Dear Community Partner,

It is with distinct pleasure that we are forwarding to you copies of the Executive Summary and full report of the “Housing Survey of People with Disabilities in Pennsylvania.” The survey was conducted by Diana T. Myers and Associates, Inc., Accessible Dreams and HANDS (Housing and Neighborhood Development Service) with funding provided by the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council (PADDC) to carry out the **CHOICE** project (Comprehensive Housing Options in Communities for Everyone) in Western Pennsylvania.

The goal of CHOICE is to identify and implement strategies that will expand accessible and affordable housing options for people with disabilities. The survey was an important step in ensuring that the CHOICE Team, PADDC and its partners have a clear understanding of the current housing needs and preferences of people with disabilities. Seventeen participating agencies distributed the 36 question electronic survey to over 10,000 individuals with disabilities in the Commonwealth. Four hundred and sixty-six (466) unduplicated responses were received.

The survey findings clearly demonstrate that while many of the housing needs and preferences of people with disabilities are the same as everyone else, other needs and preferences are special. The findings reported in these documents have definite implications for members of the housing industry, including housing and community planners, developers, architects, builders and realtors as well as service providers.

We are excited to share this report with you and invite your comments, feedback and discussion. Please contact any of us if you have any questions, would like further information, or would like to meet.

Cordially,

