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HONORING A LEGACY, BUILDING A FUTURE: TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH BREAKS GROUND ON SCARBOROUGH SENIOR HOUSING COMMUNITY

84-unit affordable senior housing community expands Trinity's economic ministry footprint

[COLUMBUS, OH, February 25, 2026] – Trinity Baptist Church has officially broken ground on the Scarborough Senior Housing Community, an 84-unit affordable housing development for adults age 62 and older that responds to Columbus's increasingly competitive housing market and the growing need for stable, dignified housing for seniors living on fixed incomes.

Founded in 1924 as Evergreen Baptist Church and renamed Trinity Baptist Church in 1925, the congregation has long served as a spiritual and civic anchor in Columbus's Near East Side. In 1927, Rev. Dr. N. L. Scarborough, Trinity's third pastor and the first Black mayor of Bronzeville, led the church through rapid growth during the Great Depression, advancing faith-based leadership, civil rights advocacy, and community stewardship that continues to define the church's mission today under the leadership of Dr. Victor M. Davis.

"The building of the Scarborough Senior Housing Community is an opportunity for Trinity Baptist Church to provide safe, affordable, and dignified housing for seniors while expanding our ministry footprint economically," said Dr. Davis. "The ministry of the church is not just spiritual. We must provide resources for the whole person – mind, body, soul, and human rights. We are honored to be good stewards of the property, which will remain owned by the church, and proud that this project will strengthen our community for generations to come."

Scarborough will offer income-restricted one- and two-bedroom apartments for seniors earning between 30% and 80% of Area Median Income. Financing includes a \$9 million HUD Section 202 capital grant, supplemented by additional public and private investment.

Developed through Trinity's community development corporation, Revival Development Corporation, the Scarborough reflects a consortium of Black-owned and mission-aligned partners, including:

- Nix Development (NixDev) – Black-owned development firm providing project coordination
- Mallory Economic Development Advisors – Black woman-owned firm providing strategic counsel to protect the church's long-term stewardship
- Moody Nolan Architects – Black-owned architecture firm
- National Church Residences – Invited by Trinity, the nation's largest provider of senior housing and resident services
- Revival Development Corporation – Trinity Baptist Church's CDC

From design through construction, the partnership was intentionally structured to ensure meaningful opportunities for minority-owned businesses and contractors, reinforcing Trinity's commitment to economic justice and community wealth building.

"Within the first minute of our initial meeting, Pastor Davis introduced himself and immediately launched into a powerful, heart-led vision for expanding Trinity's ministerial reach far beyond its walls and deep into the community, said Ray Nix, President, Nix Development Company, LLC. "His unwavering passion was unmistakable. The selfless decision to activate a portion of Trinity's campus for the public good speaks volumes about the church's courage, character, and commitment to its mission. I am deeply honored to stand as a proud partner in this historic, faith-based initiative."

Trinity Baptist Church will maintain ownership of the land and hold a percentage ownership interest in the project, positioning the church as a long-term community asset and economic catalyst.

"This project reflects what is possible when faith, vision, and economic strategy come together," Dr. Davis added. "We are not only building housing; we are building legacy."

Construction will officially begin March 4th, 2026, with completion anticipated in early 2027.

About Trinity Baptist Church

Trinity Baptist Church, located at 461 Saint Clair Avenue in Columbus, Ohio, has served as a pillar of faith, justice, and community development since 1924. Through worship, housing initiatives, food and clothing ministries, advocacy, and strategic partnerships, Trinity addresses the spiritual, social, and economic needs of its communities locally and around the globe. Under the leadership of Dr. Victor M. Davis, Pastor, the church continues its mission to compel the world to salvation and discipleship through Jesus Christ while advancing dignity, opportunity, and stability across the community. For more information, visit trinitycolumbuscares.org.