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About the Jazzie Collins Apartments

Alongside our co-developer Strada Investment Group, HomeRise is proud to open Jazzie Collins Apartments, a 96-unit, all-electric, 6-story property serving adults formerly experiencing homelessness and providing free 24/7 on-site supportive resident services. HomeRise will own, maintain, and provide resident and clinical service programs for the 96 individuals who reside at the Jazzie Collins Apartments. These programs – spanning everything from case management, one-on-one counseling, community workshops, health assessments, treatment planning, crisis intervention, and more – are aimed at supporting residents and promoting self-sufficiency.

Jazzie Collins Apartments, a permanent supportive housing development, is one of six new buildings that are part of the larger Brady Block development. The building's entrance and facade front on a new public park, Joseph P. Mazzola Gardens, which is also part of the Brady Block development. Due to the site's proximity to the BART tunnel, which runs under the northwest corner of the property, an excavated basement was required in order to offset weight being placed on the tunnel. With a very limited 8,000SF site and height limitations, communal areas are located in the below grade floor to preserve space on floor one for supportive services, offices, and residences. Light is brought to these below-grade community spaces via a south-facing courtyard, which became the central organizing element for the project. On an axis with the residential entry, this courtyard serves as the end point of a dramatic three-story view corridor.

Project Features

96 Units	53 Colton Street will provide 96 studio units to formerly homeless adults in San Francisco's Mid-Market neighborhood
Unit Features	Resident units will be fully accessible and include a kitchenette, closet storage, and full bathroom . Communal areas of the building include a laundry room, bike parking room, and community room
Fully Electric	Fully electric utilities put the building at the forefront of sustainability issues
Outdoor Space	Submerged outdoor courtyard for serene outdoor space in the bustling heart of the City
Case Management Services	Onsite case managers and counselors to care for the building's residents to help them develop a personal plan and life skills that help them to reach self-sufficiency
Common Areas	Community kitchen which opens onto the community room and courtyard space create a large area for residents to gather



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Exterior Renderings



Exterior Private
Courtyard



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Lobby-Basement
Transition



Unit Interiors

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HomeRise Dedicates 53 Colton Street as the Jazzie Collins Apartments

HomeRise is honored to announce the dedication of 53 Colton Street as the Jazzie Collins Apartments. Construction of Jazzie Collins Apartments, HomeRise's newest property, began on November 30th, 2020, and the building will open its doors to residents in July 2022, two months ahead of schedule. Jazzie Collins Apartments, HomeRise's first entirely electric building, will provide 96 new homes to formerly homeless single adults in the city's Mid-Market neighborhood. HomeRise will provide free 24/7 on-site resident services.

Jazzie Collins was a fierce trans activist who drove positive social change in San Francisco. Jazzie organized for Senior and Disability Action, served as Vice Chair of the LGBT Aging Policy Task Force, and sat on the San Francisco Trans March Board of Directors. Jazzie's family and friends are proud to see HomeRise memorialize our elder at a building providing housing and services to so many of the folks that Jazzie advocated for. HomeRise is privileged to help preserve Jazzie's legacy with the dedication of 53 Colton Street in their honor.

"HomeRise's mission is to create a permanent home for people who have experienced homelessness and help them become self-sufficient. The 96 new units of permanent supportive housing at the Jazzie Collins Apartments provide residents an opportunity to stabilize their lives with dignity, a key in their hand, and a home to have for as long as they wish," said Rick Aubry, CEO of HomeRise. "Dedicating this building to the late Jazzie Collins, with the blessing of Jazzie's family, is a fitting tribute to someone who worked tirelessly to advance the welfare of so many in our city. It's an honor and privilege for HomeRise to help ensure Jazzie's legacy and spirit lives on at 53 Colton Street."

As the leading permanent supportive housing developer in San Francisco, HomeRise is proud to help achieve the Mayor's permanent supportive housing goals. Along with the 96 units Jazzie Collins Apartments will add to the City's permanent supportive housing stock, HomeRise will also open an additional 140-unit building in San Francisco's Mission Bay later in 2022.

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Jazzie Collins Biography



Jazzie Collins (September 24, 1958 – July 11, 2013) was an African American trans woman activist and community organizer for transgender rights, disability rights, and economic equality in San Francisco. Her activism spanned a decade and a wide variety of community organizations, boards, and initiatives focusing on fighting for the rights of minority communities.


Jazzie's fierce activism drove positive social change in San Francisco. She organized for Senior and Disability Action, served as Vice Chair of the LGBT Aging Policy Task Force, and sat on the San Francisco Trans March Board of Directors.

Collins was born to a teenage mother in Memphis, Tennessee on September 24, 1958. She was born into a strict Baptist family and experienced abuse in foster care. She graduated from Job Corps and later worked as a construction worker and as a hospital orderly.

She moved to San Francisco in 1988 and transitioned a few years later, in her late 40s. Collins was open about being HIV-positive. Collins was active in San Francisco activism in multiple overlapping areas, including tenants' rights, labor rights, transgender rights, and aging and health issues. She began her activist work in earnest in 2002, challenging development plans at the Plaza Hotel on Sixth Street.

Collins served as the vice chair of San Francisco's LGBT Aging Policy Taskforce and as the vice chair of the Lesbian Gay Transgender Senior Disabled Housing Task Force. She was a community organizer for Senior and Disability Action, an organization dedicated to defending the rights of seniors and disabled people. She ran the "6th Street Agenda" food pantry and was one of the founders of Queers for Economic Equality Now (QUEEN).

