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Jacob Lowenthal Residue Charitable Trust Awards Grant for Main Street Housing's Baltimore City Initiative

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 a generous grant towards their Baltimore City Housing Initiative from the Jacob Lowenthal Residue.

The Jacob Lowenthal Residue, administered by the PNC Charitable Trust, provides support for charitable organizations in Baltimore, Md. Main Street Housing's Baltimore City Housing Initiative is a \$1.2M, multi-year project to develop and manage quality, affordable, independent rental housing opportunities to serve individuals and families living with psychiatric disabilities and extremely low income in Baltimore City. Partners in the initiative include The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, The Herbert Bearman Foundation, United Way of Central Maryland, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

The generous gift from the Jacob Lowenthal Residue will support renovation projects at one of Main Street Housing's properties in Baltimore City. MSH Executive Director Kenneth Wireman stated, "We are thrilled! This support makes it possible for us to move even more quickly in making this property a great quality, affordable home for a family or individuals in need 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, including stigma and discrimination, limited income and symptomatic challenges.

MSH has been continuously creating and sustaining supportive affordable housing options for people with psychiatric disabilities in communities across Maryland for more than a decade. Their nationally recognized and award-winning "Main Street Model" emphasizes the principle of "supportive accountability" and provides a progressive alternative to segregated, congregate residential treatment settings. MSH currently 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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