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Boulder Housing Development Wins Second Design Award this Year

Boulder, CO—The Boulder Housing Partners (BHP) [High Mar community](#) has won a statewide award for “Best Built Project” from the Congress for New Urbanism Colorado Chapter.

The Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) is a non-profit organization that promotes walkable, mixed-use neighborhood development, sustainable communities and healthier living conditions. The first annual CNU-Colorado Charter Awards honor projects that are designed in this spirit and make Colorado a more livable place.

High Mar, and other winners, was recognized for its excellence in fulfilling and advancing the principles of the Charter of the New Urbanism (<http://www.cnu.org/charter>) in a Colorado-specific context.

Designers gave much thought to how future High Mar residents would live in the community, said Steve Pate, director of Real Estate Development for BHP. Planning focused on maximizing the health and wellbeing of its residents through thoughtful design, sustainability and wellness opportunities. A mix of public and private spaces in and around the building promotes community gatherings, space for private contemplation and enjoyment of dramatic mountain views. High Mar was also designed to be energy efficient and meet the standards of Enterprise Green Communities and the City of Boulder Green Points programs.

“The way you live in a place has a great impact on how you feel about it,” he said. “Many senior apartments are institutional. When you approach High Mar, and when you’re inside, there’s a very friendly feeling, with modern, open spaces that flow well and comfortable resident areas.”

Opened last June, High Mar offers 59 affordable apartments for seniors—the first fully affordable senior housing to be built in the City of Boulder since 1982. Located on Moorhead Avenue, near Table Mesa Drive and US-36, the community is fully occupied with a waiting list.

In January, the High Mar Development picked up a national 2014 [Senior Housing News Architecture and Design Award](#). The annual awards competition recognized cutting-edge design, excellence and innovation in seven senior living communities around the country.

High Mar was designed by [The Abo Group](#), an award-winning sustainable architecture firm based in Lakewood, along with Denver's In Situ Design. The general contractor was Boulder-based [Deneuve Construction](#).

About Boulder Housing Partners: Boulder Housing Partners is the housing authority serving the City of Boulder since 1966. BHP builds, owns, and manages quality affordable housing for low and moderate-income Boulder residents, and helps those residents pursue successful, productive, and dignified lives. BHP is one of only 35 public housing authorities in the United States participating in the prestigious Moving to Work program, which encourages innovation by providing flexibility in the use of federal funds. Its communities have won national and international awards for sustainability and affordable housing development.

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