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BELLO MACHRE BUILDS FUTURE FULLY ACCESSIBLE HOME



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND - Bello Machre is pleased to announce it began construction on its newest wheelchair accessible home in the community in late spring. Construction has managed to continue this summer despite national delays delivering building materials. When complete, the home on Wright Road in Hanover, Maryland, will welcome four women in need of around-the-clock loving care.

The funding of this home is, in part, due to the incredible generosity of The Phillips Charitable Foundation. Bello Machre was awarded a grant of \$116,500 from The Foundation as the down payment for the home. The home will be named in honor of Howard Phillips, Jr., the namesake of the Foundation.

Bello Machre President and CEO Dr. Robert Ireland comments, “Our excitement is growing, and the four women who will be moving into The Phillips Home are thrilled. The generosity of the



Phillips Charitable Foundation will have a profound impact on the lives of these women for years to come.”

The new home will include an accessible ramp, wider doorways, lowered counter heights, and open-concept living so wheelchairs can easily navigate the home. Another feature in the home will be an automatic lift system from the bedrooms to the bathroom, providing safety and independence for its residents.

The Phillips Home is set to be completed in Fall 2022.

About Phillips Charitable Foundation

Phillips Charitable Foundation, Inc. is a private charitable foundation founded in 2016 by Eileen Gross at the request of Howard W. Phillips, Jr. Mr. Phillips was a 1944 graduate of Landon School and a 1950 graduate of Lehigh University. He remained an active and engaged Alumni for both institutions until he passed away in November 2016. He was successful in business, leading the second generation of his family’s business ventures in insurance and real estate investments. He was smart, generous, and driven. Phillips had a love for history and collected many historical treasures throughout his lifetime. He had a talent for solving problems which contributed to his business success.

2018 marked the inaugural year for Phillips Charitable Foundation grants. Like Howard Phillips Jr., they focus on solving problems. Their mission is to support charitable organizations that provide a genuine impact in the lives of others by solving problems and removing obstacles, leading to lasting solutions. They target problems where government interventions are not sufficient and where economic and educational markets have failed to bring solutions. Through their philanthropy, they aim to bring measurable improvements in the prosperity, health, and vitality of people and communities.

About Bello Machre

Bello Machre, founded in 1972, means *home of my heart* in Gaelic. It is a non-profit organization with offices in Anne Arundel and Carroll Counties, MD, that provides a lifetime of loving care, beautiful wheelchair-accessible homes, and community support to people with developmental disabilities. Many of the people supported live in its 50 community homes located throughout Central Maryland as part of our Residential Services.



Bello Machre also provides Personal Supports Services to hundreds of children and adults in their own homes. Respite care is an add-on service to Personal Supports during family hospitalizations, emergencies, and vacations. Our caring staff is available during this time for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Meaningful Day Services provide community-based day services, plus supported employment for people with developmental disabilities. The Hertha and Jesse Adams Ray of Hope Program offers assistance with expenses such as specialized summer camps, physical therapy, and adaptive equipment. Bello Machre is here to help, empowering people with developmental disabilities to live life to its fullest.