Seventy Five North and its partners, Hardy Coffee Co., Creighton University at Highlander, Metropolitan Community College – North Express, and The Venue all opened for business in February.

We completed construction on 101 mixed-income rental homes made-up of 17 row-houses, 10 townhomes and 74 apartment homes. We reached 100% occupancy and have a waitlist of 300 families.

The neighborhood swimming pool and playground opened for play in June. Both were a big hit with families!

Construction began on the 50,000 SF center designed to serve children six-weeks to pre-kindergarten.

Omaha Metro installed two solar powered bus shelters and Heartland B-Cycle installed a bike share station to encourage multi-modal transportation.

Our first annual community celebration highlighted Highlander’s new housing developments and Accelerator building. The day-long event provided an opportunity for community members to visit Highlander Accelerator, take guided tours of the neighborhood, grab food from Big Mama’s and Pico, and enjoy a nighttime concert with fireworks.

Children and adults participated in free, onsite swim lessons.

Youth educational programs focused on arts offered in partnership with Omaha Performing Arts, Omaha Conservatory of Music, and Omaha Community Playhouse.

Outdoor movie night showing Marvel’s Black Panther - more to come in 2019.

Entrepreneurs supported at Highlander Marketplace – a neighborhood market.

Outdoor group fitness classes on Highlander Community Lawn.

Sessons of garden club hosted in partnership with The Big Garden.

On August 7, neighborhoods across the country came together to build relationships between community and law enforcement. Highlander hosted a community block party that included food, activities with police officers and firefighters, live music and face painting.

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● Dining Room will be a small-scale food hall that will open in 2019. Big Mama’s Kitchen will be the anchor tenant alongside two additional restaurant concepts.

● Nobility Point will be a 60-unit senior living building for independent living.

● Home Ownership will include a mix of single-family homes and townhouse style offerings.

● Partnerships with local developers to increase residential offerings and neighborhood amenities.

● The Connect will be a community technology lab and meeting space in partnership with Cox Business. It will house educational and technology focused classes located on the first floor of Highlander Accelerator.

EDUCATION

● 15 high school students spent their summer vacation attending Highlander Code Camp, a 7-week web development program, in partnership with AIM Institute.

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HOWARD KENNEDY ELEMENTARY

The 2018-19 school year marked Howard Kennedy’s third year of reconstitution. Below are examples of academic progress in the 2016-17 school year:

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WHAT’S NEXT IN 2019

● Our staff moved into a new office in Highlander Accelerator

● Highlander official ribbon cutting at Stakeholder Appreciation Reception

● 53 tours given of the Highlander neighborhood

● 4 new hires – one administrative assistant, two interns, and one graduate fellow

ORGANIZATION