



Family Services, Inc.

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Family Services Awarded \$1.4 Million HUD Grant to Rehabilitate Homes for Mentally Ill Residents

Residents living with chronic mental illness will now have a place to call home, thanks to a \$1.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD awarded Family Services, Inc. (FSI) this grant to rehabilitate three homes located in Germantown and Gaithersburg, which will provide independent housing to ten residents with chronic mental illness. This grant will also subsidize the rental amount for any resident, to allow them to live in a market rent place for a fraction of the cost.

Each resident will have an individual bedroom and will share common spaces, such as the kitchen, bathroom, living room, dining room, basement and/or recreation room, and laundry. One of the homes will be renovated for handicapped accessibility. The homes are in residential neighborhoods convenient to community facilities and activities, shopping, transportation, and places of worship.

Gardeners General Contracting, Inc. will begin the renovations in late Fall 2009. The addition of these three homes will bring the number of residential properties owned by Family Services, Inc. to twenty-five.