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**HISTORIC REHABILITATION OF  
SWATARA STREET HOME COMPLETED;  
LEASE PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED**

**Harrisburg, PA – Mayor Linda D. Thompson and Tri-County HDC, Ltd. joined with Citizens Bank, PPL Corporation, Community Action Commission, PNC Bank, The Foundation for Enhancing Communities and Susquehanna Bank to celebrate and dedicate a major housing renovation project completed by Tri County Housing Development Corporation through its Capital Corridors Rehabilitation Program. “This is how we rebuild our neighborhoods and communities,” Mayor Thompson said. “One house at a time, one block at a time.”**

**The Capital Corridors Rehabilitation Program commenced in 1993 and has included the rehabilitation of 72 properties, creating homeownership opportunities in the targeted South Allison Hill area. Today, the City and Tri County cut the ribbon on the 73<sup>rd</sup> completed home located at 1520 Swatara – a total investment of over \$7 million.**

**“Capital Corridors” refers to the main corridors in the South Allison Hill neighborhood: Derry, Market, South 13<sup>th</sup>, South 17<sup>th</sup> and Swatara Streets. 1520 Swatara Street is located across from Tri-County’s Mount Pleasant Homes development, which brings 10 units of affordable new construction homes to the community. Additionally, Tri-County’s rehabilitation crew has started construction at 1518 Swatara Street, another vacant and deteriorated property. The completion of this property will mark the third rehabilitated in this row of three historic townhomes; and a total of thirteen new housing opportunities within two blocks.**

**Tri-County Housing Board President Robb Keith was also pleased to announce the kick-off of its Lease Purchase Program. “This program targets buyers who cannot qualify for a traditional mortgage but have one or two issues that can be fixed over a two-year timeframe. During the lease period, buyers will live in a newly renovated home and work with a Certified Housing Counselor to correct any identified problems, improve their credit and earn funds toward their down payment,” Mr. Keith explained. “We are proud to create opportunities for families who otherwise would not be able to qualify for these rehabilitated homes.” Keith acknowledged the Community Action Commission, a key partner providing Housing Counseling and Credit Counseling services.**

**Through the Capital Corridors project, 72 families have been able to purchase high-quality and affordable homes in the City. These homes are “gut-rehabs” which boast all-new electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems as well as new appliances and finishes and other popular amenities. Rehabilitation is sponsored by the City of Harrisburg’s HOME Investment Partnership and Lead Hazard Control Programs funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. This program provides an investment in visible major through-ways, promotes community revitalization projects, increases the City’s tax base and adds dollars to the local economy.**

**For more information on the Tri-County HDC’s Housing Programs, visit the organization’s website at [www.tchdc.net](http://www.tchdc.net) or call (717) 231-3604.**

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