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LIFT Housing Merges with Family Services Center

Family Services Center (FSC) has announced its merger with LIFT Housing in Huntsville. LIFT Housing becomes a major program of Family Services Center, and will continue to provide transitional housing and affordable housing along with the case management services necessary to move families from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

The LIFT Program complements Family Services Center's existing homeless prevention, low-income homeownership, and other family self-sufficiency programs. Together, more services will be provided to assist homeless persons who need temporary assistance to obtain housing, and also to assist persons at risk of homelessness to maintain housing. Additional capabilities including financial literacy training, budget and credit counseling, job transportation, and other case management activities are available to support the affordable housing services. LIFT Housing's Homeownership Initiative to build new "green" homes in the Terry Heights neighborhood will continue in partnership with City of Huntsville Community Development.

Several LIFT Housing board members have transitioned to the Family Services Center Board of Directors, and Family Services Center will become a Certified Housing Development Organization (CHDO), in addition to its current certification as a HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agency.

Jerry Johnson, Family Services Center's Executive Director, stated "The merger will benefit less fortunate individuals and families by providing more case management services, including a full array of affordable housing, homeless prevention, and homeownership assistance in one location. It will also further enhance our capabilities as a one-stop Family Resource Center for Madison County."

Family Services Center is a non-profit, United Way Agency that has assisted north Alabama families since 1962. FSC's services include mental health counseling, housing counseling, first time homebuyer assistance, homelessness prevention, conflict resolution/domestic violence intervention, in-school programs, job transportation, and parenting and budgeting/financial literacy training. More information is available at www.fsc-hsv.org.

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