In 2003, she was a member of the Prop L Committee, successfully directing efforts to raise the minimum wage in San Francisco. Collins also helped organize tenant action for the Tenderloin Housing Clinic. Collins served on the Board of Directors of the San Francisco



Trans March for five years, an annual gathering and protest march. In June 2013, Collins was honored on the floor of the California state capitol by the Legislative Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Caucus for her advocacy work for justice and equality.

Collins died in San Francisco on July 11, 2013. She was remembered by one of the organizations she was dedicated to, Senior and Disability Action, as “fearless, inspiring, loving,” and as a “beloved fighter.”

The first homeless shelter in the United States for the adult LGBT community was opened in 2015 and named Jazzie’s Place in honor of Collins. The shelter, located in San Francisco’s Mission District, is operated by Dolores Street Community Services and is intended to serve as a safe haven for the homeless LGBT population, who are at a greater risk of violence and abuse.

Jazzie was a tireless advocate for those who are marginalized specifically for transgender rights, disability rights, and economic equality. Her own challenges provided strength to her efforts to stand up for those who didn’t have a voice. The power of her work lives on in the change she helped bring about, a new home for, culture and in hearts and minds.



Funder Background: The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, one of the largest private charitable foundations in the United States, is dedicated to meeting the basic needs of people experiencing poverty. In 2022, the Foundation expects to provide approximately \$150 million in total grant activity supporting nonprofits that provide direct services in the areas of Housing, Health, Jobs, Education, and Community Services. Grants support organizations that serve a range of populations, including older adults, women at risk and their children, people with disabilities, and veterans, as well as the Jewish community.

The Foundation administers the majority of its funding in its priority communities: Baltimore, Chicago, Hawaii, Israel, New York City, Northeastern Pennsylvania, and San Francisco. This includes supporting nonprofits serving federally designated rural areas within, or adjacent to, these priority communities. All of these locations represent personal ties to the life and legacy of Harry Weinberg, as well as communities where Weinberg Foundation trustees reside and provide leadership. Since 1990, the Foundation has distributed grants totaling more than \$2.7 billion.

The Foundation's grantmaking covers the entire Bay Area, including Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma counties. All grants must align with the Foundation's focus areas: Housing, Health, Jobs, Education, and Community Services. The Foundation is particularly interested in partnering with Bay Area nonprofits that provide direct services in the area of youth and family homelessness and operate scaled out-of-school time and/or college and career-preparedness programs.

Project Partners



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WHO WE ARE

We believe that a home has the power to stabilize a person's life.

Homelessness affects everyone in San Francisco. It can feel overwhelming and it's hard to know how to make a difference. Together, we are helping thousands of people experiencing homelessness find a permanent home and build a better life. People can improve their health, heal from trauma, cook for their family, find a job, begin paying rent, feel a sense of dignity, and contribute to the community. That's how a home helps you rise.

Together, we're building a new future for our neighborhoods and the city we love.

PHILOSOPHY

We believe that—given adequate and tailored support—all people possess the capacity to achieve a high degree of self-sufficiency. In order to support our residents to reach their fullest potential, HomeRise embraces and undertakes the following practices:

HOUSING

Supportive housing helps people experiencing homelessness do more than get off the streets — it helps people rise up and build a better future.

ENGAGEMENT

The experience of homelessness can be isolating and erode one's sense of hope and trust. Our staff is trained to engage with residents to build trusting relationships and to create hope.

ENGAGEMENT

Our staff provide non-judgmental support to residents to reduce the harm in their lives, assisting them to make informed choices and stabilize their lives.

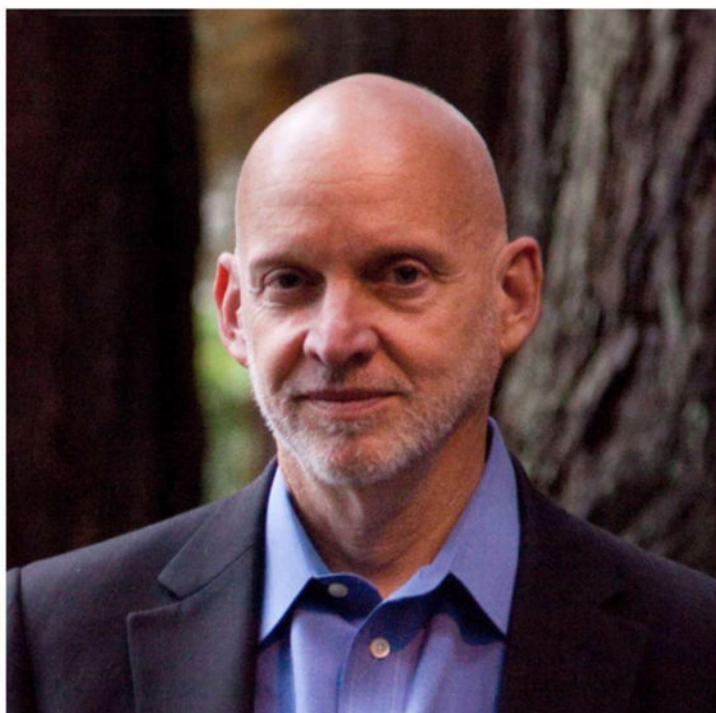
EMPLOYMENT

We know that people that have experienced homelessness want to stabilize their lives and go back to work. With the right opportunities and supports, offered by the HomeRise staff, our residents gain employment and become more economically secure.

ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Our history and work are rooted in community organizing. We are committed to work with our allies to create new solutions and policies that advance our mission and promote social justice, and we work hard to cultivate leadership across the organization—among residents, staff, board, and the broader community.

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