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**NORTHEAST GUIDANCE CENTER AWARDED \$35,000 GRANT FROM
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
FOR MACK-ASHLAND COMMUNITY CENTER**

DETROIT, MI – The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan awarded Northeast Guidance Center (NEGC) a \$35,000 grant in support of building an accessible community center for residents in the Mack-Ashland supportive housing neighborhood on Detroit’s east side where businesses and home building are once again thriving. NEGC and development partner Southwest Solutions are creating a space for residents and their families to come together for education, exercise and social activities. The building will provide offices, a kitchen, dining space, group therapy rooms, exercise and play area, and a computer area for after-school tutoring. A community garden and playground will complete the landscape.

“It is through our commitment to innovative care that persons have the greatest chance to benefit from best practice treatments that support independence, inclusion and recovery,” said Sherry McRill, President & CEO. “It’s most unusual for a supportive housing neighborhood to have a separate community center that will help improve parenting, socialization skills and sustainable independent living.”

“We thank the Community Foundation for its support of the new community center which will serve not only the 28 families living in the Mack Ashland II development, but residents in the surrounding area, thus truly helping to build community in this neighborhood on the rise,” said John Van Camp, President and CEO of Southwest Solutions. “The Mack Ashland developments stem from the effective partnership between our housing program and Northeast Guidance Center’s support services, and we look forward to continuing this partnership to enhance the quality of life in this east side community.”

About Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan is a full-service philanthropic organization leading the way to positive change in our region. As a permanent community endowment built by gifts from thousands of individuals and organizations, the Foundation supports a wide variety of activities benefiting education, arts and culture, health, human services, community development and civic affairs. Since its inception, the Foundation has distributed more than \$902 million through more than 58,000 grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston counties. www.cfsem.org.

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to be leaders in building strong communities where people are mentally, emotionally and physically healthy



About Northeast Guidance Center

Founded in 1963, Northeast Guidance Center is committed to the health of children, adults and families by providing innovative community-based services through behavioral and primary healthcare. The population served by NEGC includes individuals who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness (SMI), persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, children at risk of or with serious emotional disturbances (SED), individuals returning to the community from in-patient facilities or other depending living situations, youth aging out of foster care, homeless individuals, veterans and other families in distress. www.neguidance.org

About Southwest Solutions

Southwest Solutions has pursued its mission to help build a stronger and healthier community since 1972 and provides a broad range of programs in the areas of human development, economic development and community engagement. These three areas together form a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy and effort that impacts more than 20,000 people a year. www.swsol.org