

THE BONIFANT

Silver Spring, MD | Residential Architecture

Spurred by a lack of affordable housing, Montgomery Housing Partnership and the Donohoe Companies engaged the design team to deliver an innovative solution that provides much-needed affordable housing for seniors in a prime location. The result was The Bonifant, a new high-rise development with ground-level retail and 149 units of mixed-income housing for adults ages 62+. The 145,000 SF, 11-story apartment complex was designed to enliven the community's streetscape and is a class "A" brick building with a nod to the city's art deco history. By architecturally blending the complex with the town of Silver Spring, the building creates an environment that promotes a smooth transition into independent living.

On the interior, the design evokes a sense of oasis, a place of relaxation, and vitality. The public spaces are an extension of the tenants' living room and provide a comfortable gathering place that enhances the sense of community. Amenity spaces include a large community room, cyber café with computers, fitness center, an outdoor terrace and green space -- all designed to address the needs of seniors. Units feature ample windows and emphasize natural light by maximizing open spaces. Throughout the common areas, light and color are used as programmatic signifiers and visual clues that orient tenants within the building. Green building design elements were incorporated into the design and earned the project Enterprise Green Communities Certification (equivalent to LEED Silver).

The result proves that affordable housing can be functional, appealing, and engaging, while contributing to the surrounding urban fabric.



THE BONIFANT SITE PLAN



THE BONIFANT **AXONOMETRIC**



Rear axonometric



▲ View of the building exterior showing connection to the Silver Spring Library

► Exterior Rendering

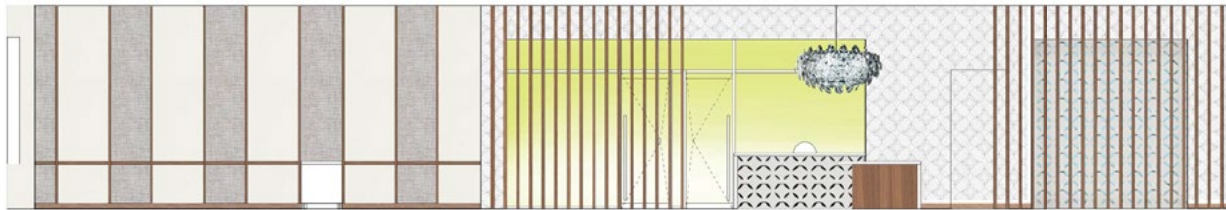


THE BONIFANT BUILDING EXTERIOR

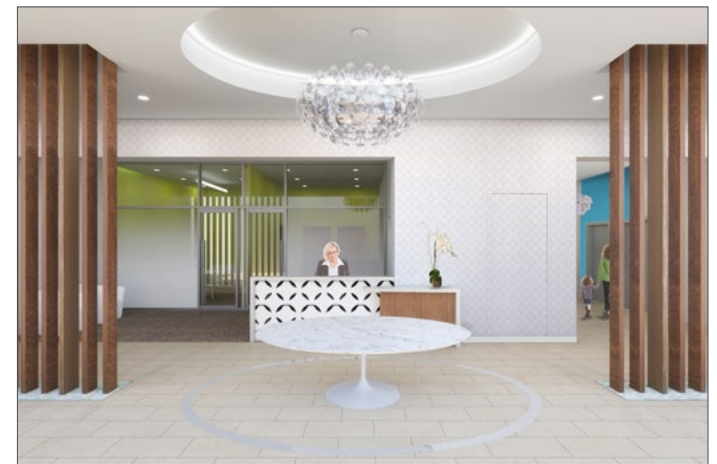
THE BONIFANT **MAIN BUILDING LOBBY**



▲ Main building lobby



▲ Lobby elevations



▲ Lobby rendering

THE BONIFANT LIVING ROOM



◀ *Cyber cafe*

▼ *Living room (photo) and rendering*



THE BONIFANT **FAMILY ROOM**



▲ *Rendering*



THE BONIFANT **ROOF TERRACE**



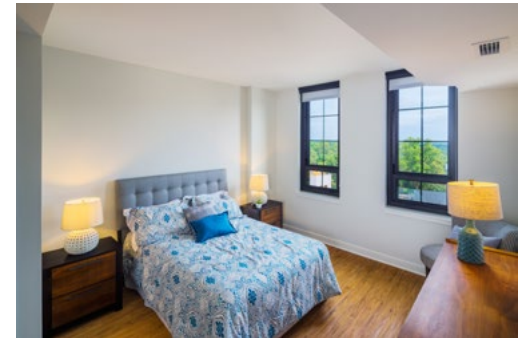


THE BONIFANT **FITNESS CENTER**

THE BONIFANT **TYPICAL FLOOR + UNIT**



▲ *Typical elevator lobby*



▲ *Typical corridor and unit*