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## **AVESTA HOUSING CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF RIVER TURN** **New development provides 40 affordable homes for all ages in Conway, NH**

CONWAY, NH — Avesta Housing, the largest nonprofit affordable housing provider in Northern New England, held a grand opening celebration on Sept. 17 for River Turn Apartments, an affordable housing development for people of all ages and Avesta’s first in the Mount Washington Valley region.

The first of four planned buildings, River Turn features 40 one- and two-bedroom apartments in a three-story building that maximizes energy efficiency and resident comfort while reducing the carbon footprint.

“We are proud that these 40 households have chosen to call River Turn their home, and proud to collaborate with community partners who have demonstrated such commitment to affordable housing in the Mount Washington Valley,” said Avesta Housing President & CEO Rebecca Hatfield. “When our vision is complete, River Turn will provide more than 150 affordable homes to those in need of safe, accessible, affordable housing.”

Guest speakers at the grand opening were Juana Matias, New England regional administrator for the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development; Rob Dapice, executive director and CEO of New Hampshire Housing; and Ryan O’Connor, town planner for the Town of Conway. Prepared statements by U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen and U.S. Rep. Chris Pappas were read by Chuck Henderson, special assistant for Projects and Policy for Sen. Shaheen, and Victoria Laracy, special assistant to Policy and Outreach for Congressman Pappas.

Matias said that creating affordable housing doesn’t just provide homes, it provides the cornerstone of stability, security and opportunity. “When we provide homes like those at River Turn Apartments, we are not just giving people an affordable place to live,” she said. “We are giving them the foundation to build brighter futures.”

Located at 36 Council Road, Conway, River Turn was developed by Avesta Housing, designed by Lassel Architects of South Berwick, Maine, and built by Hutter Construction Corp. of New Ipswich, N.H. More than 30 local subcontractors and suppliers contributed to the development.

### **PHOTOS**

1. River Turn Apartments (Photo by Justin Cross Photography)
2. Avesta Housing President & CEO Rebecca Hatfield speaks at the grand opening celebration of River Turn Apartments in Conway, N.H., on Sept. 17. (Photo by Avesta Housing)
3. Avesta Housing President & CEO Rebecca Hatfield, left, and Juana Matias, New England regional administrator for the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, at the grand opening celebration of River Turn Apartments on Sept. 17 in Conway, N.H. (Photo by Avesta Housing)

### **About Avesta Housing**

*Avesta Housing is a nonprofit affordable housing provider with more than 50 years of experience as a leader in affordable housing development and property management in Maine and New Hampshire. The organization is headquartered in Portland, Maine, and operates 100 affordable properties, more than 3,100 apartments and two assisted living facilities, providing safe, affordable homes for more than 4,700 people every day. An additional 800 new homes are in the development pipeline. Avesta was named a Best Place to Work in Maine in 2024. Avesta's mission is to improve lives and strengthen communities by promoting and providing quality affordable homes for people in need. [www.AvestaHousing.org](http://www.AvestaHousing.org)*

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