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GUEST HOUSE

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Office of Housing
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Dear Housing Trust Fund Committee,

Friends of Guest House is hard at work renovating its newest location, 120 S Payne Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Earlier this year we signed a long-term lease on the property and last year went through the City of Alexandria's SUP process which passed both the Planning & Zoning commission as well as City Council hearing unanimously.

The Housing Trust Fund has a long history of helping support our mission. In 1981, you helped us purchase our flagship headquarters at 1 East Luray Ave in Alexandria. Again in 2003, you loaned us money to support the much needed renovation of that same property. That loan allowed us to renovate and re-open the home continuing to serve the community. We quite simply would not be where we are today without the past backing of this committee.

Guest House respectfully requests \$145,000 toward the cost of renovating the new Payne St. home which will allow us to grow our Residential program by 20% in 2019.

Since our founding in 1974 in Del Ray, Friends of Guest House has helped more than 4,000 women break the vicious cycle of incarceration, reunite with their families, and reintegrate into our community.

With your support, we look forward to welcoming our residents into their new home this summer. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me directly. My email address is director@friendsofguesthouse.org.

Sincerely,

Kari Galloway
Executive Director

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