



A Statement on the March 1st Shooting at Patuxent Commons

The Columbia Housing Center is deeply saddened and concerned by the recent police-involved shooting of Alexander LaMorie, a resident at Patuxent Commons. This is an inclusive community intentionally designed to bring together adults with disabilities, seniors, and families in a shared vision of belonging.

At Columbia Housing Center, our mission is rooted in advancing housing equity and fostering a diverse, integrated community where all people can live with dignity and safety. Patuxent Commons reflects that vision in action. What occurred on March 1, 2026, is not only tragic, but also profoundly unsettling for all who believe in the promise of integrated living.

This moment calls for reflection, accountability, and action. Systems designed to support individuals with disabilities, including emergency response protocols and law enforcement training, must function as intended, particularly in communities created with these needs in mind. When they do not, the consequences are devastating and preventable.

We stand with the residents of Patuxent Commons, their families, and the broader community in calling for transparency around what occurred and for meaningful steps to ensure that all residents are met with understanding, care, and de-escalation in moments of crisis.

An integrated community is built not only on shared space, but on shared responsibility. Proximity to diversity is not true integration. True integration requires systems that support everyone in the community fully. We remain committed to the work of advancing equity, strengthening trust, and ensuring that every member of our community is safe, seen, and valued.