The 2021 Secretary’s Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships

National Church Residences Foundation

Commons at South Cumminsville

Columbus, OH

**Challenge**

To address the lack of affordable, permanent supportive housing for people with disabilities or who have experienced homelessness.

**Innovation**

Partnering with multiple stakeholders to both fund construction and operate the Commons, the project includes onsite social workers who provide supportive services.

**Overview**

Based in Columbus, Ohio, the National Church Residences Foundation developed Commons at South Cumminsville with a combination of public and private financing to provide 80 units of permanent supportive housing. The Commons is part of an 11-year effort to fill a gap in housing options for people with disabilities or experiencing homelessness.

**Partners**