Warren Commons is a 46-unit permanent supportive housing development that will serve chronically homeless men and women who may have a history of substance abuse, mental health disabilities, and/or criminal justice involvement. Warren Commons will be owned by Community Housing Network, Inc. and TASC of Northwest Ohio, Inc. (TASC), a nonprofit organization that has provided comprehensive supportive services to justice-involved individuals since 1992.

As an experienced service provider, TASC is acutely aware of the limited opportunities and critical need for permanent supportive housing among individuals with current or prior involvement in the criminal justice system. For many of TASCs clients, securing stable, affordable housing can prove to be one of the greatest obstacles when re-entering society. Tasked with finding employment that covers market rate rents and a landlord willing to overlook a criminal past, it is unsurprising that many re-entrants end up homeless.

Warren Commons will provide relief to this underserved population by providing fully furnished one-bedroom, one-bath units that have been designed to feel like a home. Rents for all units will be subsidized through a Project Based Voucher contract with the Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority and supportive services will be available both onsite and offsite through TASC. Supportive services will include but are not limited to mental health services, substance abuse treatment, life skills training, and free transportation.

The need for this development in both Toledo and Lucas County cannot be understated. In the past five years, Lucas county has not received a single award of tax credits for PSH projects. This is in stark contrast to counties with homeless populations of a similar size, including Montgomery County and Summit County. Since 2015, four PSH projects have been awarded tax credits in Montgomery county and two PSH projects have been awarded tax credits in Summit County.

TASC of Northwest Ohio, Inc. and Community Housing Network, Inc. are dedicated to bringing PSH units to the greater Toledo community. Four members of the TASC development team completed the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) Training Institute in 2017 and CHN has participated in multiple CSH Institutes as both participants and presenters. Jointly, we are eager to implement best practices of the PSH field in Toledo.