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Joliet YMCA to Get New Life, Become Senior Center

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Chicago-based Senior Lifestyle Corp. and the **United Neighborhood Organization** were recently joined by Joliet Mayor Arthur Schultz and city officials to break ground for Senior Suites of Joliet, a redevelopment of the vacant Joliet YMCA building, which was recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

This preservation and redevelopment will provide 90 apartments for seniors while conserving and revitalizing one of Joliet's buildings, which was originally constructed in 1927. The \$18.7 million project represents the second largest private development ever in Joliet, and is the first Senior Suites location outside Chicago.

The project, located at the corner of Ottawa and Webster Streets, is hoped to enhance the residential market in downtown Joliet while preserving the architecturally significant features of the building designed by famed Chicago architecture firm D.H. Burnham & Co.

Each apartment is equipped with a full kitchen, wall-to-wall carpeting, a spacious bathroom, window treatments and individually-controlled heating and air conditioning. Specially-designed features take into account the changing needs of residents, such as easy-access cabinetry and appliances, conveniently located electrical outlets and light switches, and an Up-and-About system for residents to check-in with staff each morning.

Chicago-based Walsh Construction Co. is the general contractor, and Chicago-based Cubellis MGDf is the architect.

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