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HomeAid Northern Virginia Helps local Nonprofit Empower People from the Streets to Stability with a \$127,108 Construction Project

Arlington, VA. – April 12, 2022 –HomeAid Northern Virginia recently completed a construction project at Sibert House, a garden style apartment building owned by [PathForward](#) giving the permanent-supportive housing property a major upgrade.

[HomeAid Northern Virginia](#), Builder Captains [Van Metre Homes](#) and [Toll Brothers](#), and 22 trade partners completed a long-anticipated buildout project at Sibert House. This property gives Arlington County a housing solution for its most vulnerable – those experiencing homelessness. The house, provides housing for chronically homeless individuals and veterans with significant needs and barriers to housing. The 5,184 square foot buildout included a common room where residents can gather; an office for the onsite life skills coach, where staff can offer supportive programs and services to help residents stay in housing, laundry facilities and a kitchenette. The project will complement an outdoor pergola, exterior paint, and landscaping previously done by HomeAid’s partner, [Touchstone Custom Homes](#) which has been a source of great comfort and respite to the residents at Sibert House.

With rising rates of food insecurity and the lingering impact of COVID, a stable home environment has never been so important. This project directly supports individuals who face significant barriers to government support and housing, including lack of rental history, poor credit history or lack of established credit, legal issues, criminal backgrounds, poor health or chronic medical conditions, mental illness, substance use disorder, and little to no income. The new programming space will allow consistent access to life skills classes, acquiring equitable healthcare, and applying for benefits like Medicare and Medicaid, SNAP and WIC, among others.

HomeAid’s partnership with Van Metre and Tolls Brothers saved PathForward \$127,108 in labor, time and expertise all of which were generously donated. This type of donation from HomeAid’s builders and trade partners, allows nonprofits like PathForward to funnel their limited resources into programs that support clients working to get back on their feet.

About PathForward

[PathForward’s](#) mission is to transform lives by delivering housing solutions and pathways to stability. Since PathForward’s initial supportive housing program began in 2007, they have successfully helped 400 people get into an apartment of his or her own, and 96 percent remain in housing five years after placement with the ongoing support that case managers provide.

About HomeAid Northern Virginia

[HANV](#) brings together local non-profit service providers with the local homebuilder community to build/renovate homeless shelters, housing facilities and community spaces for programs serving those experiencing homelessness. These collaborative partnerships enable homebuilders to do what they do best (build) and service providers to do what they do best (provide housing and critical wraparound services). HANV has completed more than 160 construction projects that together have served as a safe and stable space for more than 197,000 vulnerable individuals in our community.

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Before - Exterior of Sibert House



After - Freshly painted exterior of Sibert House



Before - Unfinished basement



After - Finished basement which includes Case Manager office, restroom and community room



Front Row- Scott Canan with Toll Brothers, John Buhl with Buhl Electric Co. Inc. and Tim Denning Pathforward Board President

Back row – Mitch Spenser and Mike Sandkuhler with Van Metre Home sand Bryant Cruzado with Toll Brothers