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The Cook Family of Northeastern Supply Gives New Life to Sandtown and the Resurrection Sandtown Project

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Northeastern Supply's Sandtown Store Donated to Resurrection Sandtown Project in Support of Community Revitalization Effort

BALTIMORE (April 5, 2022) - The Ames Memorial United Methodist Church - Ames Shalom Community, Inc. today announced that the Cook Family, owners of Northeastern Supply, has donated Northeastern Supply's Sandtown location to Ames Memorial United Methodist Church - Ames Shalom Community, Inc. in support of The Resurrection Sandtown Project. The donated store, located within the Historic Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts & Entertainment District, along with a nearby warehouse, more than doubles Resurrection Sandtown's property assets.

A Transfer-of-Property Ceremony will take place on May 25, 2022 @ 12:00 PM on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Baker Street. Remarks will be given by Steve Cook, CEO of Northeastern Supply, Bishop Latrell Miller Easterling, Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, State Senator Antonio Hayes, City Councilperson James Torrence, along with the keynote speaker, the Comptroller of the State of Maryland and Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate, Peter Franchot. There will also be remarks from residents, community and business leaders who work and live in Sandtown.

The Cook family's donation of the 26,000-square-foot retail building, and two nearby properties totaling 10,000 sq ft, is an historic expansion of the Cook Family's commitment to family, service, and community involvement and represents an enormous boost in support of Resurrection Sandtown's revitalization efforts in the Sandtown community.

Founded in 1945, Northeastern Supply began in a group of converted "row houses" in downtown Baltimore, Maryland. John Cook joined Northeastern Supply in 1964, and in 1971 he purchased the company. John Cook's legacy continues with the third generation of Cooks now involved in the family business. John's son, Steve Cook, took over as President in 1987 and propelled Northeastern Supply's growth from four to almost forty branches in five states, plus a state-of-the-art central distribution center. Today, with Steve Cook now the CEO, and his daughter Stephanie Cook as the Director, the family legacy of proud and extensive support to communities and community organizations continues with this generous donation.

The Cook Family opened the Northeastern Supply Sandtown location nearly 23 years ago and immediately invested in Sandtown by providing jobs and job training. Employees were encouraged to directly support their local community and did so by participating in food giveaways, peace walks, bookbag giveaways, community clean-ups and other efforts right in Sandtown.

Supported by the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Resurrection Sandtown Project was launched in 2016 to address systemic structural shortfalls that perpetuate inadequate housing, endemic poverty, and unacceptable levels of crime in the Sandtown-Winchester Community. Organizations with whom the Resurrection Sandtown Project is exploring partnerships include the Little Flowers Early Childhood & Development Center, Inc., Black Mental Health Alliance, the Adullum Community Healthcare Center, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Baltimore, and the Penn-North Recovery Center, among others. The Project's architect is Kevin Day of HGA.

Decisions on the use and reconfiguration of the former Northeastern Supply Sandtown location will be extensively based on community input. Potential uses include retail space for locally based entrepreneurs, space for arts and entertainment venues, expanded tutoring and mentoring capabilities, workforce readiness/development, and other aspirations consistent with the culture and proud history of Historic Sandtown.