



Preservation Buffalo Niagara 2023 Preservation Awards

March 14, 2023

Dear Belmont Housing Resources for WNY,

Congratulations! Preservation Buffalo Niagara is proud to announce you, in conjunction with True Community Development Corporation, as a winner of a 2023 Preservation Award for your stewardship and work on True Bethel Commons, 1128 South Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York.

We will be honoring you during our Preservation Awards event on Thursday, May 18th, at Dnipro Ukrainian Cultural Center on Genesee Street in Buffalo from 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

More information about the event and tickets will be provided in the upcoming week.

Please let us know by Monday, March 27th if you would be honored to accept this award from us, or if you wish to decline it.

Below is the write-up we will be using in promotional material for the event. Let us know if you would like any edits/corrections made:

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Thank you for your amazing preservation work!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Fabian-Barrett".

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