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Delaplaine 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 with psychiatric disabilities and extremely low income, was recently awarded generous grant funding from Delaplaine Foundation, Inc. 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 Fredrick 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 \$2,500 grant from Delaplaine Foundation will help support planned rehab and improvement projects at both properties.

"We are excited and thankful for Delaplaine Foundation's support as we develop quality, affordable housing opportunities for Frederick individuals and families living with psychiatric disabilities," said MSH Executive Director Ken Wireman. "This grant will help us complete important renovation work at our two properties under development to ensure 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 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 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 operated their apartment building in Frederick, MD since 2007.

Learn more about the Main Street Model and current activities at www.mainstreethousing.org.

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