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Bachelor first-time buyer finds style, value, stunning views in Detroit's Garden Court condos

Source: [The Detroit News](#)

Ryan South searched the suburbs for a first place to call his own but found what he wanted in Detroit's Garden Court.

Excerpt:

Ryan South, 25, looked at about 150 houses for sale on Metro Detroit's eastside before he realized what he really coveted.

"I grew up in Grosse Pointe, and Jefferson Avenue was always my main drag," says South, director of mortgage banking for Quicken Loans and a 2005 graduate of Central Michigan University, where he studied business administration. "So when I decided to buy my first place, it finally occurred to me that a condominium on Jefferson made perfect sense."

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Freep looks at how art and energy brought back apartment building in SW Detroit

Source: [The Detroit Free Press](#)

Southwest Detroit's Whitdel apartment building got new life through art and artists, thanks to Southwest Solutions and CAID.

Excerpt:

After buying the Whitdel, Southwest Solutions asked the Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit to help restore the building. The exchange led to a partnership. CAID now uses the 1,500-square-foot Ladybug Gallery in the basement for exhibitions, including video art, sculpture, paintings and drawings. A ceramic studio will provide art education and workshops to neighborhood children and other residents.

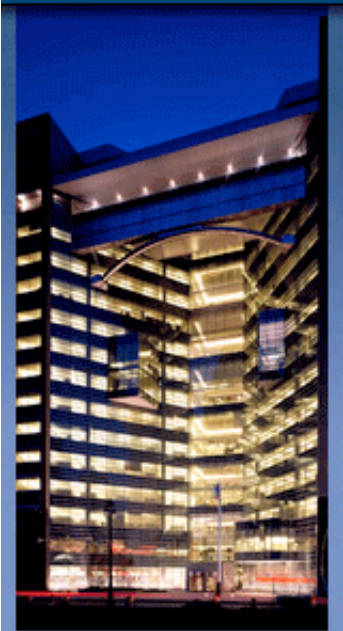
CAID also makes tenant referrals. Whitdel is open to anyone with an income of no more than 60% of the area median, or \$29,300 for a single person. But Southwest Solutions seeks painters, musicians, writers, sculptors and other artists. They now occupy 10 of the units and make the place special.

When I first walked into the lobby last month, tenant Gerald Butler, a 53-year-old flutist, was playing "Amazing Grace." He played it from the heart. For the first time in his adult life, he has a real home.

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