Lacasa, Inc. and Surf Internet Collaborate to Bridge Digital Divide in Affordable Housing

[Elkhart County, IN] Lacasa, Inc. is pleased to announce that Surf Internet has generously provided fiber-optic broadband internet connectivity to several Lacasa affordable housing communities, transforming affordable fiber internet into a reality for our resident families.

According to Brad Hunsberger, Vice President of Real Estate Development, the importance, and opportunity of this initiative came through recent grants supporting renovations at The Hattle in Goshen, the construction of apartment buildings in Goshen and Elkhart, and the establishment of a permanent supportive housing project on the edge of Oaklawn's Goshen campus. Lacasa recognized the importance of enhancing digital access for the residents of these locations and collaborated with Surf Internet due to their shared understanding of the crucial role in bridging the digital divide within our community.

Hunsberger emphasized, "Working with Surf was a natural choice because they recognize the significance of narrowing the digital gap. Internet access can positively impact the lives of low-income families, ranging from improving employment opportunities to facilitating students' ability to work on homework. We are delighted to join forces with Surf Internet in this effort to make a positive impact on our community.

"The digital divide isn't just present in rural areas where the technology literally isn't there yet," said Gene Crusie, CEO of Surf Internet. "For low-income families who face financial difficulties in access advanced technology, the divide is just as real. Through projects like Lacasa, Surf is helping ensure that everyone in the Great Lakes region can access high-speed affordable internet regardless of geographic location or socioeconomic status."

If you would like to get involved with Lacasa, please visit www.lacasainc.net or email lacasa@lacasainc.net

About Lacasa, Inc.
Lacasa, Inc. is a Community Housing Development Organization serving Elkhart County Indiana since 1970. Lacasa is strengthened by ties to state and national organizations and became a member of the NeighborWorks America Network in 1999. Lacasa programs are designed to create opportunity for personal empowerment, family stability, and neighborhood vitality. All Lacasa activities and services are provided without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, or status as a veteran. More information about Lacasa is at www.lacasainc.net.

About Surf Internet
Surf Internet is an innovative fiber-optic internet company that serves as the essential gateway to connectivity across the Great Lakes Region of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. The company is building a bridge to the wide-open future by delivering high-speed, reliable internet to homes and businesses in underserved, rural communities. Surf's 200-plus person team is local, giving them an edge when it comes to customer care and advocacy for the region. Headquartered in Elkhart, Ind., Surf also has offices in La Porte, Ind., Byron Center and Fowlerville, Mich., and Coal City and Rock Falls, Ill. Learn more at https://surfinternet.com.

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