified land for the project and began development of the 41 unit Life Start Village apartments. Life Start Village is comprised of three sections. Two buildings are designated co-housing units with a large kitchen, common and play areas, and 20 two and three bedroom units. The co-housing units are designated for the families with the greatest need for counseling and supportive care. After completing self-sufficiency training and obtaining work, the families move into a more independent living environment in one of Life Start's eight townhomes or six cottages. After the families have further stabilized they may move on to homeownership of one of Life Start's eight CROWN units. The CROWN homes, funded through the State of Utah's LIHTC program, are lease-to-own townhomes that the family may purchase for the amount left owing, after a successful 15 year lease.

The development of Life Start Village is truly a collaborative effort. More than 20 different agencies and organizations contributed labor, materials and funds to the project. Volunteers spent over 2000 hours working on the project and a local nursery donated more than \$15,000 worth of landscaping. Such widespread community support is due in part to the efforts of the City of Midvale (site of the Life State Village) that facilitated the approval process for the project and helped inform the community of the design of and need for the project. Life Start Village is not only an asset to the neighborhood, but within the first year of operation has also provided three families with the housing and skills necessary to stabilize their lives and move on to greater self-sufficiency.

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