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**Central City Concern Begins Construction on Family Housing**  
**in Clackamas County**

September 3, 2015 – In approximately two weeks, Central City Concern will begin foundation work on a new affordable apartment building in Clackamas County. Contractors have been preparing the site for the past two weeks. The building (tentatively named Town Center Greens) will be home to 60 families and will be complete in approximately one year.

Central City Concern currently manages more than 90 family apartments scattered across the Portland metro area and has included on-site, supportive services to more than 1,000 families in such housing since 2000. The agency has long waiting lists for families needing an affordable place to call home. Units will be available to families at a range of income levels with approximately one-third reserved for section 8 vouchers.

The three-story building features two central courtyards with interconnected community spaces designed to help foster interaction among renters. The building boasts 20 one-bedroom units, 32 two-bedroom units and eight three-bedroom apartments. Architect is Scott Edwards Architecture and general contractor is Walsh Construction Co. Total project cost is \$15.1 million.

Central City Concern will have two full-time staff members on site to assist residents with life skills, employment and educational development, recovery, parenting and



wellness support. The apartment building is well located near public transportation, public schools, public parks, child care centers and numerous employment opportunities. Also nearby are Clackamas Community College, several Clackamas County DHS clinics, the Clackamas Town Center and a number of grocery stores.

Major funders include Clackamas County at \$2.8 million. U.S. Bancorp Community Development Corporation has committed to invest more than \$9.2 million of low-income housing tax credit equity to support Town Center Greens. LIHTCs, which were allocated by the Oregon Housing & Community Services, will subsidize the cost of the development, allowing the housing units to be rented at below-market, affordable rates. Also from the State of Oregon is \$200,000 in General Housing Account Program funds, and \$50,000 in Low Income Weatherization funds. Central City Concern has conducted private fundraising over the last two years; major private donors include: The Collins Foundation, The PGE Foundation, Harrington Family Foundation, Ann & Bill Swindells Charitable Trust, Acme Bader Community Fund of the OCF, HEDCO Foundation, LifeMap, Carter & Jenny MacNichol, Peter & Andrews, Sally McCracken and George & Mary Birenbaum.

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