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YWCA project yields housing award

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INDIANAPOLIS -- A South Bend housing-development specialist was honored here Tuesday for leadership in affordable housing.

Anne E. Mannix received the Governor's Leadership Award in Affordable Housing at the annual meeting of the Indiana Housing Finance Authority.

The agency cited Mannix's success in securing almost \$50 million in government money to develop thousands of units of affordable housing.

Two specific projects cited by the state are the converted Central School in Nappanee and the new YWCA of St. Joseph County.

Mannix secured about \$2.5 million in federal tax credits and other financing for the YWCA, which opened at a new location in December. The financing supported the development of transitional housing for women and disabled people.

"I enjoy using my skills to help low-income people get a good place to live and a chance to have a decent life," she said Monday.

Mannix started her career with Neighborhood Housing Services, now closed, and South Bend Heritage Foundation. There, she worked on financing for Heritage Homes Southeast, West Washington Place and the converted Robertson's department store.

"I learned a lot of what I know there," she said.

Now she owns Neighborhood Development Associates LLC, a private consulting firm that writes grants for nonprofit organizations and brings together investors and developers of affordable housing.

"I'm kind of an intermediary between all of the money that's out there and a (nonprofit) group that probably doesn't have time to learn about it," she said.

Mannix was nominated for the award by the YWCA of St. Joseph County and by an individual employee of an investment fund, according to the Housing Finance Authority.

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