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**New Funding Announcement by Governor Ralph Northam will Aid Community Residences in Providing Additional Affordable and Special Needs Housing**

*Funding awarded to provide affordable, supportive housing to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.*

**Chantilly, Va. – February 26, 2018** – On February 22, 2018, Governor Ralph Northam announced more than \$6.5 million in Affordable and Special Needs Housing Loans in support of ten projects in Virginia. Through a competitive process, [Community Residences, Inc.](http://www.communityresidences.org) (CR) applied for and was recommended as an awardee of a low interest rate housing loan, in support of a new project providing affordable, supportive housing for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The loan is made possible through a partnership between federal, state, and local partners, and comes from three main sources: the federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the federal National Housing Trust Fund, and the Virginia Housing Trust Fund. The program is administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

With this funding, Community Havens, an affiliate of Community Residences, Inc., will construct a home in the City of Falls Church, VA. The home, referred to as “Miller House,” will be designed to meet the needs of several low-income individuals with developmental disabilities.

“Community Residences is excited to expand upon our relationship with the Commonwealth and the City of Falls Church, as we continue to provide individualized, integrated, and community-based services and supports to individuals with disabilities. As a non-profit, CR is dedicated to securing resources to assist us in keeping our operational costs low, while providing best in class programs and services to those in need. This low-interest rate loan will significantly impact our efforts to provide additional quality programs and services to more individuals with disabilities in the Northern Virginia region,” said Arthur M. Ginsberg, CR President and CEO.

Since its inception over 40 years ago, CR has embraced the philosophies of community integration and personalized supports that promote independence, choice, and well-being. The Miller House will serve as another example of CR’s community-based philosophy for individuals with disabilities.

**Community Residences, Inc. (CR)** offers individuals with disabilities supportive housing and the physical, mental and emotional supports needed to facilitate independent and dignified living within the community. CR accomplishes this mission by providing a full spectrum of supports, both in CR’s homes and apartments and through community programming. Last year alone, CR supported over 1,000 youth-at-risk, women and men with mental health needs and/or intellectual disabilities, and those who are or might become homeless. Incorporated in Arlington as a 501(c)(3) organization in 1975, today CR provides supports in communities throughout Northern Virginia, Greater Richmond, and in Anne Arundel County, Montgomery County, and Baltimore, Maryland. To learn more, please visit [www.communityresidences.org](http://www.communityresidences.org).

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