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UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation Awards Community Grants in Support of Local Older Adults

Chelsea/Grand Rapids, MI, Jun. 27, 2023 – The UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation Board of Directors is proud to announce that it has awarded its 2023 Community Grants, totaling \$30,000, to programs in communities where Brio Living Services provides care and services to older adults. These included six awards of \$5,000 each to:

- Meals on Wheels Western Michigan, Grandville, MI
- Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance, Detroit, MI
- MCHS Family of Services, Redford, MI
- ICCF Community Homes, Grand Rapids, MI
- Senior Neighbors, Grand Rapids, MI
- Home Repair Services, Grand Rapids, MI

“Each year, the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation Board determines what local nonprofits to support as part of our Community Grant program,” explained Kelli Smith, President & CEO of UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation. “I am so proud to serve alongside these individuals who recognize the vital work of local programs in providing care and comfort for older adults, whether by delivering nutritious meals, providing housing and home repair, or offering the warmth of companionship. We are grateful to partner with these incredible organizations, providing much-needed resources to improve the lives of older adults in the communities we serve.”

Said Steve Fetyko, Brio Living Services President & CEO, “This year the Foundation Board unanimously chose to make community grants to six nonprofit organizations providing care to older adults in our areas of service across Michigan. We are grateful for each of these trusted organizations and hope these Community Grants will assist in their important work of supporting older adults in the areas where we are present.”

Joel Ruiters, Executive Director of Home Repair Services, said, “We are humbled and honored by our relationship with the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation, and we deeply appreciate this partnership in assisting older homeowners to successfully and safely age in place.”

Meals on Wheels West Michigan (MOWWM) Board Chairperson, Shannon Heads, added, “Thank you for generously supporting MOWWM! Because of you, thousands of local seniors have access to nutritious meals, wellness checks, and human connection. I can’t thank you enough for making sure no senior is hungry or forgotten.”

“Our UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation Board members are passionate about caring for older adults, especially those in our communities who are low-income,” said Smith. “It is a beautiful part of our mission.”

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*The **UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation**, in support of Brio Living Services, is the charitable arm for the organization, with headquarters in Chelsea and Grand Rapids, Michigan. The mission of the UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation is: As faithful, philanthropic stewards and steadfast advocates for vibrant aging, we support the mission of Brio Living Services. The UMRC-Porter Hills Foundation’s fundraising initiatives focus on the health and well-being of older adults, and the education and retention of our outstanding team members. These include the Foundation’s cornerstone—Benevolent Care—as well as Team Member Support Services, Capital Improvements, and Life Enrichment for older adults. 734.433.1000 | 616.577.2297 | Foundation.UMRCPH.org*

*Building on a foundation of over 165 years of combined service to older adults, **Brio Living Services**, formerly UMRC & Porter Hills, is a faith-based, nonprofit organization whose mission is: Welcoming all, partnering together, enriching lives. Its vision is: A world in which all are empowered to age well. Brio Living Services represents the second largest nonprofit senior living organization in Michigan and serves the most economically diverse population of older adults. With a tradition of exceptional quality and a commitment to cutting-edge care, Brio Living Services and its affiliates serve approximately 8,000 older adults each year from 23 locations and service lines, across 22 counties in Michigan’s lower peninsula. 734.433.1000 | 616.949.4975 | MyBrio.org*