

\$2.2 million addition planned for Granville Plaza by fall, '94

The Winston-Salem Housing Foundation has received an initial funding commitment enabling it to proceed with plans for Granville Plaza. The 42-unit housing and congregate services complex will be located adjacent to Granville Place, the 100-unit retirement community for older adults developed by the foundation at the site of the old Granville School.

Pending the project's approval by the City/County Planning Board and the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen, and final qualification for funding, construction on the \$2.2 million project is planned to begin in the summer of 1993. The facility should be open by fall, 1994.

Funding for the project will provide as part of a \$375.6 million Housing With Supportive Services Program recently unveiled by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to make appropriate housing more affordable for lower-income elderly Americans.

Under the program, HUD provides a capital advance to private non-profit sponsors to finance new construction or rehabilitation of rental or cooperative housing for the elderly. The capital advance does not have to be paid back to HUD, as long as the sponsor restricts occupancy for the first forty years of operation to low income elderly people. HUD also enters into Rental Assistance Contracts with the non-profit sponsors for a twenty-year period to help cover operating costs.

The Winston-Salem Housing Foundation's application for the Granville Plaza project is one of only 24 projects in nine southeastern states to receive an initial funding commitment from HUD.

In making the announcement, foundation President William B. Cash noted that the commitment meets a growing need for appropriate and affordable housing for the elderly that includes services neces-

sary to allow residents to remain independent.

"According to the most recent census statistics," Cash said, "while Winston-Salem's total population has grown by 8.8 percent over the past decade, our percentage of older adults (age 62 and over) has grown 25.3 percent. In 1980, older adults represented 14.7 percent of the city's population. Today, they represent approximately 17 percent."

"We are pleased and gratified by this initial commitment from HUD," Cash noted, "because it will allow us to continue to address this growing need for effective, non-institutional housing alternatives for older people in Winston-Salem living on fixed incomes. At the same time, I believe the funding commitment affirms a strategy the foundation has followed for a number of years that links basic meal, transportation and other services in such a way that residents can remain as independent as possible in their later years."

Barrier-free in design, each of Granville Plaza's 42 units will include a bedroom, a combination living room and dining area, a kitchen and a full bath. Plans call for the construction of several units specifically fitted for the hearing and visually impaired. An enclosed, temperature-controlled walkway will connect both Granville Plaza and Granville Place to a shared food service unit.

Community-based support services envisioned for Granville Plaza include home health and skilled nursing care, medical supplies and equipment, transportation and homemaker services. Discussions on how best to coordinate these services are now underway with Senior Services, Inc., a local non-profit organization that specializes in applying existing community services to meet the special needs of older adults.

"The linking of these and other support services to barrier-free,

affordable housing will allow even more frail elderly people in our community to live independently longer and with a greater sense of dignity," said Richard Gottlieb, executive director of Senior Services.

Like Granville Place and other retirement communities developed by the Winston-Salem Housing Foundation for the elderly living on low fixed incomes, monthly apartment rents at Granville Plaza will be based on each resident's ability to pay.

"We are also very pleased with the West Salem neighborhood's initial response to the project," Winston-Salem Housing Foundation's Cash added. Their comments about the project have been valuable and their continuing support for Granville Place speaks well of the partnership that exists between the neighborhood and the retirement community."

"Granville Plaza is a wonderful project," said West Salem Residents Association President Gail Cruise, "that complements the association's efforts to build a strong neighborhood."

Formed in 1968 by the Mayor's Committee on Housing and the Urban Coalition, the Winston-Salem Housing Foundation, Inc. encourages the development of affordable housing for low and middle income people through the partnership of business and government. Over the past 25 years, the foundation has developed more than \$25 million in new housing for low and middle income families and is playing a key role in the recently announced study to develop a long-term housing plan for Winston-Salem.

Housing initiatives undertaken by the Winston-Salem Housing Foundation, Inc. include University Place and Granville Place in Winston-Salem, Koerner Place in Kernersville, and Mock Place in Mocksville.

