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Wilder expands services for formerly homeless youth to Dakota County

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation has partnered with Dakota County to provide services at Lincoln Place, a 24-unit apartment development in Eagan that houses formerly homeless young adults age 18-24. Lincoln Place is owned and managed by the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) and has been serving young adults since 2010.

Located near transit and commercial opportunities, Lincoln Place offers stable housing and support services to youth who have experienced or are at risk of homelessness. Residents pay 30 percent of their income toward rent each month and must be employed, go to school or volunteer a minimum of 20 hours a week. Beginning April 1, Wilder will provide services at Lincoln Place to help residents build employment skills, complete or pursue education, develop a support network of peers and other community relationships, and access needed services in pursuit of a more stable and secure future. Wilder will employ two on-site case managers and support staff to serve residents of Lincoln Place.

Wilder offers family supportive housing services for more than 600 people each year, including youth and families with children. Since 2016, Wilder has provided support services at Prior Crossing, the largest supportive housing site for homeless youth in the east metro.

“Wilder’s experience at Prior Crossing is a great match for the services at Lincoln Place,” said Madeline Kastler, Dakota County Social Services housing manager. “We are very excited that Wilder is expanding their services to Dakota County.”

“We are excited to partner with residents at Lincoln Place,” said Janayah Bagurusi, Wilder’s director of supportive housing services. “We specialize in supporting youth exiting homelessness so they can realize their full potential.”

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