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Community Housing Network Raises $68,000 at Annual Event
Funds will help people with disabilities find affordable housing

Troy, MI – Metro Detroit nonprofit Community Housing Network (CHN) raised nearly $68,000 at its 11th annual fundraiser, “Raise the Roof for Affordable Housing,” held October 6 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, 330, attended the event. Guests enjoyed networking with cocktails, silent and live auctions, and a sit-down dinner. During the evening program the first Emmett Jones Memorial Award was presented to CHN program participant Howard Powell, who has made significant strides in reaching his goals after being homeless for several years. Mr. Powell 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. Maplewood Development provided an incentive of $2,500 to help donors reach a goal of $10,000. The final amount raised was $18,100, a record amount for the program.

“We were very pleased with the outcome of the event,” said Community Housing Network president Marc Craig. “Through the generosity of our supporters, we were able to raise significant funding for our programs to help people with disabilities find long-term housing. A lack of affordable housing, especially for people with disabilities, remains an enormous challenge in our communities. I’d like to thank everyone who attended for their efforts in raising financial support and awareness for this important issue. We were also amazed at the generosity of our guests for their contributions to our Adopt A Family program.”

The event saw a record number of sponsors this year as well, including Leadership Sponsor Attorneys Title Agency and President’s Circle Sponsors Flagstar Bank and O’Brien Construction. Additional sponsors included Fifth Third Bank, Maplewood Development, MSHDA, Palmer Pointe Development Team, Perfect Floors, Inc., St. James Capital and others.

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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