



**DOORKNOCKER AWARDS
HONORABLE MENTION
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

AWARD CATEGORY: Special Needs Housing / Reaching Underserved Populations

PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION: State of Rhode Island

PROJECT/PROGRAM NAME: Crossroads Housing Tower

HUD REGION/FIELD OFFICE: Region I; Boston Field Office

HOME UNITS/TOTAL UNITS: 32 HOME units / 192 total units

HOME FUNDS/TOTAL FUNDS: \$500,000 HOME funds / \$10,475,626 total funds

PARTNERS:

- State of Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation
- Crossroads Rhode Island (f.k.a. Travelers Aid Society of Rhode Island)

FUNDING SOURCES:

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| • HOME Funds | \$ 500,000 |
| • SHP | \$ 400,000 |
| • Neighborhood Opportunities Program/Thresholds | \$ 720,000 |
| • Private Loan | \$2,302,392 |
| • Private Grant | \$1,106,195 |
| • LIHTC | \$5,947,039 |

BRIEF NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

This project demonstrates how the adaptive reuse of a former YMCA in downtown Providence can result in quality special needs housing. The project involved the construction of 16 new studio and one-bedroom units in the former gymnasium of the YMCA building and the rehabilitation of 176 SRO units for homeless and disabled individuals many suffering from drug and alcohol dependencies. Medical and dental services are provided on-site. Common areas include a dining room, meeting rooms and lounges. Rehabilitation of the 176 SROs presented a major challenge as all the units were occupied during the rehabilitation. Crossroads Rhode Island provided case

management and other services as the building was being gutted and without heat. Prior to the new construction of the 16 units and the rehabilitation of the 176 units, Crossroads occupied an inadequate small, dark facility where homeless families often had to sleep on office floors. The acquisition and rehabilitation of the former YMCA building has enabled Crossroads Rhode Island to provide housing and services for an additional 200 homeless, disabled individuals.

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