



Quick facts

- \$6 million, three storey, mixed use building
- named McEwen Manor after former board chair of Ehrlo Community Services, R.M. (Bob) McEwen
- project is an innovative model of collaboration to help people with serious mental health conditions and/or cognitive disabilities who require support to live independently

Accommodation

- 40 fully accessible, single occupancy units residential units on the second and third floor
- on the main floor there is a laundromat and support services provided by Phoenix Residential Society
- each unit is a studio style apartment with built in beds and kitchenettes and a full bath
- roof top patios for residents to use

Tenant services

- 24 hour staffing on site
- high to moderate level of support for long-term supportive housing
- services include: daily living skills, lifestyle classes, food services, medication management and financial trustee service
- addiction recovery services and other programs for concurrent disorder clients available on site

The project

The idea to create McEwen Manor began in 2006, when Ranch Ehrlo Society employees Malcolm Neill and Helen Finucane ran into a former Ranch youth who discussed the difficulties of finding affordable housing in Regina while living with severe mental health issues.

Wanting to address this issue in the community, a broad partnership was formed with the Phoenix Residential Society, the Canadian Mental Health Association, Regina Branch, the Schizophrenia Society of Saskatchewan, Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, the City of Regina, the Province of Saskatchewan, and the Government of Canada.

In 2007 work began on designing the project with local architect firm SEPW, lead by Phil Evans. The major design challenge was that the site chosen was not wide enough to fit forty residential units in a simple linear arrangement. Various studies were undertaken which led to the building's distinctive zig-zag floor plan.

The project broke ground in October 2010. In November 2011, Phoenix Society and Ranch Ehrlo Family Treatment Program took up residence in the office spaces located on the first floor. The first tenant moved in December, 2011.

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