First Place AZ breaks ground on new apartments for special needs adults

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PHOENIX (KPHO/KTVK) - First Place AZ broke ground Tuesday on a brand-new $15 million residential property for adults with autism and other special needs. The home will be a residential training program to help those with disabilities live on their own in an independent but community-based environment.

The 81,000-square-foot property will have 56 apartments and become home to more than 70 people. It's going to be located near Third Street and Thomas Road.

Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton was in attendance Tuesday along with some First Place participants and their families.

First Place AZ is a nonprofit organization that advances and helps create residential options for adults with autism and other special needs.
Adults with autism hold up signs that describe what home means to them.
(Source: Stephanie G. Dreisezun/Viewpoint Photographers)

Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton captures the moment on his cell phone as Denise D. Resnik, her son Matt Resnik, and Rob Resnik, Matt’s dad, break ground on First Place Phoenix. (Source: Stephen G. Dreisezun/Viewpoint Photographers)

Groundbreaking in Phoenix for a new First Place AZ housing option for adults with autism and other special abilities

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Breaking ground on First Place, @SARRC_tweet & founder Denise Resnik’s vision for inclusive, independent living for adults with autism.
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