

# Chandler Heights I in Seaford

Better Homes of Seaford



Chandler Heights I is a multi-family apartment complex which consisted of 91 low-income rental apartments. Chandler Heights I was established in 1969 by Better Homes of Seaford, Inc. (BHS) and was constructed with HUD funding with initial rent up in 1972. There were 12 apartment buildings with office space in one apartment building.

In 2004, after 32 years of service, it was time to upgrade and renovate in order to preserve housing for future generations. Low income housing tax credits, BHS accumulated equity, with mortgages with the Delaware State Housing and Delaware Community Investment Company were obtained for funding for the renovation. Three of the apartment units were eliminated to make room for a community building which consist of office and storage space, a community room, a kitchen, a conference room, a computer learning center, a library and a laundry room.

All of the apartment buildings received a complete renovation including new interior walls, new insulation, new electrical wiring, all new plumbing, new floors, new windows, new doors, new kitchens, new bathrooms, adding central air and carpeting. All ground floor apartments were made handicap accessible. Security was enhanced by adding security cameras and key pad operated doors to common area hallways. Covered porches with railings and ramps were added to all buildings. The apartments are fully rented and there is an ongoing wait list.

In 2007 Chandler Heights I received the Charles L. Edison Tax Credit Excellence Award, a national competition 2nd place award for rural development. The award was presented by Senator Tom Carper in Washington, D.C.

