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Catholic Charities Selected as Recipient of American Rescue Plan Act Funding

(Springfield and Cape Girardeau, Mo.) – Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri (CCSOMO) is pleased to announce its selection as a recipient of a \$2,500,000 competitive award through the Community Revitalization Grant Program from the Missouri Department of Economic Development (DED). Funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and part of Governor Mike Parson’s 2023 budget plan, the awards are intended to address local community needs.

The award will support CCSOMO’s LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home, currently under construction in Cape Girardeau. This transitional housing program will serve homeless pregnant women over the age of 18 and their young children. CCSOMO’s decade of success with its Springfield LifeHouse location provides the model that supports the birth of healthy babies and leads mothers toward self-sufficiency and independence.

“This funding fulfills an investment in the Cape Girardeau region and demonstrates the power of partnerships as we work to provide services for those vulnerable and in need,” states Ken Palermo, CCSOMO Executive Director.

Through the generosity of countless community members, and the support of the Mabee Foundation, the Children’s Trust Fund, the Federal Home Loan Bank, and this award, LifeHouse Cape is on track to welcome its first residents in early 2024.

Inquiries may be directed to Ken Palermo, Executive Director at 417.720.4213

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Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri is a faith-based 501(c)(3) agency whose mission is to provide quality, compassionate social services that meet local needs. CCSOMO provides a wide variety of programs throughout the 39 southernmost counties of Missouri. CCSOMO serves people of all faiths.