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Emmanuel House Receives Grant from Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley

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Aurora, Illinois December 2013 – Emmanuel House is happy to announce that it has received a \$20,000 grant from Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley. The funds will be used for the construction of an egress stairway at a commercial property recently acquired by the organization.

The roughly 5,000 square foot property, located at 73 South LaSalle Street in Aurora, was acquired in 2012 and is currently being renovated with the intent of providing office space for Emmanuel House program staff as well as a partner organization, World Relief Aurora.

With this grant award from the Foundation, Emmanuel House has the opportunity to direct other privately raised funds toward increasing opportunities for additional families to participate in the savings program. This will not only increase the savings opportunities for families in Aurora, but will also serve to further stabilize the community by increasing the number of owner-occupied homes.

Emmanuel House is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to helping working-class families save and work their way out of poverty in a responsible and dignified manner. In close collaboration with our partner organizations, qualified families are selected and subsequently given the opportunity to live in one of our apartments. Families pay market rate rent, but by leveraging a variety of created and existing resources an entire year's worth of rent is channeled into each family's savings account to provide a down payment on their first home in Aurora, thereby eliminating the primary and often sole barrier to homeownership – the ability to save a down payment. Emmanuel House partners with local churches and organizations such as Joseph Corporation, Family Focus Aurora, Hesed House and World Relief Aurora.

The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley is a non-profit philanthropic organization that administers individual charitable funds from which grants and scholarships are distributed to benefit the citizens of the Greater Aurora Area, the TriCities and Kendall County in Illinois. For more information on the Community Foundation, please visit www.CommunityFoundationFRV.org

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