

NAVA Real Estate Development partners with Habitat for Humanity on the Galapago Townhomes

Located in the Overland Park neighborhood, the affordable housing project will include nine residences with easy access to the Evans Light Rail Station

Denver, CO (December 6, 2018) – NAVA Real Estate Development (NAVA), a Colorado-based development company focused on improving communities through quality design and healthy programming, is pleased to announce their partnership with Habitat for Humanity to help build the Galapago Townhomes – an affordable housing development consisting of nine townhomes - located near Evans and Santa Fe in the Overland Park neighborhood. Owners at the community will enjoy access to ample trails and parks, as well as walkability to the Evans Light Rail Station and close proximity to transit corridors like Santa Fe and Broadway.

“NAVA is honored to be the first Colorado developer to partner with Habitat to fulfill our affordable housing requirements for the City of Denver,” states Brian Levitt, President of NAVA. “Investing in the construction of homes for families at 30-80% AMI is the way we wanted to give back to the Denver community while connecting with an impactful organization that shares our social values. We can’t wait to join Habitat and future owners in March to help build the homes.”

Habitat began work on the site in October. Over 80 cubic tons of concrete were poured for the foundation walls of the nine-plex townhome project. This was the largest foundation Habitat had poured in their 39-year history. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2019. The team from NAVA, along with its Lakehouse construction and design partners of G.H. Phipps Construction Companies and Stantec will gather onsite to lend a hand in the construction of the townhomes in March 2019.

“Habitat for Humanity is so grateful for the generous support from NAVA, which helped us kick off the development of our Galapago Townhomes,” shares Mike Criner, Chief Operating Officer at Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver. “NAVA not only provided significant financial support to help us acquire and develop this property, but they’re also engaging their staff to help build the homes alongside the future homeowners.”

NAVA is sponsoring the construction of four of the nine townhomes to fulfill some of the affordable housing requirements of its Lakehouse community. Now under construction on the south shore of Sloan’s Lake, Lakehouse features 196 condominium and rowhome residences just minutes from downtown Denver and close to the Highlands and Edgewater neighborhoods. The Lakehouse project is the first in Colorado to pilot and pursue the WELL Building Standard, a globally-recognized certification program that promotes human health and wellness within the built environment. Lakehouse’s design incorporates best practices from WELL like enhanced

thermal, visual and acoustical comfort; MERV-13 air filtration; increased window sizes for natural light; edible landscaping; and the use of natural and durable materials. Visit www.lakehouse17.com for more information.

NAVA has also engaged the services of non-profit, Realwell, to the Galapagos site. With a mission to promote healthier buildings, Realwell utilizes its established network to unite healthcare professionals, wellness experts, designers and the public with the real estate community to implement best practices that enhance the well-being of building occupants. The team is working with Habitat for Humanity to incorporate a few health-focused features into the homes at Galapago, as well as future Habitat for Humanity projects.

In addition to recommending filtration systems for enhanced air and water quality, blackout shades to boost natural Circadian rhythms, and materials to build and maintain edible gardens, Realwell is also teaming up with Habitat to create an educational syllabus for the future owners.

Habitat homeowners are required to put in 200 hours of sweat equity, including home buyer education courses. While the educational portion will focus on tips for maintaining a home and responsible finances, Realwell is adding additional content and resources to educate and encourage future residents to live healthier lives.

About NAVA Real Estate Development

NAVA Real Estate Development (“NAVA”) is a real estate investment and development firm founded in 2013 by Denver residents Trevor Hines and Brian Levitt. NAVA strives to develop architecturally significant buildings in prime locations that blend quality, function and design. The name NAVA comes from a Hebrew word meaning “beautiful”, and NAVA is committed to creating developments that shape communities and are sensitive to their environments. The firm is agile and innovative, positioned to identify strategic opportunities and execute with precision. NAVA is proud to work with the best technology, resources, and teams to ensure the greatest economic, social, and environmental success, for our investments and our partners.

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About Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization that seeks to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live,

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver has served more than 900 families throughout its 39-year history in Denver. To learn more, visit www.habitatmetrodenver.org.

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