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Fund Created for “The House on Jonathan Street Documentary”

HAGERSTOWN, Maryland, February 29, 2022— A one-hour documentary intended for national distribution to Public Television, and national and international distribution through Amazon Prime, “The House on Jonathan Street” is being supported by a newly-created fund being held by the Community Foundation of Washington County Maryland, Inc.

The House on Jonathan Street Documentary Fund serves to collect and distribute donations meant to support this filmmaking project helmed by fund founders 3 Roads Communications.

The documentary uses the accidental discovery of the significant history of a modest dwelling on the historically African-American Jonathan Street to trace the roots of middle America’s racial, economic and social interactions. Through the lens of this house, the rise and fall of the African-American community in small rust belt towns and cities across America is told. And how its discovery, renovation and renewal may portend a change in the fortunes of the street and larger community.

3 Roads Communications, Inc. is an Emmy Award-winning firm specializing in television programming and video production. Their team has created hundreds of hours of television programming for HBO, Fox, Comedy Central, PBS, Discovery, CNBC, CNN, ABC, CBS, and NBC. Their long, successful track record with numerous programs aired on PBS stations across the country. In addition, 3 Roads documentaries have been featured on Oprah, Hardball, CBS Early Show, the NY Times, the LA Times, the Philadelphia Inquirer, and dozens of other media outlets.

When asked about the hopes for the future of this fund, fund founding representative Russ Hodge says, “The story of Jonathan Street and the story of Hagerstown need to be told to a national audience. These untold stories are representative of cities and towns across America, and the revitalization and hope spurred on by this one little log cabin can be a model for us all.”

“We are excited about the collaborations that are happening to make this film a reality. We can’t wait for the world to learn how amazing the Jonathan Street story is and how resilient its people are, said Reggie Turner, a Commissioner on the Maryland Commission on African American History & Culture (MCAAHC) and Chairman, Western Maryland Community Development Corporation (WMCDC).

““I hope the collaboration it took to bring the history of Jonathan Street community and those who have called it home for generations to film inspires and unveils similar stories across the country, and offers space for restoration and celebration,” said Tereance Moore Western MD CDC Vice-Chair.

Donations to The House on Jonathan Street Documentary Fund can be made by visiting cfwcmd.org and clicking “DONATE NOW” at the top of the homepage. Checks may also be made out to “Community Foundation of Washington County” with “The House on Jonathan Street Documentary Fund” written in the memo space and mailed to – Community Foundation of Washington County, 37 S. Potomac St., Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Image Attached: Caption –

About Community Foundation of Washington County MD, Inc.

Community Foundation of Washington County MD, Inc. has a five-year annualized investment return that makes it one of the top performing community foundations in the country. The Foundation has over \$55 million in assets and has distributed more than \$28 million in grants and scholarships since 1997. Donors can support any of its 380+ funds or create a charitable fund of their own. To learn how to create a fund at the Community Foundation, please visit www.cfwcmd.org, or call (301) 745-5210.

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