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TRANSPLANT HOUSE OF CLEVELAND ANNOUNCES EXPANSION THROUGH MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH FIRST INTERSTATE

Twelve Newly Renovated Apartments Added to Support Organ Transplant Families

Cleveland, OH November 2025: Transplant House of Cleveland is proud to announce a major expansion of its campus through a new master lease agreement with First Interstate Properties, adding 12 newly renovated apartments to its offerings for the growing number of organ transplant patients and caregivers traveling to Cleveland for life-saving medical care.

This expansion increases Transplant House's total number of apartments to 37 units, significantly growing its capacity to serve families with affordable, home-like accommodations and vital support services near Cleveland's world-renowned transplant centers.

"This expansion became our highest priority beginning in late 2023 when more guests were turned away than were served, leaving patients and their loved ones in costly hotels, feeling alone and isolated. It felt as though we were no longer fulfilling our mission," says Elaine Turley, Executive Director. "It is a profoundly wonderful feeling to say 'Yes' to families who desperately want to be here."

The 12 new apartments are part of Transplant House's strategy to meet rising demand for housing as the transplant programs at the Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals grow.

"When patients come to Cleveland for complex and extended transplant-related care, affordable temporary housing and support resources are essential — especially for caregivers who often shoulder the emotional, financial, and logistical burdens of the transplant journey," says Joanmarie Button, Board President and transplant recipient. "We are particularly pleased to be in this building that has an elevator, an amenity not available in our other buildings."

The expansion builds on Transplant House's milestone earlier this year when the organization purchased the 16-unit apartment building in which it had been a tenant since 2014. Ownership establishes a permanent "home" in the heart of University Circle and

underscores the organization's commitment to ensuring that no transplant family faces the journey alone.

Transplant House of Cleveland continues its mission-driven focus on ensuring access, affordability, and compassionate care to all who come to Cleveland for transplant care. Families find community, caregiver support programs, educational resources, and a place to call "home" during long medical stays. Each apartment provides a private, home-away-from-home that is more comfortable and cost-effective than a hotel, while also connecting families with peers who understand the transplant journey.

About Transplant House of Cleveland:

Transplant House of Cleveland is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing affordable, temporary housing and a supportive community for organ transplant patients and their caregivers. Located near Cleveland's nationally recognized transplant hospitals, Transplant House offers families a home-away-from-home during long-term medical treatment, along with education, resources, and emotional support that help ease the challenges of the transplant journey.