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**LAKEWOOD, Colo.** — Metro West Housing Solutions (MWHS) is celebrating the addition of 43 new units of affordable housing with the opening of its portfolio's newest community, Sage Corner.

Sage Corner is located at 9998 West Jewell Avenue in Lakewood, just across the street from Kendrick Lake Park. This location makes it one of South Lakewood's only affordable housing communities. Its ideal location offers residents proximity to Kendrick Lake and its surrounding recreation paths, Carmody Middle School, Carmody Recreation Center, and front-door access to RTD bus transportation. Adam Paul, Mayor of the City of Lakewood, spoke to all that Sage Corner adds to its community: "Sage Corner is a great example of affordable housing near schools, recreation and a bus line, which means it's serving the needs of families, essential workers and young adults starting their careers. Thanks Metro West for helping meet the housing needs in our community."

Residents also enjoy two beautiful community murals, one in a multi-purpose community room and the other giving vibrancy to the playground and outdoor grill area. Secure bike storage, on-site property management, and an on-site resident services coordinator ensure that, while the smallest of MWHS' communities, Sage Corner's residents enjoy all the services and benefits of their award-winning developments.

The \$13 million project, funded through over \$8 million in Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit equity, adds 13 one-bedroom units, 16 two-bedroom units, and 14 three-bedroom units to Lakewood's affordable housing stock. All units are reserved for Lakewood families and residents earning 30-60% of the Area Median Income. As of the writing of this press release, Sage Corner is fully leased and 100% occupied.

Tami Fischer, MWHS' CEO and Executive Director, spoke to the importance of building affordable housing in Lakewood: "we are continuing to live through an unprecedented crisis when it comes to affordable housing. Lakewood's working families and individuals—our teachers, mechanics, pharmacy techs, and retail workers—are being priced out of their own communities. We are so proud that Sage Corner now houses 43 Lakewood families and individuals who no longer have to contend with the stress of cost-burdened housing. Sage Corner is not just a beautiful development, it is a beautiful place to call home."

While COVID prevented MWHS from hosting an in-person Grand Opening event, they were still

able to show off Sage Corner's beautiful design and community impact virtually with high-quality video and photos.

Sage Corner brought together partners like the City of Lakewood, Calcon Constructors, Maureen Conway of MC Designs, Studio 646 Architecture, CHFA, Jefferson County, Colorado Division of Housing, and a public private partnership with Wells Fargo.

## **About Metro West Housing Solutions**

Metro West Housing Solutions (MWHS), established in 1974, is a non-profit affordable housing agency and property developer that owns and manages apartment communities in Lakewood and Denver, administers Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) to eligible Lakewood residents, and facilitates a wide range of resident services for clients. In addition to the 1,594 affordable and LIHTC units MWHS has acquired and developed, MWHS also manages 1,411 HCVs and has housed over 30,000 individuals and families.