

VILLAGE AT
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Carolina Panther Charles Johnson to Host Ribbon Cutting at Village at River's Edge Affordable Housing Development on Dec. 6

With Chamire Holdings, LLC, Johnson's contribution helped make project a reality.

Columbia, S.C., Nov. 30, 2016 – Carolina Panthers defensive end, Charles Johnson and Chamire Holdings, LLC are celebrating the completion of the 124-unit Village at River's Edge affordable housing development in Columbia, S.C. The development's completion comes in time for families to move in before the holidays. Johnson will host an official ribbon cutting ceremony on December 6 at 3 p.m. at the Village at River's Edge, located at 229 McRae St. in Columbia, S.C.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will include a brief reception at Edward E Taylor Elementary School, which is located next to the development. Chamire Holdings, LLC will present a donation to the community elementary school during the reception.

The Village at River's Edge, which broke ground in July 2015, offers a smart and affordable housing opportunity for families in need. The local Food Lion will provide each family that has already moved into the development with a reusable grocery bag filled with perishable and nonperishable groceries. For families who move in on a later date, Food Lion will provide gift cards so residents can purchase fresh items to celebrate their new home. Additionally, Target will provide each of the approximately 250 children who live in the development with a \$10 gift card to use at the store.

The Charles Johnson Foundation will provide t-shirts to all new residents and each household will receive a copy of the book "Tackle Reading." Johnson and fellow NFL player Fernando Velasco both wrote stories featured in the book, which focuses on the importance of reading.

"I'm really excited to announce the completion of this project for the community here," Johnson said. "As a product of a single-parent household, I know this sort of affordable housing can be hard to come by. This project is a step in the right direction. My foundation and I are thankful to Food Lion and Target for their gifts to the families. This is a great community."

The Village at River's Edge development consists of 124 affordable two- and three-bedroom units. The development has a community clubhouse with programming space, an outdoor gazebo, and a children's play area. The community playground has been a welcome addition to the 60 existing units in the area and those already living in them while the development was under construction.

A future phase of the project will include an additional 27 affordable townhouse units and a 48-unit affordable apartment building for elderly residents. Timing for this phase has not been finalized.

The Village at River's Edge affordable housing development is in line with Johnson's foundation's main missions. In 2012, Johnson created the Charles Johnson Foundation, which is dedicated to providing opportunities for under-served youth to reach their full potential through athletic, recreational, and educational programs and initiatives; and to provide support for single African American mothers through proven programs and initiatives.

Johnson and Chamire Holdings, LLC, are leading contributors for the development of the housing units. The project has also received financial support from the following parties, who have helped bring the development to fruition:

- Columbia Housing Authority
- Bank of America
- South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority
- America First Multifamily Investors
- Midland Housing Trust Fund
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- US Bank

For media requests or questions about the Charles Johnson Foundation and the Village at River's Edge development, contact Meredith Geisler at mgeisler@tandemse.com or (703) 740-5015.

ABOUT CHAMIRE HOLDINGS, LLC

Chamire Holdings, LLC is a South Carolina-based holding company that develops and owns affordable and market-rate residential rental properties. Led by managing partner Reginal Barner, planned Chamire projects for 2017 include the rehabilitation and conversion of a textile mill into commercial and residential space; and 72 affordable rental townhomes in Rock Hill, S.C. Currently, Chamire is working on the development of a college dormitory near the University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie. Questions about Chamire Holdings can be directed to (803) 643-4224.

For Village at River's Edge leasing information, please contact the on-site property manager's office at (803) 931-3608.

ABOUT CHARLES JOHNSON & THE CHARLES JOHNSON FOUNDATION

Charles Johnson is a defensive end for the Carolina Panthers, a native of Hawkinsville, GA, and a proud alumnus of Hawkinsville High School. After attending the University of Georgia where he starred at defensive end, Charles was drafted by the Carolina Panthers of the NFL in 2007.

Through nine professional seasons, Charles has received All-Pro recognition on the strength of 63.5 career sacks, placing him among the premier pass-rushers in the league. Charles ranks second on the Panthers' all-time sacks list. He is a four-time captain for the Panthers, including the 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016 seasons.

In 2012, Charles' passion for philanthropy and loyalty to Middle Georgia led him to launch the Charles Johnson Foundation. A non-profit organization, the Charles Johnson Foundation is dedicated to fulfilling a two-fold mission:

- Providing opportunities for under-served youth to reach their full potential through athletic, recreational, and educational programs and initiatives; and
- Providing support for single African American mothers through proven programs and initiatives.

The Charles Johnson Foundation Sports Academy and Community Weekend is the flagship annual event in Hawkinsville, GA for the Charles Johnson Foundation, combining his efforts to advance education with free sports clinics in football, basketball, tennis, dance and cheer.

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