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NORTHWEST SIDE CDC CLOSES LOAN TO CARE MANAGEMENT PLUS

The Northwest Side CDC is proud to announce the closing of a loan to bring a brand new supportive housing development to the Northwest Side of Milwaukee. Care Management Plus, operated by owner Jamie Gray, has been providing supported living and long-term care management services since 1999. With funding from NWSCDC and MEDC, they will be expanding to a brand new 28 bed building at 8534 W Mill Road. Residents of this development will live independently but have access to supportive services to help them navigate life challenges presented by things such as advanced age, cognitive variance, trauma, etc. This development will also bring dozens of new, high-paying, care economy jobs to the neighborhood.

Ms. Gray is a lifelong resident of the Northwest Side of Milwaukee, growing up just minutes away from the site that she has now purchased. In fact, her mother's first nursing job was at the assisted living facility that previously occupied the building. One evening in 2019, Ms. Gray was driving home from dinner and saw a "for sale" sign on the property. At this time, she and her business partner, Anthony Kazez of KG Development Group LLC, were considering expanding their business' footprint with a new building and the personal ties to this particular site made it clear that this was the right location. She describes it as the building choosing her, not the other way around.

"You can move a thousand miles away, and the thing that inspires you is often found in your proverbial backyard", said Ms. Gray.

NWSCDC's \$700,000 portion of the total loan is funded by a grant from the Office of Community Services (OCS), awarded to the organization in 2020. OCS has been a great partner to the organization's mission of bringing quality jobs to the community by funding businesses that provide a benefit to residents.

"We have been working with Jamie and Anthony for years now, and to see this project finally come to fruition feels amazing," said Willie Smith, Executive Director of NWSCDC. "The services that Care Management Plus will soon be offering are a major asset to the community, and to support someone that has lived in the neighborhood for her entire life makes the impact feel that much greater."

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