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THE DWELLINGS CONTINUES TO GROW ITS TINY HOME COMMUNITY

Low-cost housing property welcomed new residents in May

[Tallahassee, Fla] The Dwellings, Tallahassee's only tiny home community, welcomed residents into 11 newly built homes this past month. Since its grand opening in December, the community has seen a steady stream of applicants who share a common need for low-cost, low-barrier housing.

"As each new batch of homes become available, there are more folks signing up to join the wait list for their own tiny home," said John Schmidt, The Dwellings' Director. "This type of housing option has proven effective for the people of Tallahassee, and we are proud that The Dwellings is continuing to work towards a housing solution for our city's low-income population."

The Dwellings' community is excited to welcome its newest group of residents, including senior citizens with a limited income, single parents, individuals recovering from health issues and even a part-time college student. These new members underscore the critical need for low-cost, low-barrier housing in Tallahassee. Although they all earn a steady income, none have the significant savings required to enter into a traditional lease. The Dwellings offers a solution to this problem with its high-tech tiny homes that each cost less than \$850 per month, including utilities, and do not require upfront fees or deposits. Additionally, every unit is equipped with smart meters, fiber optic Internet and smart televisions.

“Not only do our tiny homes provide a cost-effective living environment, but they also foster a sense of community,” Schmidt said. “Each home includes a front porch to encourage neighbor bonding, and you can often find our residents engaging in conversation or lending each other a helping hand. Construction has already begun for our community garden, and our community center is well underway. Both are expected to be completed by the end of the year and will further aid in building relationships between residents of The Dwellings.”

About The Dwellings

The Dwellings is a subsidiary of CESC, Inc., a nonprofit committed to ensuring that homelessness in the Big Bend region is rare, brief and non-recurring. Constructed to accommodate those who are financially, socially or institutionally disadvantaged, The Dwellings provides beautifully crafted tiny homes with high-tech amenities. The community offers an array of on-site amenities designed to provide residents with new ways of receiving assistance and support, access to advanced technology and pride in a space to call their own.

About CESC, Inc.

Connecting Everyone with Second Changes (CESC) was founded with the goal of ending homelessness. The organization works to create a network to assist individuals experiencing homelessness in Tallahassee by providing resources including emergency shelter, support services and long-term housing. CESC works to foster a culture and community of individuals and businesses who combine resources in order to ensure that when homelessness in Tallahassee does occur, it is rare, brief and non-recurring. For more information about CESC or their family of brands including Westgate, The Kearney Center and The Dwellings, please visit cesctlh.org.

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