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## ANNE FRANK HOUSE

Washington, D.C., January 24, 2011 --[Anne Frank House \(AFH\)](#), a non-profit organization housing formerly homeless individuals with mental illness, recently purchased its fifth condominium, in NW Washington D.C. This new residence will soon be occupied by an AFH client.

AFH currently provides housing for eleven individuals. The organization owns five condominiums and rents six apartment units; each client occupies his or her own apartment. Anne Frank House in turn charges its clients approximately one-quarter of what the rental or condo actually costs the organization.

“By making this purchase now, Anne Frank House is able to own this condominium for less than the overall cost of renting,” said Anne Frank House co-president Joe Berman, who is also an agent at Long & Foster. “For a non-profit organization whose purpose is to house deserving clients, it makes more financial sense to invest in real estate rather than rent, since the costs are about the same. While rents will continue to increase, the cost to own will remain fairly constant and eventually decrease significantly when the fifteen-year mortgage is paid off.”

“We look forward to consistent growth over the next year and plan to acquire additional condominiums in order to provide housing to more clients,” said Hazel Keimowitz, also an Anne Frank House co-president. “We are looking at new ways of fundraising, including direct property donations to increase the number of clients we serve. We are grateful for the support of many individuals and foundations in the Washington area and hope to expand our donor network as our organization continues to grow.”

During the past year, Anne Frank House, founded in 1987, has revamped its web site, garnered new board members and increased its annual budget. Anne Frank House clients receive their mental health and medical services through a contract with the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place and are part of FP’s network of housing.

For information about how to help Anne Frank House, including the donation of stock or property, please contact Hazel Keimowitz at (202) 422-2902 or Joe Berman at (202) 487-3604, or email [ask@theannefrankhouse.org](mailto:ask@theannefrankhouse.org).

Anne Frank House is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides permanent housing to homeless men and women with chronic mental illnesses in Washington, D.C. Anne Frank House owns condominiums and rents apartments which are leased at less than cost to AFH clients. Established in 1987 as a community service project of Adas Israel Congregation, Anne Frank House is currently funded by donations and foundation grants, and is run almost entirely by volunteers. For more information, see [www.theannefrankhouse.org](http://www.theannefrankhouse.org).