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**Midlands Housing Alliance Announces New Housing Project for
Disabled Senior Adults**

The new facility will offer affordable housing to senior adults and other services.

Columbia, SC (Tuesday, June 20, 2023) Midlands Housing Alliance (MHA), a non-profit serving the Midlands of South Carolina, announced a new multiphase housing project in Columbia, SC named “Monarch Manor.” The new facility will convert a vacant, multi office building complex into affordable housing for senior adults over the age of 62 with additional spaces for an Adult Day Care and offices for community support services.

“Monarch Manor is an answer to several problems in the Midlands,” said Craig Currey, Chief Executive Officer. “Affordable housing options for senior adults with disabilities are much needed in the community. The apartments we plan to build offer state of the art amenities, are ADA compliant, and safe for what is considered a vulnerable population.”

Currey highlighted the project will repurpose a long vacant office park, Dutch Plaza, located behind the Dutch Square Mall.

“The Dutch Plaza complex has been empty for some time, so converting it to apartments with offices for supportive services occupants and surrounding community need is a great use of the space.”

Phase one of the project consists of 22 single occupant apartments, a 24-person adult day care, a community center for the residents, and multiple offices for case management, support staff, and community partners. Phases two and three will add an additional 33 units.

LCK Construction Management is overseeing the project with financing by OPTUS Bank. Construction is scheduled to begin mid-summer of this year. MHA has currently raised \$1.7 million in private donations for the purchase and construction of the project.

“The funds raised from business and individual donors shows us the community supports this project and understands the needs it will meet for the Midlands of SC,” said Gavin Brown, Midlands Housing Alliance Vice President of Advancement. “Once completed, 22 individuals will have affordable housing, while families that need adult day care services will benefit from the easily accessible location and state of the art space.”

As construction begins, the organization will continue to seek additional funding and community partnerships. At least one building will be available for rent for up to seven years, with tenants expected to move into the new apartments sometime early 2024.

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Midlands Housing Alliance was founded in 2008 with a mission to end homelessness and housing insecurity in the Midlands of South Carolina. The 501(c)(3) organization operates Transitions Homeless Center, located in downtown Columbia, SC. Founded in 2011, the shelter is the largest homeless center in the area, serving approximately 350 adults daily.