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## **Housing for Families Grappling with Mental Illness Set to Open**

Having a safe, comfortable home will soon be a reality for six families struggling with mental illness, as NewBridge Services completes its Lake Avenue Apartments in Clifton by August.

The apartment building is the second phase of NewBridge's Clifton Family Housing initiative to provide homes for families in which a parent of dependent children has a mental illness. NewBridge opened the first phase, a two-family house on Emma Place, in 2007.

*"The project gives families stability and peace of mind as a parent gets the support needed to manage mental illness,"* NewBridge Chief Development Officer Melody Federico said. *"We are pleased to be able to offer a sanctuary to more families in Passaic County."*

Lake Avenue Apartments in Clifton's historic Botany Village section has three two-bedroom apartments and three three-bedroom apartments. Tenants will pay no more than 35 percent of their income on rent and utilities.



The \$1.9 million project is a partnership between NewBridge and the Mental Health Association in Passaic County. NewBridge will own and manage the property while the mental health association provides services to residents, according to Federico.

NewBridge plans to celebrate the project's completion with a grand opening in August, Federico said.