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Auto-Owners Makes \$100,000 Donation to Peckham Community Partnership Foundation

LANSING, MI – The Peckham Community Partnership Foundation (PCPF) is pleased to announce that Auto-Owners has donated \$100,000. This is the third \$100,000 gift Auto-Owners has made since 2007, making Auto-Owners Insurance one of the largest organizational donors to the PCPF.

“Auto-Owners is a long-time supporter,” said Mitchell Tomlinson President & CEO of Peckham, Inc. “They have maintained their commitment to Peckham over the years, even as new leadership has emerged. We are so fortunate to have such a great community partner,” he said.

“We appreciate Peckham and all they do to create a dynamic community workforce,” said Jeff Tagsold, Chairman & CEO, Auto-Owners Insurance. “They help people with disabilities and other barriers to employment get the training and support they need to succeed in the world of work. This helps all area businesses, by creating a diverse and well trained future workforce,” he said.

Helping persons with barriers to employment succeed as individuals and as contributors to the larger community remains a top priority for the PCPF. The PCPF provides a safety net for critical programs where little other funding exists, and supports vocational training services to persons with severe cognitive and developmental disabilities.

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Auto-Owners Insurance has been dedicated to the independent agency system for over 100 years. Founded in 1916, they are a Fortune 500 company represented by over 40,000 independent agents in more than 6,000 agencies in 26 states. Auto-Owners is the 14th largest property/casualty insurance company in the nation based on its written premium, which is over \$7.2 billion.

Peckham Community Partnership Foundation is committed to supporting the initiatives, programs and services that help Peckham, Inc. fulfill its mission. The Foundation helps fund services and programs where little other funding exists, filling critical gaps that can make a difference in the lives of those striving for greater independence and self-sufficiency. For more information about the PCPF, call 517.316.4412 or email foundation@peckham.org.

Peckham, Inc., a nonprofit community vocational rehabilitation organization, is a unique business and human services agency that values quality, diversity and performance. Our mission is to provide a wide range of opportunities to maximize human potential for persons striving for greater independence and self-sufficiency. We embrace collaboration, effective resource management and innovative approaches to achieve world-class excellence. For more information, visit www.peckham.org.

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