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CATHOLIC HOUSING SERVICES OF EASTERN WASHINGTON MERGES WITH SPOKANE HOUSING VENTURES

(Spokane, Wash. Feb. 22, 2022) – Effective December 2021, Catholic Housing Services of Eastern Washington (CHSEW), the housing arm of Catholic Charities Eastern Washington (CCEW), merged with Spokane Housing Ventures (SHV). This move increases the number of affordable housing units that Catholic Charities operates from 1,300 to more than 2,500 and provides wraparound supportive services onsite to individuals and families in need.

“This merger will benefit residents, grow development opportunities, create operating efficiencies, and most importantly, lead to a greater fulfillment of our shared mission than could be accomplished separately,” said Rob McCann, CEO of Catholic Charities Eastern Washington. “For decades to come, thousands of individuals in our community will now have access to affordable, safe homes in a community that reflects their inherent value.”

While the two organizations have operated independently for decades, they share a common mission of supporting human dignity through high-quality, affordable housing. In October 2020, CCEW and SHV began evaluating a possible merger.

“At the heart of our work is the protection of the best interests of current and future residents in our region,” said Leroy Eadie, Spokane Housing Ventures’ Executive Director. “This merger allows us to focus our energy and resources into the opportunities that will grow our community in strategic and mission-driven ways supporting those in our community that need it most.”

The number of people experiencing homelessness across the country is staggering, and the epidemic is most certainly felt here at home. In response, efforts to grow permanent housing interventions are increasing exponentially, both outside and inside Spokane County.

“The pandemic brought with it exponential challenges for so many in Eastern Washington, especially when it comes to affordable housing options,” said Jonathan Mallahan, Vice President for Housing for Catholic Charities Eastern Washington. “This merger allows us to double the number of affordable housing options, a true blessing we know will be felt by so many in our region.”

Residents will have access to Catholic Charities' wraparound services, including case management, substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling, employment assistance, family services, early learning, medical transportation, senior support, food deliveries, and much more.

"This partnership will create a much brighter future for those most vulnerable in our community," said McCann. "Together, through this merger, we will be able to deliver on our promised mission more effectively, in new ways, and more sustainably than we would apart."

To learn more about Catholic Housing Communities, visit <https://www.cceasternwa.org/homeless-housing>.

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About Spokane Housing Ventures

Spokane Housing Ventures (SHV) is a private, non-profit community housing development organization founded in 1992 to preserve existing and develop new innovative housing options and help residents access support services to achieve self-sufficiency. SHV offers a broad continuum of living options that range from supportive housing for the homeless, to four-bedroom apartments for large families, to senior and workforce housing.

About Catholic Charities Eastern Washington

Catholic Charities Eastern Washington affirms the dignity of every person, partnering with parishes and the greater community to serve and advocate for those who are vulnerable, bringing stability and hope to people throughout Eastern Washington.