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FHCCI Announces Disability-Focused Grants Through Fair Housing Settlement

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Since 2012, the FHCCI has conducted several investigations challenging housing discrimination against persons with disabilities. In June 2021, the FHCCI reached a <u>settlement</u> in an action alleging discrimination against people with disabilities in the design and construction of 14 multifamily apartment complexes located across Central and Northern Indiana. This settlement included funds that the FHCCI is now disbursing in celebration of the FHCCI's 10th Anniversary.

"Throughout Indiana, too many housing units are inaccessible to persons with disabilities impacting the daily lives of far too many Hoosiers," said Amy Nelson, Executive Director of the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana. "The FHCCI is pleased to provide these grants to two Indiana nonprofit organizations to assist Hoosier families in making needed accessibility and safety modifications to their homes or rental units."

The FHCCI awards the below funds through this resolution to the following Indiana nonprofits:

- Habitat for Humanity of Northeast Indiana (HHNEI): The HHNEI will use \$35,000 in funds to
 provide temporary and permanent ramps to those in need in DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, and
 Steuben Counties.
- Martindale Brightwood Community Development Corporation (MBCDC): The MBCDC will
 use \$35,000 in funds to pay for contractor materials and labor necessary for accessibility and
 safety retrofitting and home modifications for area residents who have a household income at or
 below 80% of the area median income.

The FHCCI's Inclusive Communities Program offers programs to assist persons, neighborhoods, and communities who have been impacted by unlawful discrimination, disinvestment, or unequal housing opportunity. We also participate in community events and support other organizations through volunteer participation by staff and board members.

To learn more about the FHCCI's Inclusive Communities Program or to learn more about other FHCCI investigations, visit the <u>FHCCI's Inclusive Communities Program</u> or its <u>FHCCI's Advocacy Page</u>.

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The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) is a private, nonprofit fair housing organization based in Indianapolis, Indiana. Its mission is to ensure equal housing opportunities by eliminating housing discrimination through advocacy, enforcement, education, and outreach. For more information, visit: www.fhcci.org

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