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## **NHA IS AWARDED \$1.5 MILLION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING**

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NEWARK, NJ – The Newark Housing Authority received yet another vote of confidence of their pioneering partnership with the University of Medicine and Dentistry (UMDNJ). This came in the form of a \$1.5 million grant from the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA) for social services support for the special needs residents of Millennium Way, a development opened last April in Newark's South Ward.

The partnership between the NHA and UMDNJ delivers essential supportive services, like behavioral counseling and guidance, directly in-house to low-income special needs residents. These residents occupy 15 of the 56 units at Millennium Way specifically set aside for this purpose; the services are provided by UMDNJ staffers.

Keith Kinard, Executive Director of NHA, Anthony Marchetta, Executive Director of HMFA, and Dr. William Owen, President of UMDNJ, were present at Wednesday's ceremony awarding the \$1.5 million HMFA grant to the NHA. The grant was used for the construction of the supportive units in Millennium Way. Also during the ceremony, Mr. Kinard and Dr. Owen signed a Memorandum of Agreement reaffirming their partnership. "This partnership is unparalleled in its integration of supportive services and housing because we seek a common goal: to provide an opportunity for our most vulnerable neighbors to have safe, stable housing where they can easily access the services they need," said Mr. Kinard.

The NHA intends to build on the success of the Millennium Way development by replicating the design throughout Newark.

The Newark Housing Authority is the largest public housing authority in New Jersey and the eleventh largest in the country, charged with providing low-income residents in Newark with decent, safe and affordable housing. NHA manages approximately 10,000 housing units throughout Newark, including townhouses, family developments and housing for the elderly and disabled. Its mission is to invest in families by building and maintaining affordable housing to encourage economic independence and healthy communities.

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