Salvation Army project recognized for historic preservation

The Salvation Army’s 3010 Apartments project in St. Louis is getting recognition from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

It is among 13 projects nationwide honored this week at the 2015 PastForward National Preservation Conference in Washington.

The three-story building at 3010 Washington Boulevard in midtown St. Louis first served homeless boys and later as a Salvation Army center for drug addicts.

After a renovation, the building now has 58 affordable apartments for people with special needs. The $12.2 million project opened in March.

“The 3010 Apartments project exemplifies how historic preservation can uplift deteriorating, underutilized buildings and revitalize communities,” Stephanie Meeks, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, said in a statement. “Spurred by historic tax credits, the Midtown Project will bring new housing, retail, restaurants and office space for creative businesses without sacrificing the neighborhood’s historic character.”

Preserved are the building’s broad staircase, stained glass windows, plaster moldings and woodwork.

Scheduled to be honored Friday in Washington are the project’s partners: The Salvation Army, The Salvation Army Services Inc., St. Louis Equity Fund, Central Bank of St. Louis, Midwest BankCentre, Commerce Bank, Gateway CDFI, Old Orchard Consulting, E.M. Harris Construction Co., Trivers Associates, McCormack Baron Management and the Missouri Housing Development Commission.

Opened in 1926 as Father Dunne’s News Boys’ Home and Protectorate, the Salvation Army bought the building in 1970. It was used as the Harbor Light’s substance abuse treatment facility before closing in 2013.