Troy, MI – Community Housing Network, Inc. (CHN) has been awarded a two-year $50,000 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan to address the needs of Oakland County families who are facing eviction. This demonstration program will focus on families between 30 and 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI), a population that is currently not able to access rental assistance.

When families are on the brink of becoming homeless – falling behind on their rent or facing an eviction notice – they often lack a support network to provide a temporary financial safety net until they are stable again. Resources to provide homelessness prevention assistance in Oakland County are currently restricted to families below 30% AMI, meaning many marginally employed families who fall just above the cutoff are unable to receive assistance and frequently become homeless as a result.

The CHN Homelessness Prevention Program will expand upon CHN’s current prevention services, which are limited to families below 30% AMI, by targeting the currently unserved population of families between 30-50% AMI (a family of four earning $19,400 to $32,300 annually). The program, based on best practices for homelessness prevention as outlined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), will provide rental assistance to qualifying families for up to three months to prevent eviction and subsequent homelessness.

Community Housing Network is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing homes for people in need and access to resources to create sustainable communities. We do this through proven strategies of homelessness prevention, housing assistance and development, community education and referral, advocacy, and additional services. We carry out our work in Southeast Michigan. For more information, please visit www.communityhousingnetwork.org

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