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Groundbreaking Ceremony for VanKeuren Square Inspired by Canandaigua Resident

A groundbreaking ceremony for VanKeuren Square an \$11.4 million, 50 unit housing facility for homeless Veterans participating in the Syracuse VA Medical Center's Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program is scheduled for:

Date: Thursday, November 8, 2012

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Place: 1223 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, New York

VanKeuren Square is named in honor of Robert VanKeuren of Canandaigua, NY, for his more than thirty years of work to improve the quality of life for homeless Veterans. VanKeuren, a Navy Veteran who served in over 200 combat missions during the Vietnam War, retired last year from the Canandaigua VA Medical Center where he had served as the Coordinator for VA Health Care Upstate New York Homeless Veterans Program.

VanKeuren stated, "I am both proud and humbled to have a facility named after me that will provide housing to homeless Veterans. So many others have done so much to provide help to homeless Veterans. To be honored in this manner is recognition not only of my efforts but the efforts of those I have had the pleasure to have worked with in both the private and public sector over the past 30 years."

VanKeuren Square is a special needs project funded under Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's 2011 Regional Economic Development Council Initiative and is made possible through a partnership with the Syracuse VA Medical Center, New York State Homes and Community Renewal, New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance, Homes, King Kallquist and Associates.