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**METHODIST SERVICES & INGLIS PROUDLY ANNOUNCE
THE OPENING OF INGLIS METHODIST GARDENS**

A first-of-its-kind community located in the Wynnefield Heights section of West Philadelphia

Philadelphia, PA — Inglis Methodist Gardens (IMG) opens its doors for the first time to welcome formerly homeless individuals and families, as well as people with disabilities to their new inclusive community of 47 affordable, integrated, and supportive apartments, 23 of which are fully accessible and technologically-enhanced for greater independence.

“Since 1966, Methodist Services has been housing people experiencing homelessness,” said **Anne Rice-Burgess, President and CEO, Methodist Services**. “Today, we are thrilled to partner with Inglis Housing Corporation to establish a fresh model of community housing, designed to offer access to individuals and families who are housing-insecure, and, in most cases, whose health has been compromised. Together, we have forged a new community ‘neighborhood’ with the type of high-quality housing that everyone deserves, in close proximity to our Philadelphia Housing as Health (PHasH) Collaborative providers, utilizing advanced outreach methods,” she said.

Like many cities nationwide, Philadelphia is lacking in its available, affordable housing and especially that which is accessible, making it difficult for individuals transitioning from homelessness or with disabilities to find housing meeting their physical needs and financial constraints. Inglis Methodist Gardens addresses the urgent need for substantial and lasting change for some of the most frequently underserved members of our society.

“Our goal is not simply to build housing, but to create a true intergenerational community in which people support each other to live healthy, active, and engaged lives,” said **Ben Laudermilch, Inglis VP & Executive Director, Inglis Housing Corporation**. “We are committed to bringing effective, integrated services to the individuals and families who will now call Inglis Methodist Gardens home. We look forward to sharing all we’ve learned with others – in Pennsylvania and across the nation – who are similarly focused on how safe, affordable, accessible and technology-enhanced housing can be used to improve the health of people with complex needs while reducing overall healthcare costs,” he said.

“In the wake of the greatest public health crisis in generations, we have seen how the already disadvantaged among us can be disproportionately affected,” **Pennsylvania State Senator Vincent Hughes** said. “Inglis Methodist Gardens is the kind of development that we need to make sure that continued recovery efforts reach everyone in our society and allow us to keep communities intact,” said Hughes.

Located on the campus of Methodist Services, Inglis Methodist Gardens was funded by a number of partners, all of which are deeply committed to efforts to improve the health and availability of stable housing for those transitioning from homelessness and those with disabilities. The \$16.8 million project was awarded funds through low-income housing tax credits from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA), a leadership gift of \$4 million from Aetna Better Health of Pennsylvania, and a \$700,000 investment from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh. Inglis Methodist Gardens would not be possible without the proceeds from the project's equity investor, Boston Financial, and its lender, TD Bank.

About Methodist Services

Methodist Services provides life-enriching programs to children, adults, and families as they face the challenges of limited resources, increased poverty, homelessness, disabilities, and inequities in education. Methodist Services provides early childhood education, school-age programs, housing services, supports for families, mental health and counseling services, summer camp, and nutrition programs. The organization has a legacy of providing services to the children of Philadelphia since 1879. Devoted to the well-being of children in all walks of life, Methodist serves more than 2,800 individuals annually. Methodist Services helps children, adults, and families secure a safe home and family life and to achieve health of mind and body to reach their greatest potential.

About Inglis

Founded in 1877, Inglis enables people with disabilities, and those who care for them, to achieve their goals and live life to the fullest. Inglis serves more than 2500 people daily throughout the Commonwealth and with a special focus in the Greater Philadelphia Region. Inglis supports independent, community living through innovative day programming, adapted technology, and employment services. Inglis is also the largest private developer of independent, accessible, and affordable housing in the region. In addition, Inglis provides long-term, residential living at Inglis House for adults with significant physical disabilities and complex healthcare needs.