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Charities Housing Opens Its Newest 100% Affordable Housing Community

New 5-story mixed-use community brings 60 affordable homes
and vital resources to East San José

San José, Calif. – September 8, 2025 – Charities Housing proudly announces the grand opening of Alum Rock, a transformative 5-story, 100% affordable, mixed-use multifamily development delivering 60 much-needed affordable rental homes to East San José. This innovative community reflects Charities Housing's mission to create safe, high-quality housing that supports residents and strengthens neighborhoods.

Located along the bustling Alum Rock Avenue corridor, the development features 59 affordable units serving low-income households and one on-site manager's unit. The project is designed to promote community connection and long-term stability through a thoughtful mix of residential, commercial, and communal spaces.

Key features of Alum Rock include:

- Ground Floor: Commercial space for local businesses, a large community room, property management and service provider offices, and secure parking for residents.
- Levels 2–5: 59 affordable rental units plus one manager's unit, all designed for comfort, accessibility, and sustainability.
- Resident Amenities: A spacious second-floor outdoor courtyard, gathering areas, and additional features to foster neighborly interaction and well-being.

"Alum Rock is more than just housing—it's a hub for opportunity, support, and community," said Mark Mikl, Executive Director of Charities Housing. "By combining affordable homes with on-site services and community spaces, we are creating a place where individuals and families can thrive."

The new development addresses a critical shortage of affordable housing in Santa Clara County, where high housing costs place severe pressure on working families, seniors, and other vulnerable residents. Charities Housing worked closely with local government partners, community organizations, and funding agencies to bring this project to life.



When: Friday, September 12, 2025
11:30 am-1:30 pm

Where: 1860 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose, 95116

11:30 AM: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
11:45 AM: Opening remarks by Don Taylor, CEO of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County
11:50 AM: Mark Mikl, Executive Director, Charities Housing
11:55 AM: Marvel Ang, Director of Development, Charities Housing
12:00 PM: Zoe Lofgren, Congresswoman, California's 18th District
12:05 PM Betty Duong, County Supervisor
12:10 PM Peter Ortiz, Councilmember District 5, City of San Jose
12:15 PM: Flaherty Ward, Chief Real Estate Officer, Housing Authority
12:20 PM Banu San, City of San Jose Housing Department
12:25 PM: KJ Kaminski, Director of the Office of Supportive Housing
12:30 PM: Ragan Henniger, Destination: Home
12:35 PM Nick Friend, Housing Trust Silicon Valley
12:40 PM Maritza Maldonado, Amigos de Guadalupe
12:45 PM: Closing Remarks by Don Taylor, CEO of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County
12:50 PM: Networking and Light Lunch

About Charities Housing:

We are a mission-driven non-profit that focuses on affordable housing development and operations and has been serving the lowest levels of affordability for families, individuals and seniors in our community for the last 30 years. Charities Housing currently operates in excess of 1,500 apartment homes in Santa Clara County, and with the help of all our public and private partners, we have in excess of 1,000 additional apartment homes under various stages of development or predevelopment that will be delivered into the community over the next few years. For more information, visit charitieshousing.org or call 408-555-8300.

About the County of Santa Clara, California:

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