FIRST PLACE-PHOENIX

“We don’t want to tell people what is possible—we want to show them. People with disabilities have a far greater potential than most people ever thought.” — Denise Resnik, founder and board member, First Place AZ

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As children with autism transition into adulthood, they often struggle to find their way in a world where the resources that may have helped them growing up may no longer apply, and their challenges in daily life suddenly have little to no support. Enter First Place-Phoenix, a new $15 million residential property for adults with autism which broke ground last December. Located in Midtown at Third Street and Catalina Drive, the complex will have 55 apartments with varying layouts designed to promote safety and security, and offer a variety of programs that enhance residents’ skills and abilities to live, learn, work and relax.

Slated to open in early summer 2018, First Place-Phoenix will also offer a two-year transition academy in conjunction with Gateway Community College for residents whose ultimate goal is to live more independently, as well as a leadership institute for medical professionals and researchers when it is complete.