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THE MARIST ON CATHEDRAL SQUARE

Foundation for Senior Living



The Marist on Cathedral Square, developed by the Foundation for Senior Living, is an 83-apartment project and is well positioned near a number of amenities and services appropriate for seniors, located in the Tucson Downtown Core District. The project serves seniors age 62 years and older at 40%, 50% and 60% of the Area Median Income.



The Marist is composed of two distinct buildings located 200 feet apart from one another. The first site is a newly renovated historic college that is over 100 years old and was converted into affordable senior housing containing 8 apartment units. The second site is a seven-story mid-rise building containing 75 apartments of affordable senior housing. Both sites have community rooms and amenities for seniors.



An impressive aspect of the project is the renovation to the historic Marist College. The college was added to the 2012 list of Most Endangered Historic Places by the Arizona Preservation Foundation and is the only existing three-story historic structure in Arizona built with mud adobe. In an effort to save The Marist, it was crucial that residents, private interests and government officials act quickly to restore elements lending to the area's cultural heritage before it was too late. The Marist on Cathedral Square has a direct positive impact on low-income seniors in the Tucson area and the historic preservation of a building that was in real danger of collapse.