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**VISTA MARIA RECEIVES PNC FOUNDATION GRANT
FOR COVID-19 RELIEF**

DEARBORN HEIGHTS, Mich. (July xx, 2020) – Vista Maria has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the PNC Foundation to support twenty young women living in its Shepherd Hall Transitional Living Program (SHTLP). The grant will supplement additional monthly rent and food costs for four months.

“We’re thrilled that PNC awarded Vista Maria this grant to support the unanticipated costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Vista Maria President and CEO Angela Aufdemberge. “Our continued partnership with PNC allows us to protect and serve the nearly 145 youth on our campus. We appreciate their confidence in our work to restore lives.”

SHTLP directly aligns with PNC’s giving priority of providing safe, affordable housing and educational support to no- and low-income members of the community. The program serves young women who are homeless and/or aging out of the foster system and helps them develop the academic, workforce readiness and skills they need to enter adulthood equipped for a stable and independent life.

"All of us at PNC are deeply committed to supporting our communities where it is needed most in these challenging times," said Ric DeVore, PNC regional president for Detroit and Southeast Michigan. "Vista Maria is a shining example of a local organization stepping up to provide essential services during the COVID-19 crisis."

About PNC Foundation

The PNC Foundation, which receives its principal funding from The PNC Financial Services Group (www.pnc.com), actively supports organizations that provide services for the benefit of communities in which it has a significant presence. The foundation focuses its philanthropic mission on early childhood education and community and economic development, which includes the arts and culture. Through Grow Up Great, its signature cause that began in 2004, PNC has created a bilingual \$500 million, multi-year initiative to help prepare children from birth to age 5 for success in school and life.

About Vista Maria:

Vista Maria was founded in 1883 with the mission to deliver innovative care, support, treatment and education to vulnerable youth so that they heal, believe in their worth and build the skills needed to succeed. For 135 years, the vision of ensuring youth and families are supported, prepared and equipped to achieve lifelong success continues. Today, Vista Maria’s team offers residential therapeutic programming on its 37 acre campus as well as foster care, transitional living (youth aged out of foster care and/or homeless) and community-based education programs. Learn more at www.vistamaria.org.