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Grand Opening of Edward II, San Francisco
24 Homes Created For Youth At Risk of Homelessness

SAN FRANCISCO - On Wednesday, March 11 at 2:00pm, Community Housing Partnership and Larkin Street Youth Services will celebrate the grand opening of Edward II, a historic inn rehabilitated into a supportive housing building for youth aged 18-24 at risk of homelessness. Edward II is the first supportive housing building in the Marina Neighborhood.

Community Housing Partnership worked with Larkin Street Youth Services and the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing to provide 24 studio rental units of supportive housing to youth aged 18-24 at risk of homelessness, including youth aging out of foster care. Community Housing Partnership is the property manager while Larkin Street Youth Services provides on-site supportive housing. Property management staffing at the Edward II includes a resident manager who, in addition to serving the full-time building manager during daytime hours, lives on site and is in on-call 24-hours a day. Larkin Street Youth Services offers a complete program of supportive services to the Edward II tenants, provided both by on-site services staff and at Larkin's off-site services centers. Larkin's wraparound services include education, technology and employment training; healthcare, including mental health, substance abuse and HIV services; and case management.

"Strong communities are built on strong collaborations," said Sherilyn Adams, Executive Director of Larkin Street Youth Services. "The exceptional collaboration between Larkin Street Youth Services and Community Housing Partnership has resulted in beautiful housing in a vibrant community where our young people can flourish."

Among the event speakers will be Dennis Jones, a resident at Edward II. 22-year-old Dennis Jones grew up in the San Francisco's Bayview neighborhood and left home at the age of 20. Dennis is actively involved in the LGBTQ community and continues to address issues surrounding the community, especially regarding low-income, marginalized people of color. Dennis was recently awarded the Dream Award by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation for his leadership and contribution towards the health and wellness of the community.

Speakers will include:

- Gail Gilman, Executive Director, Community Housing Partnership
- Dennis Jones, Client of Edward II
- Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, House Democratic Leader
- Mayor Edwin Lee, San Francisco City and County
- Assemblymember David Chiu, District 17
- Supervisor Mark Farrell, District 2, San Francisco
- Gabriel Speyer, Sr. Vice President, Bank of America
- Rich Gross, VP & Market Leader, Northern California Enterprise Community Partners
- Sherilyn Adams, Executive Director, Larkin Street Youth Services

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ABOUT COMMUNITY HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

Founded in 1990, Community Housing Partnership is the only San Francisco nonprofit organization exclusively dedicated to providing supportive housing to formerly homeless individuals and families. Community Housing Partnership pairs affordable housing with support services, employment preparation, job training, a transitional employment social enterprise, and community organizing activities. Together these services offer clients a direct pathway from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Community Housing Partnership utilizes safe, stable housing as a platform to deliver services to clients which result in increased self-sufficiency. Community Housing Partnership owns, manages, or provides services at 14 buildings with over 1,000 units and has 198 units development. Community Housing Partnership's housing and services annually impact the lives of over 1,500 formerly homeless adults and children. Visit www.chp-sf.org to learn more.

ABOUT LARKIN STREET YOUTH SERVICES

San Francisco's Larkin Street Youth Services is an internationally recognized leader in providing effective housing, medical, social and educational services to at-risk, homeless and runaway youth. Three out of four youth who complete the organization's comprehensive programs exit street life. Larkin Street reaches youth ages 12-24 through 15 locations and 25 programs. For more information, please visit www.larkinstreetyouth.org.