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PRESS RELEASE

Marian Homes Inc. Acquires Our 5th Group Home for the Intellectually Disabled named “Our Lady of Light” House

Fairfax, Virginia- The Marian Homes Board of Directors is pleased to announce that today we have acquired our fifth group home for those with intellectual disabilities. “Our Lady of Light House” is located at 4233 Holborn Ave., Annandale, Virginia 22003. This house will become home to five adult men with intellectual disabilities. With the Northern Virginia Training Center closed there is an even bigger need for housing for the intellectually disabled.

Marian Homes Inc., is a non-profit corporation established by the St. Mary of Sorrows, Knights of Columbus, Council 8600, to purchase and maintain group homes for persons with intellectual disabilities. Our first group home named “Marian House”, was dedicated in August 1998, and represents the first step in the quest to help others. “Marian House” is *home* to five women, living together in a family-like environment, who are now productive members of their community. Our second home named “Regina House” is home to five men, living in a family environment. In June 2015, five men moved into our third home named “Queen of Peace.” Our fourth home is named “Mother of Mercy” and is home to five men.

Father James Barkett, Pastor of St. Mary of Sorrows Church stated that “We believe each person is created in the image and likeness of God, is worthy of respect, has dignity and value, and is deserving of a home in a safe, loving environment.” Once Knights, volunteering their time complete the initial demolition, a contractor will then complete all the other work required. All of our homes are operated in partnership with CHIMES, an international non-profit organization. Marian Homes Inc. is entirely volunteer-based and there are no paid employees. This Saturday, tour our newest home on January 21st at 0900 as Knights begin work at the home.

“Growing Our Partnership for the Intellectually Disabled One Home at a Time”