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Few blacks in power in rural Ga. schools

ATLANTA (AP) — Desegregation sent the number of black school principals in Georgia into a sharp decline and the number of black administrators remains low outside the Atlanta area, a study shows.

"Things have definitely regressed in the schools," said Horacina Tate, a doctoral student at Clark Atlanta University who conducted the study. "We just don't have black educators in the rural Georgia counties."

Her father, state Sen. Horace Tate, D-Atlanta, served in the pre- and post-integration education systems as a teacher, principal and executive director of the Georgia Teachers and Education Association.

In the old days, he said, "the black principal was to the black community what the mayor was to the whole town." Although their resources and facilities

were inferior, principals had authority in their schools and respect in their communities, he said.

The figures suggest that Georgia compares favorably with other states in the number of black teachers and administrators it employs; 23 percent of public school teachers and 25 percent of principals are black, according to a 1990 survey by the state Professional Practices Commission. For the South as a whole, less than 10 percent of principals are black, the study showed.

But statistics also show that in 1956, there were 401 black principals in non-metropolitan Georgia; now there are 177. Statewide, the number of black principals is 426, down from the 1956 level of 521.

"Before we had integration, we had black teachers and principals in the schools who could

tell black students, 'You can do it! You are expected to do well,'" said Barbara Holmes, a Denver-based minority-education expert.

"Blacks have been hit where it hurts most," she said. "These were the people who held us together."

Linda Lee Aikens-Young, who has three advanced degrees, endured 14 years of rejected applications and four years in court to become the first black principal since integration in Rockdale County schools.

She has been assistant principal at Salem High School and will become principal at the C.J. Hicks Elementary School in the fall.

"I tell my kids at least 50 times a day, 'You can be anything you want to be, if you apply yourself and work hard,' but I was beginning to question what I was trying to impart to them," she said.

First black named Chaplain at Yale

By LARRY ROSENTHAL Associated Press Writer

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — A Baptist minister named chaplain of Yale University says he will try to foster unity in New Haven, and believes he can succeed.

Although the city is divided along many lines, "we think we have the opportunity to create, nurture and sustain a true multiethnic, multicultural coalition in this community," said the Rev. Frederick J. Streets.

Streets, the 42-year-old pastor of Mount Aery Baptist Church in Bridgeport, will be the first black and first Baptist to hold the post at the school founded by Congregational ministers.

"Yale University is in an urban center, so I do not consider myself leaving an urban ministry," he said.

His appointment was announced Wednesday by Yale President Benno C. Schmidt Jr.

Streets assumes his new post July 1. He succeeds the Rev. Harry Adams, who is retiring.

In choosing a minister with experience in dealing with urban problems, Yale is recognizing it is "not an island in this community," Schmidt said.

"Religion is one of the most important ties between the university community and the larger community, and the chaplain's relationship between the two is pivotal," Schmidt said.

Streets graduated from Yale's Divinity School in 1975. He served as a New Haven alderman during his last year there.

An adjunct assistant professor of pastoral theology at Yale, he is pursuing a doctorate in social work at Yeshiva University in New York.

While in Bridgeport, Streets established an AIDS ministry, an after-school program for latchkey children, a mentor program for minority youths, and a health and

social service referral program for low-income and elderly people.

Streets also has served as chaplain at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, taught at the Hartford Seminary and served as an associate psychiatric social worker.

The university chaplain serves the entire Yale community, officiating at functions such as commencement and memorial services and working with leaders of the 12 denominational ministries on campus.

Rabbi James Ponet, the Jewish chaplain, said the appointment represented "a clear embrace of pluralism and multiculturalism at Yale."

From Yale's founding in 1701 until 1899, the school's president, who was also a clergyman, was responsible for the spiritual life of the university. The Divinity School dean assumed those duties until the first chaplain was appointed in 1927. Streets will be the sixth university chaplain.

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