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THC Awarded Affordable Housing Development Dollars by Mayor Gray

Washington, DC – Mayor Gray announced that 18 housing developers will receive \$187 million from the District Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to produce affordable housing in Washington, DC. Transitional Housing Corporation (THC) and THC Affordable Housing (THCAH) will be part of this historic push for affordable housing with projects funded at two of their properties; renovations at Partner Arms 1 and the rehabilitation of Delta Commons at Benning Road (DC @ B). Together these buildings will provide affordable homes for 50 families some who are formerly or at-risk of becoming homeless.

After 20 years – Partner Arms 1, THC's first building, will be renovated and begin another 20 year lease arrangement with DHCD. This permanent supportive housing facility provides a home to 13 families in the Brightwood neighborhood of Ward 4. An on-site supportive services program is tailored to meet the needs of formerly homeless families with mental health issues, a history of substance abuse, disability or HIV/AIDS. Through PA1 these families are able to find housing stability and the opportunity to transform their lives.

Delta Commons at Benning Road (DC@B) was purchased in 2013 by THCAH. This complex of three buildings is located in the Marshall Heights neighborhood of Ward 7 and will provide housing to 36 families; 24 units will be affordable to working families earning at or below 60% of the area median income and 12 will be set-aside as permanent supportive housing for families. THC will provide an array of supportive services for all residents. The expected re-open date will be in 2014.

THC (Transitional Housing Corporation) is a 23-year old, faith-based nonprofit that provides housing and comprehensive supportive services to over 500 homeless and at-risk families. THC's continuum of housing includes transitional, permanent supportive, affordable and rapid rehousing. To ensure housing stability and economic viability, THC offers a continuum of care composed of mental health counseling, employment services, life skills, youth enrichment, and housing counseling.