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Leo Corcoran, apartment developer, 85

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Leo Corcoran, 85, co-founder with his late brother John, of the John Corcoran & Co., died at his home on April 12th. The company developed and built thousands of apartments in the northeast including Weymouth Commons, Quincy Commons and Faxon Commons.

He used his business expertise to also found the nonprofit Caritas Communities which developed 25 houses to provide affordable single room residences for more than 600 people in greater Boston.

Corcoran and his wife contributed a gift to Boston College to name the lower campus dining hall and plaza John M. Corcoran Commons in memory of his brother a year after he died in 2003.

A former firefighter, he also established scholarships including the Vendome Firefighter Scholarship at Suffolk University. The funds are given to children or descendants of Boston Firefighters.

Leo and John also contributed to B.C. High School where the library was named in honor of their parents John and Mary Corcoran.

He is survived by five sons, three sisters, another brother and 12 grandchildren.

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