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Lancaster-Fairfield CAA celebrates the opening of Pearl House

FAIRFIELD COUNTY - It was standing room only at 218 W. Chestnut St. in Lancaster for the Pearl House ribbon cutting on December 5, 2014. Pearl House, a project by Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency (LFCAA) in partnership with The Recovery Center and Fairfield Homes, is the first supportive housing project in Fairfield County. The building is located just south of downtown Lancaster and provides 21 two-bedroom units which will serve homeless families in recovery from drug and/or alcohol addictions. The Recovery Center, which is located just next door, will enhance the resident's support system and aid in their recovery.

Pearl House is the result of successful partnerships created to bring the \$5.6 Million project to Lancaster. Fairfield Homes, The Recovery Center, Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA), Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing (OCCH), Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati (FHLB), Park National Bank, Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority, local elected officials and members of the community rallied together making Pearl House possible.

Senator Sherrod Brown's and Rep. Steve Stivers' offices joined Senator Troy Balderson, City of Lancaster Mayor David Smith, Commissioner Mike Kiger, FHLB, Department of HUD Columbus, CSH, OHFA, OCCH, community members and Pearl House residents to celebrate the opening of the project. Residents began moving in last month and the project has been fully leased.

"Pearl House will provide stable housing for many struggling young families in our community," said Kellie Ailes, executive director of LFCAA. "We are pleased to be a part of it."

To learn more about LFCAA, please visit their websites at www.faircaa.org and www.fairfieldrecycles.org.

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