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Martha's Table Marks 35 Years Supporting Families; Announces Expansion, Second Location in Ward 8

*Horning Family Fund Provides \$10M Lead Gift to Support Second Southeast D.C. Center, Planned 2018 Opening
Carlyle Group's David Rubenstein Donates \$1M toward Capital Campaign to Fund Center and Expanded Services*

Washington, D.C. (May 4, 2015) – At a reception recognizing 35 years of work to strengthen children and families from a primary location in the District's 14th Street corridor, Martha's Table today announced plans for a new center east of the Anacostia River, in the District's Ward 8. The center is set to open by 2018.

The project will be funded through a \$20 million campaign, and builds upon the organization's existing roots in Anacostia. The Horning Family Fund has pledged to contribute the lead gift of \$10 million, including land. David Rubenstein, philanthropist and co-founder of the Carlyle Group, will provide an additional \$1 million.

The new Martha's Table center, to be located in the Hillside neighborhood of Ward 8, will include a full range of child, youth and family-focused programming, housed alongside an additional 10,000-square foot companion building to be used by Community of Hope and other nonprofits to ensure other critical family programming.

The expansion to Ward 8 has been building since 2011, when Martha's Table began the rollout of its free pop-up healthy grocery markets in elementary schools of Wards 7 and 8, followed by a second Martha's Outfitters household goods and clothing shop in Ward 8. Martha's Table is among many organizations who have recently announced development plans in Ward 8.

"In recent years, we've focused on the delivery and accessibility of healthy food and quality clothing for families in Wards 7 and 8," noted Martha's Table President and CEO Patty Stonesifer. "This new center offers an opportunity to stand with families and individuals in a more meaningful way—by sharing a range of resources that support individuals to earn, learn and lead as they progress through life."

While all of Martha's Table's programs will be offered at its second center in Hillside, it will continue to maintain a physical presence in the 14th Street neighborhood, where it will continue operating its nationally accredited early learning center. The Martha's Table mobile food truck, McKenna's Wagon will also continue to operate from the 14th Street corridor.

"We are delighted to offer this gift of financial support and land to Martha's Table, which will allow it to expand its presence in Ward 8 and bring its critical Healthy Start, Healthy Eating, and Healthy Connections programs to The Commons at Stanton Square," said Joe Horning of the Horning Family Fund. "We are thrilled to partner with Martha's Table to create a new place where families may celebrate and care for their children."

"I am pleased to support the efforts of Patty Stonesifer and her team, to enhance the services provided by Martha's Table," added David Rubenstein. "I encourage others in the area to consider a gift to support the new Center and the vital services provided by Martha's Table."

“This expansion is not about going where the need is greatest,” noted Stonesifer. “It is about going where the greatest opportunity for impact exists, just as we did on 14th Street 35 years ago.”

To learn more about the Martha’s Table expansion to Ward 8, or the Commons at Stanton Square, please visit www.MarthasTable.com.

About Martha’s Table

Martha’s Table works to strengthen children, families and community by making healthful food and quality learning more accessible. For 35 years, Martha’s Table has served as an important community partner, helping neighbors access the skills and resources needed to earn, learn and lead through life. Martha’s Table’s food programs include 15 free popup healthy grocery markets in elementary schools, across the District of Columbia and the 365-days-a-year mobile food delivery program, McKenna’s Wagon, which serves 4 locations nightly. It also operates two Martha’s Outfitters clothing shops in the District and offers premier early-childhood and after-school education programs to children 3 months to 13 years, whose parents would not otherwise have access to quality education for their children. Martha’s Table works with more than 250 partner organizations, over 10,000 volunteers and more than 25,000 donors annually. For more information, please visit www.marthastable.org

About the Horning Family Fund

The Horning Family Fund was established in 1990 by Lynne and Joe Horning. It is based in and is a product of Washington, D.C. The Commons at Stanton Square expands on Horning Brother’s 50 years of experience building community and on the Horning Family Fund’s commitment to promote educational opportunities for children and their families in Ward 8.

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