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### **THE FOUNDATION FOR LUTHERAN CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AWARDED \$9.2M FOR NEW PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM**

**[INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, October 28, 2020]**—The Foundation for Lutheran Child and Family Services is excited to announce that Pando Aspen Grove of Community Heights (Pando) was awarded \$9.2M in funding from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) for construction of a new Permanent Supportive Housing program on the eastside of Indianapolis.

The project is a collaborative initiative among the Foundation for Lutheran Child and Family Services, Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS), Community Health Network, TWG Development, and Innovative Veterans Affairs Real Estate LLC. TWG Development will coordinate the construction process.

Pando will provide affordable housing to youth who have experienced homelessness as well as offering voluntary, “client-choice” supportive services to help tenants complete their education, pursue employment/career opportunities, engage in healthy life choices, and increase social capital and community connections.

The Community Heights neighborhood is located between 10th Street on the south and 21st Street on the north, and between Emerson Ave on the western edge, extending east to Arlington Ave. LCFS plans to build this new facility across the street from the Lutheran Child and Family Services campus located at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Ritter Avenue on Indianapolis’ eastside.

This funding includes \$8.4M in Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and a grant of \$800,000 from the Housing Trust Fund. LCFS previously received Quality Endorsement in Supportive Housing from the Corporation for Supportive Housing, illustrating that Pando has met Corporation for Supportive Housing’s predevelopment quality standards on a national level. Additionally, Pando advances Indiana Supportive Housing Institute’s goal of ending long-term and recurring cycles of homelessness by creating lasting resolution rather than temporary solutions to address homelessness. The Pando program will serve thirty young adults ages 18-24, with a focus on those who have aged out of the foster care system.

“Pando is meeting a need that currently is unfilled in Indianapolis,” said LCFS Executive Director Sven Schumacher. “Through this innovative program, LCFS will help youth experiencing homelessness find not only safe shelter, but also access services and opportunities to help them achieve their individual goals.”

The funding received from Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and the Housing Trust are projected to fully cover the cost of construction. LCFS is currently seeking community support to create a fund to sustain supportive services for the next 15 or more years.

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***About Lutheran Child and Family Services:***

*Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS) has provided important child welfare services in Central Indiana for more than 137 years. For more than a decade, LCFS has cared for at-risk youth ages 14-21 who are involved in the child welfare/foster care system through LCFS' Trinity House an independent living group home, focusing on the development of skills required to successfully navigate the transition from youth to adult. For more information please visit: [www.lutheranfamily.org](http://www.lutheranfamily.org)*

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