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**Mayor Fulop joins the Archdiocese of Newark to Break Ground on New St. Lucy’s Homeless Housing & Support Services Site**

*State-of-the-art homeless services facility will provide an array of health, housing, supportive, and transitional offerings for residents in need*

**JERSEY CITY, NJ** — Today, **Mayor Fulop** joined the **Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark, Catholic Charities, City Council members, Claremont Development, and Arc Building Partners** to officially begin construction on a brand new, 60,000 square foot homeless services facility located along Grove Street, between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets. This dynamic human-centered project will include emergency and transitional offerings along with multiple affordable housing solutions and comprehensive supportive services for individuals and families who are homeless.

“With this groundbreaking, we’re building a safe space that will not only provide food and shelter for those in need, but we’re also utilizing St. Lucy’s established success as the foundation to build a brighter, more prosperous future for our neediest residents and families for generations to come,” said **Mayor Steven Fulop, City of Jersey City**. “As we work collectively to eradicate homelessness, the City is committing over \$2 million in grant funding to help expand beyond traditional shelter services to also include more permanent housing options and transitional support as well as everyday necessities that better address the health and well-being of our most vulnerable residents.”

“This project is a tangible example of how the Archdiocese of Newark is heeding the call of Jesus, who asked his followers to help the vulnerable,” said **Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark**. “Projects like this are desperately needed to bring the Gospel to life, which is why we are thankful to Mayor Fulop for his support and the ongoing collaboration between the development team and Catholic Charities. May their partnership continue to prosper as they begin the construction process.”



The newly expanded St. Lucy's campus will feature a total of 165 beds for individuals who are homeless, 14 units of transitional housing for individuals with HIV, five permanent supportive housing units specifically for families, and 15 permanent affordable housing studio apartments. The housing and public services site also provides its temporary and permanent residents with access to comprehensive case management services offered on-site, with the goal being to help the individual find permanent housing, find employment, and address any other needs that they may have, such as physical health, mental health, or substance use.

Catholic Charities will have staff offices on the second floor of the new shelter where clients can be seen. The second floor will also include a drop-in area for nonresidents in need who can utilize St. Lucy's services for showers, meals, and the new laundry facilities.



The St. Lucy's Public Benefit Project and related St. Lucy's Tower development effort has been underway since 2015 and includes a series of now complete property exchanges, zoning approvals, and overall planning consent. The new \$16 million facility is fully funded through Claremont Companies and at no cost to Jersey City taxpayers.

“As one of the largest and longest-standing homeless shelters in the state, St. Lucy's has always played a pivotal role in helping so many within our community,” said **John Westervelt, Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities**. “We couldn't be more excited to mark the

commencement of construction activity on such a transformational project. Our team really is looking forward to this state-of-the-art facility that will enable us to provide more services to our vulnerable neighbors.”

“It's amazing to see several years of hard work come together in a project kickoff moment like this, especially with the amount of different governing agencies, local interest groups, stakeholders, professionals, and partners that have been intricately involved in this process to get us where we are today,” said **Maximilian Dorne, Partner at Claremont Development**. “We know the St. Lucy's Project is the important first step in reimagining the entire development site, and we couldn't be more excited to begin seeing this project come to fruition.”

“This development is yet another example of the type of community-centric, high-profile projects that we love to help build—because efforts like this really do make a difference for local residents,” said **Frank Ciminelli, President and CEO of Arc Building Partners**. “As part of our role as project partner and in coordination with the St. Lucy's groundbreaking festivities, we are also pleased to share that Arc Building Partners will be donating two vehicles—separate Ford truck models from 2015 and 2019 (valued at \$40,000)—to help support Catholic Charities' ongoing transport needs. The donation will include a \$1,000 fuel card for usage with the vehicles as well.”

The current construction schedule calls for expected build-out completion by late 2022 or early 2023.

### **About the Archdiocese of Newark**

The Archdiocese of Newark serves approximately 1.3 million Catholics who reside in the 511 square miles of the four counties it serves: Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union counties. Comprised of 212 Catholic parishes, the Archdiocese is shepherded by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., who was appointed Archbishop of Newark on November 7, 2016, and elevated to Cardinal by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, on November 19, 2016. Cardinal Tobin was installed as Archbishop of Newark on January 6, 2017. To learn more, visit [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org).

### **About Catholic Charities**

Tracing its roots to 1903, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark is a not-for-profit social service agency of the Roman Catholic Church within the Archdiocese of Newark. As one of New Jersey's oldest and largest agencies, Catholic Charities serves over 62,000 individuals and families each year in 87 programs. Catholic Charities as a ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark participates in the Church's social mission by recognizing the inherent dignity and worth of all people and responding with sincere Christian compassion to the corporeal needs of the poor and marginalized. The service of Catholic Charities is inspired by faith in Jesus Christ, Sacred Scripture, and the continuing exposition of Catholic social teaching. Through these activities, Catholic Charities strives to assist individuals in need, strengthen families, and provide those it serves with an experience of God's mercy. This mission is pursued through a network of caring, effective, and well-managed social service professionals within the four counties served by the Archdiocese: Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union. The programs provide shelters for the homeless, food to the impoverished, care for the elderly and mentally ill, and education to children with developmental disabilities. Catholic Charities is a concrete illustration of the Church's commitment to ease suffering and bring social justice and hope to all, without regard to religion, race or culture. For more information, visit [ccannj.org](http://ccannj.org).

### **About Claremont Development**

Claremont Development is a real estate firm focused primarily on the ground-up development of multifamily, industrial, and mixed-use properties throughout New Jersey. The firm leverages expansive in-house expertise and strategic partnerships to navigate all elements of the development and construction process, in order to minimize risks and maximize returns. The firm was formed in 2019 as the next chapter in the evolution of Claremont Construction Group, a multi-generational construction services and real estate development firm established in 1954. Claremont Development is responsible for over \$600 million in ground-up development projects and has a pipeline that exceeds \$1 billion in project costs. For more information, visit [claredev.com](http://claredev.com).

### **About Arc Building Partners**

With offices in Morristown, New Jersey, and Buffalo, New York, Arc Building Partners is a full-service project delivery firm focused on complex, fast-track deliveries serving private and commercial clients in numerous vertical sectors, locally, regionally and nationally. As part of its suite of professional services, Arc offers delivery types such as construction management at-risk and design-build. To learn more, visit [arcbuildingpartners.com](http://arcbuildingpartners.com).

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