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The Affordable Housing Clinic was presented an award from the New York State Commissioner of Housing for its work in stimulating the development of affordable housing in Western New York. UB Provost Thomas E. Headrick accepted the award at a ceremony last summer which is now on display in the dean’s office at the Law School in O’Brian Hall.

The award was presented on the occasion of the ribbon cutting for St. Patrick’s Village on Emelie Street and South Division on Buffalo’s East side. Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello, Council President James Pitts, Catholic Diocese of Buffalo Bishop Henry Mansell and other church and public officials attended the ceremony.

St. Patrick’s Village is located within walking distance of St. Ann’s Apartments, another project developed with the help of the Affordable Housing Clinic. St. Patrick’s is a new townhouse project targeted for teen mothers with children. A few units will also be available to elderly persons.

The clinic assisted Delta Development, a not-for-profit developer, and the Franciscan Friars of St. Rita’s parish in putting this project together. With the help of some operating subsidies from the Franciscans and Delta, the rents charged will be at or very close to public assistance level.

The clinic also celebrated the opening of the Thomas J. Wojnar Park View Apartments at Lewis Street on the corner of Lyman Street in the City of Buffalo. The 32 units of new construction are intended for elderly residents. The clinic assisted the Polish Community Center of Buffalo in developing this project. Rents for these apartments are slightly above public assistance level rents. The managing agent will be the Polish Community Center.
Left to right: Clinical Instructor George M. Hezel '73, Msgr. Henry Gugino, Director of Catholic Charities, Assoc. Clinical Instructor Thomas F. Disare, UB Provost Thomas E. Headrick, Bishop Henry Mansell and Joseph Lynch, Commissioner of New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal