



Maryhaven Receives State and Municipal Facilities Program Grant for \$5,000,000

Port Jefferson Station, NY, October, 2022. – Maryhaven is proud to announce it has recently been awarded a Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) grant from New York State to support renovation and upgrade projects at multiple Maryhaven sites in Suffolk County, New York. Maryhaven provides family-like group homes and apartment-style communities where adults with special needs can live an independent, purposeful and meaningful life with support.

The grant was sponsored by the NY State Budget Office and will help pay for renovations and upgrades to Maryhaven's 26 community day habilitation programs and residential structures. Renovations will include kitchen and bathrooms, the buildouts of workshops and basements, as well as upgrades for heating systems, roofs, and windows. The timeline of the stated project is to begin this Fall 2022 with a Spring 2025 completion date.

"Maryhaven recently celebrated our 93rd Anniversary, and as our organization continues to grow and serve our communities with the comforts of home in a supervised, supportive environment, we are thankful for the support of grants like these to keep our residences up to date, comfortable and safe for the wellbeing of our staff, residents and families," said Charles Vanek, Executive Director, Maryhaven.

Maryhaven's overall mission is to enrich the lives of people with special needs by providing compassionate support so they may reach their highest potential and enjoy a life full of dignity, purpose, and inclusion. The organization provides various programs and services, including residential and day programs and support services for families. Within these programs, individuals acquire, retain, or improve their self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills, including communication, travel, and other areas in adult education.

Maryhaven is part of the Kinexion network, having joined the Management Service Organization (MSO) in 2022. Kinexion simplifies the day-to-day operations of seven not-for-profit organizations that support more than 5,000 people with disabilities by providing a solid infrastructure of finance, information technology, human resources, corporate compliance, purchasing, maintenance and logistics.

“By leveraging the administrative support services of Kinexion, our affiliate agencies, like Maryhaven, can significantly reduce their operational costs and free up internal resources so they can focus on our overall mission-critical work to support Long Island children and adults with developmental disabilities,” said Walter Stockton, President and CEO, Kinexion.

ABOUT MARYHAVEN

Maryhaven creates welcoming environments where people with special needs may reach their potential and enjoy a life full of dignity, purpose, and inclusion. Maryhaven has 28 residential programs located in towns throughout central and eastern Suffolk County that are family-like group homes and apartment-style communities where adults with special needs can live an independent, purposeful life with support. In addition to providing housing, Maryhaven supports attaining the highest quality of life and personal growth by offering life skills and job training opportunities through Day Habilitation, Vocational Training, and Supportive Work programs located in Port Jefferson Station, Medford, Holbrook, Yaphank, and Patchogue.

ABOUT KINEXION

Kinexion is the management service organization (MSO) that gives affiliate providers the operational and financial strength so they can focus on what they do best: provide support and services that enable people with disabilities and their families to live their best lives, for life. Kinexion is a collective 250-million-dollar organization, employing 3,200 staff members and providing services to approximately 5,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across Long Island. There are seven affiliate agencies serving Long Island that comprise the Kinexion network, including: Independent Group Home Living Program, Inc.; The New Interdisciplinary School; The Center for Developmental Disabilities, Inc.; Angela's House (ATDC); Head Injury Association, Inc.; Maryhaven, Inc.; and, East End Disability Associates, Inc.