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L+M Development Partners Teamed Up with TEM360 and AT&T Pioneers to Facilitate Sports Equipment Giveaway to Georgia King Village Afterschool Program & City Hope Ministries

Equipment Donated Through the Second Chance for Our Recreational Equipment (SCORE)

Program by Georgia King Village technology partner TEM360 as Part of Larger Effort to Improve

Quality of Life at Georgia King Village



**Newark, New Jersey** (October 18, 2017) — Today, L+M Development Partners, owners of Georgia King Village, teamed up with TEM360 and AT&T Pioneers to facilitate the donation of over 40 pieces of brand new and sparsely-used sports equipment to the Georgia King Village afterschool program and City Hope Ministries. L+M partnered with the Newark YMCA, who operates the afterschool-program with participants living at Georgia King Village, and were on hand to receive the equipment, joined by Pastor Paul Valerius of City Hope Ministries and Mr. Hasan Hamilton, Tenant's Association President at Georgia King Village.

The equipment was donated through the Second Chance for Our Recreational Equipment (SCORE) program, and included basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, volley balls, tennis rackets and whiffle balls and bats. The excited kids of the after-school program put the equipment to

immediate use on the basketball court at Georgia King Village. The equipment will be integrated into after-school and neighborhood programming, encouraging healthy, active recreation.

"Events like today's are an expression of our mission to improve lives in the communities we serve," said **Debbie Kenyon**, **Vice Chair and Senior Partner at L+M Development Partners.** "By delivering new programming like the Georgia King Village afterschool program, while leveraging our partnerships to support fun, educational and healthy activities for kids, we aim to have a positive impact for our residents. This is just the latest example of L+M's commitment to the Georgia King Village community, going well beyond housing. We're thankful to our partners in this effort, TEM360 and AT&T Pioneers, for their generosity and collaboration in making this event so successful.

The donation is the latest in a series of community-focused initiatives at Georgia King Village since L+M took over the site. Over the summer, L+M opened a new children's library in the remodeled community space and stocked it with new and donated books. The library is now open on weekdays and operated by staff at the Newark YMCA and interns from Rutgers University-Newark. L+M also brought the afterschool program at Georgia King Village, in collaboration with the YMCA providing free, productive and educationally-focused programming for kids. These efforts are in line with the company's holistic approach to development, which seeks to strengthen neighborhoods and build communities.

As a Newark native, I've always felt driven to support my local community," said Marland "MJ" Jenkins, Founder and CEO of TEM360GES, a local technology services company serving the Newark area. "Whether through volunteering to support the homeless, seniors, underserved-youth, or through working with great organizations like SCORE to brighten the lives of our local after school programs, I'm proud to lend a helping hand. TEM360 will always be a partner to anyone looking to foster a greater sense of community and this donation is exemplary of just that."

"We are pleased to support the Georgia King Village after school program with this donation as part of our mission to help strengthen communities," said **Marla Spielman, past President of AT&T New Jersey Liberty Gardens Pioneers.** "The youth of Georgia King Village deserve every opportunity to get out and play in a safe environment with quality programming and we're glad to partner with L+M and TEM360 to help provide it."

"From a young age and through the AT&T Pioneers, I envisioned being able to provide sports equipment to local kids that had the greatest need for it," said **Griffin Spielman, founder of SCORE.** "I have spent the last five years collecting equipment and leading fundraising efforts to provide gear to hundreds of New Jersey-based kids. Sharing this equipment with the kids at Georgia King Village is such a great opportunity. I know they will get great use of the balls, bats, and other equipment. I feel great knowing I am sharing my passion for sports with other young people!"

"We are thankful to TEM360 for being a blessing to the Georgia King Village community with their generous donation," said **Pastor Paul Valerius of City Hope Ministries.** "The work they are doing with L+M is really helping to turn this area around, bringing people out of their homes again, while fostering a greater sense of community. Sports are a great way to keep our young people engaged as they develop skills and experience working as a team and we are pleased to support these efforts."

"I would like to thank TEM360 and AT&T Pioneers for giving their time, service and support through the donation of this sports equipment," said **Mr. Hasan Hamilton, President of the Georgia King Village Tenants Association.** "The youth are our future and when they have the support of adults to teach, guide and support them, that future is bright. I'd also like to thank L+M Development Partners for making all this possible and for the ongoing reconstruction of our complex, making Georgia King a desirable place to live."

Together with Prudential, L+M Development Partners and its management team, C+C Managers, have begun a comprehensive campaign to fix the financial, operation and reputation challenges that have plagued Georgia King Village for decades. To date, the new owners invested nearly \$9 million in the first phase of work to bring 75 vacant apartments back online; upgrade the heat and hot water system; insulate and repair facades and rooftops; install new lighting; and increase security presence and camera coverage. The second phase of work will address occupied apartment interiors, common areas, lobbies, and outdoor areas and is anticipated to begin in 2018. L+M also brought in an onsite social worker to assist residents.

L+M has successfully completed similar transactions to modernize and preserve affordable housing projects, including Arverne View and Marcus Garvey Apartments in New York City, as well as a portfolio of Section 8 buildings owned by the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). In the past five years, L+M has preserved 5,500 affordable units with development costs totaling \$1.3 billion.

The expansive apartment complex boasts two 18-story high-rises and 24 three-story gardenstyle walk-ups that total 422 dwelling units. Homes at Georgia King Village are affordable to individuals and families earning no more than 60 percent of area median income. Varied amenities include basketballs courts, designated play areas, barbecues, laundry facilities, and a community room. To learn more about living at Georgia King Village visit: <a href="http://georgiakingvillagenj.com">http://georgiakingvillagenj.com</a>

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