

NYSFAFH Selects Dekalb Apartments for “Project of the Year” Award

Dekalb Apartments -- a newly constructed 64-unit property developed in a joint venture between a private affordable housing developer, Dunn Development Corp. and a supportive housing agency, Community Access – has received an Award for Excellence as “Project of the Year” from the New York State Association for Affordable Housing.

The building, which opened in February, was developed with support from the Division of Housing and Community Renewal under its Low Income Housing Credit and Housing Trust Fund programs. It integrates non-special needs families and formerly homeless adults with psychiatric disabilities in one building. Extensive on-site servic-

es enable the adults with psychiatric disabilities to live both independently and within an integrated, mainstream environment.

“The success of DeKalb Avenue



Apartment is a direct result of the partnership between a for-profit developer and non-profit service provider – a model that benefits from the strengths of both parties,” said Martin Dunn, President of Dunn Development Corp.

The entire building has been wired with high speed wireless internet access (WiFi) with assistance from NYC Wireless. Each tenant will have free high-speed access to the internet

from their apartments as well as from the common areas.

“There are many innovative aspects to this project which are likely to become a model for integrating affordable and supportive housing and for serving people living with mental illness,” said Bill Traylor President of the Richmond Group of New York in nominating the project.