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NATHAN SMITH LOGISTICS HONORED WITH COMMUNITY SHELTER BOARD'S 2024 NANCY JEFFREY ADVOCATE AWARD

(Columbus, OH) – Community Shelter Board honored Nathan Smith Logistics with its 2024 Nancy Jeffrey Advocate Award in recognition of their significant impact toward ending chronic homelessness through safe housing for vulnerable individuals during times of crisis.

An awards ceremony was held today at Columbus State Community College, attended by more than 250 people, where a series of awards were presented.

Nate Smith and his team have been instrumental in providing critical temporary motel shelter and operational support, especially for those displaced due to substandard living conditions. Their efforts have played a pivotal role in offering safe, temporary housing for vulnerable individuals during times of crisis.

In an extraordinary display of dedication, Nate temporarily halted his primary business operations to focus on the urgent needs of those facing homelessness. His team facilitated the relocation of over 1,300 residents from Colonial Village Apartments in an astonishingly short span of one month, all while continuing to provide essential services. Beyond this impressive feat, Nate and his team have maintained ongoing operational support for individuals transitioning from encampments to hotels, ensuring 24/7 availability for assistance and care.

Nate's efforts and commendable advocacy have significantly impacted the lives of many and advanced CSB's mission to ensure everyone has a place to call home

Community Shelter Board honors exemplary work among partner agencies with its Nancy Jeffrey Advocate Award. This annual award honors Nancy Jeffrey's tireless activism on behalf of vulnerable people in our community. This award recognizes the efforts of professionals working directly with and for people facing homelessness.

Community Shelter Board leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home in Columbus and Franklin County,

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Ohio. CSB was founded in 1986 on the vision that no one should be homeless in our community, for even one night. As the system leader for the prevention of and response to homelessness in Central Ohio, CSB funds and coordinates care across 16 partner agencies providing outreach, homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, and housing programs to help low-income families and single adults facing homelessness in Franklin County regain housing stability. Over the past 10 years alone, CSB's system of care has housed more than 35,000 people.

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