



## NEWS RELEASE

### **INVESTMENT, LOCAL COLLABORATION TO TRANSFORM SENIOR HOUSING IN EDISON NEIGHBORHOOD**

#### *Washington Square Co-op to Get New Name and Upgraded Facility*

KALAMAZOO, Michigan [June 1, 2018]—CSI Support & Development announced today that it would invest \$300,000 to upgrade its senior housing cooperative in Washington Square—the first step in a five-year, \$6 million renovation plan. The near-term enhancements include improvements to the interior and exterior, enhanced security and a name change.

Washington Square Co-op will be known as City View in the Square. The new name came from current co-op residents who were invited by CSI to suggest a winning moniker.

“With the revitalization of the Edison Neighborhood and the commitment that is shared with all the community at large, CSI Support & Development has worked with its members to revitalize our resident community, and with that comes a renaming of our co-op,” said Nancy Evans, General Manager for CSI.

“One of the great strengths of the Edison Neighborhood and the greater Kalamazoo community is how people come together to help each other,” she added. “CSI co-ops are much more than a place to call home, they are a way of life and an opportunity to maintain dignity and purpose.”

CSI’s immediate plans for the co-op include exterior improvements to the building and entryway, additional lighting, ornamental fencing, enhanced landscaping and parking entrance gates for added security. Additionally, over the next five years, CSI plans to refinance and recapitalize City View in the Square. This will afford a \$6 million renovation, including significant replacement of building systems, extensive upgrades to unit interiors, communal areas and landscaping.

“City View’s grounds will be transformed into an area for rest and retreat,” said Evans. “When renovations are complete, residents will be able to take a quiet stroll on the new walking path or have a restful sit on a park style bench along the way, while taking in the beauty of the newly appointed gardens. City View in the Square has a place for you now and for many years to come.” CSI’s goal is to improve the quality living experience for seniors while enhancing the Edison Neighborhood.

Heritage Community of Kalamazoo, the area’s only locally owned and operated, nonprofit senior living community, endorsed CSI’s plans for City View in the Square, calling it a powerful commitment to the housing needs of seniors.

“Throughout our 73-year history, Heritage has been a driving force for high quality living and care for seniors,” said Jay Prince, president and chief executive officer of Heritage Community of Kalamazoo. “As the ways we strive to assure long-term housing options for all seniors evolves and grows, we’re thrilled to stand alongside CSI as they make this investment in people, in the Edison Neighborhood and in the Kalamazoo community.”

Prince said Heritage is exploring ways to collaborate with CSI to make sure all seniors have quality options for housing, including making referrals and lending expertise as needed.

According to Prince, Heritage Community of Kalamazoo is pursuing plans to expand available housing and services for seniors, including enhanced rehabilitation and long-term care accommodations, in-home care, independent living housing, memory care, and smart home technologies. Prince said Heritage expects to invest \$60 million over the next 10 years. City View in the Square provides affordable senior housing for the residents living in older Heritage facilities that are outdated, limited in accessibility and slated for closure.

“Heritage Community and CSI Support & Development have linked arms in a commitment to provide superior senior housing opportunities for all,” said Evans. “We’re excited to work with Heritage to serve more seniors while making a strong commitment to the Edison Neighborhood and the Kalamazoo community.”

### **About CSI Support & Development**

CSI Support & Development is a non-profit resident/member-controlled organization that utilizes a cooperative management system and engages its resident membership in decision making at every level of its operations at their 59 locations in Maryland, Massachusetts, California and Michigan. For 73 years as a mission driven non-profit, CSI exists solely to provide the highest quality, affordable housing communities possible for seniors. For more information, go to [www.csi.coop](http://www.csi.coop).

### **About Heritage Community of Kalamazoo**

Heritage Community of Kalamazoo is a vibrant senior living community of older adults that is rooted in a 70-year tradition of generations caring for one another. Operated by a volunteer Board of Directors, Heritage Community of Kalamazoo is the oldest and only locally governed nonprofit Michigan senior housing community in Kalamazoo. Heritage Community of Kalamazoo continues to be an innovator in customer-focused care for older adults. Heritage Community is a known leader of senior living services, memory care and short-term rehabilitation, and recently announced its smart-home technology company, Connected, LLC. For more information, go to [www.heritagecommunity.com](http://www.heritagecommunity.com).

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