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Ausherman Family Foundation Supports Development of Quality, Affordable Housing in Frederick through Grant to Main Street Housing

Main Street Housing, a non-profit housing organization in Maryland dedicated to the development of quality, affordable, independent housing for individuals and families living with psychiatric disabilities and extremely low income, was recently awarded generous grant funding from the Ausherman Family Foundation toward their active property development initiative underway in Frederick, MD.

MSH is developing two properties in the City of Frederick as quality, affordable, independent rental housing opportunities that will serve Frederick County 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 \$4,000 grant from the Ausherman Family Foundation will help support planned rehab and improvement projects at both properties.

"We are beyond thrilled and very grateful for the Ausherman Family Foundation's support toward our initiative," said MSH Executive Director Ken Wireman. "This grant makes it possible for us to complete upgrades at both of our new properties that will have great impact to their long-term quality and sustainable affordability."

Housing is a basic human need, and living in quality housing in neighborhoods of opportunity brings significant positive impact in overall health and well-being. Unfortunately, there is a substantial shortfall of quality, affordable housing in Maryland, and persons living with psychiatric disabilities face significant barriers to accessing independent housing in desirable communities. MSH has been continuously creating and sustaining supportive affordable housing options for people living with psychiatric disabilities in diverse 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, and has offered housing in Frederick, MD since 2007.

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

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