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Dear Supporter,

I write to ask your financial support for our RESTORE 1130 project that has the potential of positively changing the lives of thousands of west Baltimore residents. I have the privilege of serving as the President and CEO of Pathway Forward, Inc., the 501c3 community serving organization of Allen AME Church (Allen), where I have the honor of serving as pastor. Pathway Forward and Allen are in the Poppleton community of west Baltimore. Poppleton is a historic community with wonderful people who work hard, but often find it difficult to make ends meet.

After listening to community residents and church members, Allen created Pathway Forward to address the pressing needs identified—food security, youth engagement, quality employment, and access to community services—and got busy bringing resources to the people. During the past year, Pathway Forward:

- Served 2,160 families.
- Served 4,800 in-person meals.
- Delivered 1,200 meals.
- Distributed 28,800 pounds of food through food pantry.
- Distributed 35,000 farm to table fruits and vegetables.

There is still more work to do, but we need an updated facility that will allow us to safely do more and to serve more individuals. Through RESTORE 1130, we are seeking funding to complete a full renovation of the first floor of Allen where Pathway Forward is located and provides its programs and services. Once completed, the space will house community meeting space, a commercial kitchen for workforce development training and health eating demonstrations, and office space. The total cost of the project is \$1.9M. We have several committed funding partners including the State of Maryland, the Maryland Foodbank, Thrivent Financial Charitable, and the members of Allen. Together, they have committed nearly \$500,000. To reach our goal, we need generous supporters like you. Would you consider donating \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 or more today, to positively change the lives of thousands of our neighbors? Thank you for your consideration and for investing in the future of Poppleton. Your contribution can be mailed c/o: Pathway Forward, Inc. – PO Box 4308- Baltimore, MD 21223 or via Zelle at Pathwayforward2021@gmail.com.

With gratitude,
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