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Community Housing Network Raises $125,954 at annual event
Funds will help people with disabilities find affordable housing

Troy, MI – Metro Detroit nonprofit Community Housing Network (CHN) raised $125,954 at its 12th annual fundraiser, Raise the Roof for Affordable Housing, held October 11 at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester. Money raised from the event will help people with disabilities and those who are homeless find long-term, successful housing.

A record number of people, 365, attended the event. During the program, the second annual Emmett Jones Memorial Award was presented to CHN program participant William Quinby, who has made significant strides in reaching his goals after being homeless. Mr. Quinby now has an apartment through CHN’s Leasing Assistance Program, a supportive housing program. Emmett Jones, who passed away in 2010, was a well-liked employee at CHN whose passion was to help people who were chronically homeless.

Another highlight of the evening was the Adopt A Family auction, where attendees placed bids to donate to CHN’s seasonal program that provides individuals and families with gifts and basic necessities during the holidays. Attorneys Title Agency provided an incentive match of $2,500. The final amount raised was $22,800, a record amount for the program.

“We are extremely grateful for the support,” said Community Housing Network president Marc Craig. “Because of our generous donors, we were able to raise significant funding for our programs to help people with disabilities find long-term housing. The economy may seem to be on a slow upturn, but there are still so many facing a housing crisis. It is also stunning that the Adopt A Family program raised $22,800, up from last year’s $18,100. Unlike the live or silent auction, people who donate to Adopt A Family don’t walk out of here with a tangible gift, but donate to help provide those newly housed with basic necessities – and sometimes a wish or two.”

The event saw a record number of sponsors this year as well, including Leadership Sponsor, West Construction Services, and President’s Circle Sponsor, O’Brien Construction. Benefactor Sponsors were: Attorneys Title Agency, Community Living Services, Flagstar Bank, Huntington Bank, Maplewood Development, MSHDA, Perfect Floors, Inc., PNC Bank, Whoo U R Upscale Retail for a Cause and Mark and Ann Wiedelman.

Community Housing Network is a nonprofit organization committed to providing homes for people in need through proven strategies of homelessness prevention, housing assistance and development, community education and referral, advocacy and additional services. The organization carries out its work in metro Detroit. For more information, visit http://www.communityhousingnetwork.org.

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