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Northampton County Organization Earns State's Supportive Housing Award

Harrisburg – Pennsylvania honored the Mental Health Recovery Lodge, a division of Resources for Human Development, Inc., for helping individuals with disabilities find housing and services.

The lodge today received the state's annual Supportive Housing Award, which is sponsored by the Department of Aging, Department of Public Welfare and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency.

"Supportive housing is about affordable, accessible and permanent housing with services that enable elders and those with disabilities to live independently in their communities," Secretary of Aging Brian Duke said. "The lodge's holistic approach to supportive housing provides its residents with an improved quality of life. I commend their efforts in making a difference in Northampton County."

The Mental Health Recovery Lodge provides affordable housing, along with activities and work opportunities for individuals with mental illness. The lodge also offers residents the opportunity to work in the café and catering business operated by with the lodge, creating an integrated environment for residents to work, learn and educate themselves, as well as interact, with other members of the community.

Nominated for the award by John Callahan, mayor of Bethlehem, the lodge was chosen for its focus on providing affordable housing for those with mental illness and offering services that give individuals skills and a sense of belonging to a community. For more information visit: www.thelodge-rhd.org

The annual award recognizes individuals and organizations that have taken a lead role in creating quality housing opportunities in Pennsylvania. Nominees must demonstrate the ability to improve the quality of life, support community integration, create a sustainable model of affordability, and provide barrier-free living.

For more information about the Supportive Housing Awards visit:
www.aging.state.pa.us

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