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Jacob Lowenthal Residue Trust and Rimmel Foundation Support Quality, Affordable Housing in Baltimore City with Grants to Main Street Housing

Main Street Housing, Inc. (MSH), a non-profit housing organization in Maryland dedicated to developing quality, affordable, independent housing for individuals and families with psychiatric disabilities, was recently awarded generous grant funding from the Jacob Lowenthal Residue Trust and the Rimmel Foundation toward improvement projects at their Baltimore City properties.

Main Street Housing owns and operates eight quality, affordable rental housing units in Baltimore City. All units are rented exclusively to individuals and families living with psychiatric disabilities and extremely low income. MSH's award-winning "Main Street Model" includes ongoing support for tenants toward achieving successful independent community living through supportive accountability practices such as coaching and regular inspections. The generous grant funding totaling \$8,400 awarded by these charitable trusts will help support planned renovation and improvement projects across these properties through Summer 2016. The Jacob Lowenthal Residue Trust and the Rimmel Foundation funds are administered through the PNC Charitable Trust Grant Review Committee.

"We are so grateful for this support, which has a real and immediate impact on quality of life for the individuals and families who are able to experience stable, high quality, affordable housing in desirable communities through Main Street Housing," said MSH Executive Director Kenneth Wireman. "These grant funds make it possible for us to quickly complete important renovation work at our newly acquired apartment building and to make improvements across our four single family homes, all in Baltimore City."

Housing is a basic human need, and living in quality housing in 'neighborhoods of opportunity' makes an enormous difference in overall health and well-being. Unfortunately, there is a substantial shortfall of quality, affordable housing in Maryland, and persons with psychiatric disabilities face significant barriers to accessing independent housing in desirable communities. Since 2001, MSH has been continuously creating and sustaining supportive affordable housing options for people with psychiatric disabilities in diverse communities across Maryland. Their nationally recognized "Main Street Model" is a progressive alternative to segregated, congregate residential treatment settings. MSH provides rental housing opportunities for individuals and families in 11 counties and Baltimore City.

[Learn more about the Main Street Model and current activities at www.mainstreethousing.org.](http://www.mainstreethousing.org)

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