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I am grateful to be here today celebrating the preservation of supportive housing here in DC's Shaw neighborhood.

This project applied to DC's first Unified RFP round – a funding application that brings together the essential capital, operating, and services resources that fund the development of quality supportive housing.

CSH is thrilled to have seen the growing numbers of Unified RFP applications, and the increasing number of projects including quality supportive housing over the past three years.

Partnership and up front planning is making the PW project a reality. Dantes and the Y came to CSH early for lending, and technical expertise on supportive housing financing. The predevelopment loan and assistance helped make this project a reality. PW also connected CSH with N Street Village. N Street will provide a variety of flexible services to PW tenants that will enable these highly vulnerable women to live stable, healthy lives.

I congratulate all parties involved for their perseverance. And I congratulate the current tenants on being patient during this time of change.

As you think about your projects for upcoming Unified RFP funding rounds, I challenge all of you to create more projects with the experienced partners, thoughtful project design, and quality services as offered here at PW.

And of course reach out to CSH for predevelopment and acquisition lending, and technical assistance!