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Groundbreaking for the Lutheran Social Service Center for Changing Lives and Park Avenue Apartments

Minneapolis, Minnesota — July 17, 2007 — BKV Group, an architecture, interiors, landscape, engineering, and construction administration firm is pleased to announce the Lutheran Social Service groundbreaking ceremony for the new Center for Changing Lives (CFCL) and Park Avenue Apartments (PAA) at 2414 Park Avenue in Minneapolis beginning at 11:30am July 20, 2007.

This unique \$30 million collaborative office and affordable housing development combines the strength and expertise of several Twin Cities community partners in a leading-edge, green building concept and urban outreach venture. CFCL and PAA development have been registered together with the goal of being LEED certified. This development project is a balancing act between Green Community Standards, MHFA financing requirements which includes Minnesota Sustainable Guidelines B3 Standards. The complexity continues with the involvement of the Excel Design Assistance Program that gives incentives to owners for high energy performance buildings.

Upon completion in 2008, the 60,000 sf development will include CFCL featuring a connection link to PAA which will offer 48 units of affordable housing. The Center for Changing Lives will be home to several community services:

- Offices for Lutheran Social Service
- Worship space for Messiah Lutheran Church
- Kaleidoscope after school program
- Faith in the City's Personal Finance Center and Wellness Connection
- Offices for Phillips West Neighborhood Organization

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