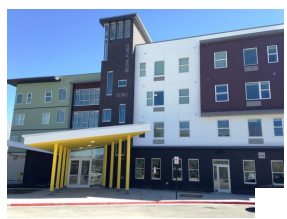


Redtail Ponds, housing for ex-homeless, nears capacity



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Redtail Ponds, a housing development for those leaving homelessness or who are low-income, will be completely leased by the end of next week.

The 60-unit project in south Fort Collins has 40 units for formerly homeless residents and 20 affordable housing units for low-income residents. Fort Collins Housing Authority Executive Director Julie Brewen said 58 units had been leased as of Thursday, with the remaining two apartments scheduled to be leased by next week.

Brewen said 40 of Redtail Ponds' residents were previously homeless. Of those, 15 are veterans. Eight are women and 32 are men.

Six of Redtail Ponds residents have found new employment since gaining housing. No residents have returned to homelessness since it opened in the spring.

Homeward 2020 Project Director Vanessa Fenley said Redtail Ponds and other housing efforts in Fort Collins have moved at least 43 people and about 10 families out of homelessness this year. In addition to the 40 formerly homeless who are housed at Redtail Ponds, at least three residents moved into single room occupancy units.

Fenley, who shared these successes with Fort Collins City Council this week, said six families from Homeless Gear's One Village One Family program, which pairs community groups with homeless families, are no longer homeless.

Up to three families leave Faith Family Hospitality, which temporarily houses homeless families at local church and religious buildings, for permanent housing each quarter.

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