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Bello Machre Dedicates Phillips Charitable Foundation Home Maintenance Fund to Sustain Community Homes for Generations



Anne Arundel County, MD – July 18, 2025 – Bello Machre is proud to recognize the Phillips Charitable Foundation for their remarkable generosity and enduring partnership, marked by the dedication of the newly established Phillips Charitable Foundation Home Maintenance Fund. The \$250,000 grant will ensure long-term upkeep and sustainability of Bello Machre's community homes across Maryland.

"The Phillips Charitable Foundation has been a long-standing friend and generous benefactor of Bello Machre," said Tracy Lynott, Development Director at Bello Machre. "We are deeply grateful for their continued support and vision for the future. This extraordinary grant addresses one of our most underfunded needs—ongoing maintenance of our community homes. Through this partnership, the Phillips Foundation has made a significant investment into our Legacy Fund, ensuring the long-term sustainability of our homes for the next 100 years." The grant was commemorated at a special Maintenance Fund Recognition & Dedication Ceremony held July 16, celebrating a shared commitment to safe, accessible, and welcoming homes for people with developmental disabilities. The fund supports Bello Machre's lifetime commitment of loving care and opportunities, ensuring that its community homes remain wellmaintained for current and future residents.

Since their first gift in 2018, the Phillips Charitable Foundation has contributed a total of \$436,500 to Bello Machre. Their inaugural donation, a \$25,000 grant, funded Bello Machre's Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Program, equipping team members with critical caregiving skills to better support individuals receiving services.

"We were drawn to Bello Machre because of their passionate commitment to helping each person they serve live their best life, no matter the challenges they face," stated Eileen Gross, Founder of Phillips Charitable Foundation. "The Bello Machre team sees potential where other's see disability. Life presents real difficulties for these individuals and their families, and Bello Machre meets those challenges with compassion and excellence. Their residential services provide a true forever home where individuals with developmental disabilities can live with dignity, purpose, and love in a family-like environment. This home maintenance fund is our way of helping preserve the safe and nurturing spaces that make their work so extraordinary, both now and in the future."

About Phillips Charitable Foundation

The Phillips Charitable Foundation, Inc., established in 2016 by Eileen Gross in memory of Howard W. Phillips Jr., is a private charitable foundation committed to solving real-world problems and creating measurable improvements in the prosperity, health, and vitality of communities. The foundation supports nonprofits that provide lasting solutions where government and market systems fall short, with grantmaking efforts focused on bringing dignity and hope to vulnerable populations.

About Bello Machre

Bello Machre, founded in 1972, means *Home of My Heart* in Gaelic. It is a nonprofit organization with offices in Anne Arundel and Carroll Counties, Maryland, providing a lifetime of loving care, beautiful wheelchair-accessible homes, and personalized support to people with developmental disabilities.

Many individuals live in Bello Machre's 50+ community homes across Central Maryland. The organization also provides Personal Supports Services, Respite Care, and Meaningful Day Services, including employment and community-based opportunities. Its Ray of Hope Program assists with expenses like therapy, adaptive equipment, and camps.

Bello Machre empowers people with developmental disabilities to live life to the fullest—with dignity, purpose, and connection.