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### **Gaudenzia and Community Leaders Gather for Dedication of Tioga Family Center**

**Philadelphia, PA, January 11, 2018** – The sixth largest city in the United States, Philadelphia, has witnessed firsthand the debilitating influences of substance abuse, co-occurring disorders in a family, and a lack of affordable housing.

To break the cycle, the Tioga Family Center will fulfill a critical need in North Philadelphia. Located in the heart of the Tioga neighborhood at 1822 West Tioga Street, the independent and affordable living setting for low-income single women recovering from addiction offers affordable housing, proximity to meetings, adult education, and other vital resources. Residents, with their children, will be provided with critical support as they continue to move forward in their recovery.

Tioga Family Center welcomed remarks from Mayor Jim Kenney, PA Housing Finance Agency Executive Director and CEO, Brian Hudson, and several other distinguished guests at the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Guests were able to hear compelling stories of recovery from residents and tour their apartments to see what life is like for the families living at Tioga Family Center.

Sherick Project Management, Inc. provided construction management and development consulting services and Cecil Baker + Partners designed this ten million dollar project, spearheaded by Gaudenzia, Inc. Sustainable energy components, materials, and fixtures can be seen throughout this LEED certified, Energy Star 3.0 building that meets the Enterprise Green Communities standards.

When individuals leave treatment and move into a safe and supportive housing environment, like Tioga Family Center, their chances to perpetuate recovery and become productive members of society are greatly enhanced.

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