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**War Horse Presents Community Housing Partnership with \$50,000 Gift**

*Company partners with local housing nonprofit to revitalize the Mid-Market neighborhood*

**(SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, June 23, 2015)** – Baltimore-based War Horse presented nonprofit housing provider Community Housing Partnership (CHP) with a \$50,000 gift this Monday in San Francisco. The donation will be used to restore the beautiful historic façade of CHP's San Cristina building. The check was presented as part of a reception for the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) to recognize Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake's appointment as President of USCM.

The San Cristina building, which houses 58 single adults who formerly experienced homelessness, was originally built in 1913 and is recognized for its historical value and unique architectural style. The building features a brightly painted community room, offices for support services, and a fountain and mural on the first floor. The building also has three commercial spaces along Market Street, one of which is currently rented by the popular sausage emporium Show Dogs. The San Cristina is adjacent to War Horse's property at 1028 Market Street, which currently houses the "super pop-up" gathering place known as The Hall SF, which eater.com has called "a huge boom to the underserved Mid-Market lunch crowd". The Hall was created by War Horse to activate the long-vacant former billiards hall adjacent to San Cristina. The San Cristina is also adjacent to the Golden Gate Theater building which War Horse and WeWork acquired and renovated and now offices over 600 WeWork members and entrepreneurs.

"We're excited to partner with War Horse to enhance the Mid-Market corridor," said Gail Gilman, Executive Director of Community Housing Partnership. "The San Cristina was the first building we acquired 25 years ago when we started our mission to provide supportive housing for the homeless. We look forward to modernizing the exterior of the building and transforming it into an even better place for our tenants to call home."

"Affordable housing is one of the most important challenges facing San Francisco," said Scott Plank, Founder of War Horse. "Community Housing Partnership has been a critical stabilizing anchor for 6th, Market, Golden Gate and Taylor Streets. We are proud to help Community Housing Partnership improve the surroundings for their residents and for our rapidly changing Mid-Market neighborhood."

**About Community Housing Partnership**

Community Housing Partnership's mission is to help homeless people secure housing and become self-sufficient. Community Housing Partnership is an outcome focused nonprofit that fulfills its mission by developing and managing high quality supportive housing and providing services to homeless individuals, seniors and families to help them rebuild their lives and break the cycle of homelessness. Community Housing Partnership currently owns and/or operates fifteen sites that serve formerly homeless adults and families. Community Housing Partnership also engages in community and economic development through its certified job training programs, a community organizing project and a social enterprise that employs formerly homeless adults. Community Housing Partnership is financially stable with an annual operating budget of approximately \$25 million. The organization has an outstanding staff of nearly 300 people, over half of whom were once homeless. For more information about CHP, visit [www.chp-sf.org](http://www.chp-sf.org).

**About War Horse**

War Horse is a development and investment firm whose mission is to make significant investments in neighborhoods where the company will be a leader in real estate development, neighborhood activation, and community-based philanthropic initiatives.

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