

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOUSING OFFICE

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To whom it may concern:

The Catholic Charities Housing Office (CCHO) has engaged Bishop Beaudry Construction (BBC) on a number of occasions as both contractor and Construction Manager (CM) and has been very satisfied with their work, knowledge of industry trends, expertise in controlling local variables and cost consciousness.

Currently, BBC is the CM on a \$3.9m rehabilitation of one of CCHO's affordable housing sites. The building is in excess of 100 yrs. old and subsequently brought some "challenges" to the table. Working with the architect, engineer, historic preservation, several NYS Agencies, the residents, the neighbors and the owner, BBC has managed to keep all parties engaged and satisfied as well as keeping the project on schedule and on budget.

One of the significant challenges for BBC on this project is that throughout construction, the building remained occupied by what can best be described as an "atypical" population in that they are all formerly homeless individuals and present with each of the foibles one might expect. BBC has kept the residents informed, engaged and most importantly, safe.

Again, let me reiterate that we are very happy with our past and current arrangements with BBC and believe that we will in all likelihood continue to use their services whenever possible.

Sincerely,

**Director of Operations** 

Catholic Charities Housing Office

