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Lucas Resident Services Corporation Awarded a Huntington Digital Inclusion Grant

Toledo, Ohio, November 24, 2020 — Lucas Resident Services Corporation was awarded a Huntington Digital Inclusion Grant, in the amount of $30,000, to establish the "Parqwood Cyber Café." The cyber cafe will be an onsite 10-station computer lab that will provide residents at Parqwood Apartments with access to new computers, internet service and digital training. Open lab hours will be available and basic computer trainings will be offered.

Training sessions will cover topics such as: Microsoft® Word, navigating the internet, and social media — helping residents keep in touch with family and friends. In addition, Huntington will facilitate its cyber security and financial literacy trainings. This exciting initiative will help bridge the digital divide for the senior/disabled population and promotes computer literacy, socialization and access to online resources and opportunities. The new computer lab will allow residents the opportunity to access trainings, create resumes and conduct job searches, access benefits via online portals—such as banking, government programs, retrieve medical lab results, and access local newspapers and library books. When residents learn how to conduct these activities, it will help them increase engagement, expedite services, and stay connected to others.

LMH President and CEO, Joaquin Cintron Vega stated, "To achieve a better community, it is paramount to provide additional supportive services to our residents. These are necessary to better educate, engage and empower them, both individually and collectively. Lucas Metropolitan Housing is working to build unconditional trust from the people we proudly serve, by listening and acting upon their needs. My commitment is to keep working to lead LMH to become an agent of change for our community."

Ramona Hyson, President and CEO of Nelson & Associates, Inc., the property management company for Parqwood Apartments stated, "We are so pleased, excited and thankful for the opportunity presented by OCCH (Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing) and Huntington that will provide much needed training and education to enhance the lives of the residents of Parqwood Apartments! The residents will truly enjoy the Parqwood Cyber Café!"

Huntington continues the tradition of providing meaningful support to charitable programs and initiatives that seek to improve self-sufficiency and quality of life in the communities served by Huntington.

About Lucas Metropolitan Housing
Established in 1933, Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) continues to provide affordable housing to adults, seniors and children in its Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, Mixed-Income and Market Rate housing units. LMH also provides a myriad of programs and opportunities designed to improve the total quality of life for our residents, with the ultimate goal of achieving self-sufficiency. The programs and services are the results of successful collaborations with numerous community partners.

Our current housing portfolio consists of 2,633 Public Housing units; 4,657 Housing Choice Vouchers; 322 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit units; 198 Market Rate units and 107 Homeownership Properties. There are approximately 17,500 people who reside in LMH properties. Lucas Metropolitan Housing partners with ALL people and organizations willing to exchange ideas and efforts to enhance Toledo, Lucas County, and the world.

About Huntington
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