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Capturing revival of former hospital building

What a treat it was to see on the front page of your Oct. 27 Business section Rick Wood's photographs of portions of the former Sinai Samaritan west campus coming back to life as an apartment complex. Rick captured well the stately old façade, a newly refurbished lobby, and modern units with great views of the city.

Watching this project unfold from my vantage point next door as executive director of City on a Hill, I know that some of the things his photos couldn't capture were equally impressive — the risks the **Gorman & Co.** team took last year to make the project happen, the wisdom Aurora Health Care demonstrated four years earlier in donating the buildings rather than demolishing them as some would have preferred, and the revitalization occurring in the neighborhood as this entire property, spanning several city blocks, is put to new uses.

It is a testimony to people's faith in what was initially only a hazy vision, that a once empty hospital complex now houses not only 99 apartments, but also a charter school, a two-year Christian college, an employment agency, an office skills learning lab, a home improvement program, and a wide array of non-profits providing everything from creative arts and parenting classes, to energy assistance, family counseling, free medical services, recreational activities and a resource center.

With just one building yet to be developed on the campus, what began as a foggy vision is becoming a clear reality. A beacon of light is now dispelling the darkness that had settled over this vacated property, and shining into the neighborhood that surrounds it — that's an impressive picture!

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