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## **Becoming Independent Consolidates Santa Rosa Campus, Strengthening Future of Services**

**Santa Rosa, CA (February 8, 2021)** – Becoming Independent (BI), the Santa Rosa-based nonprofit social impact organization that supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), has sold one of its two Santa Rosa campus buildings to long time community partner Burbank Housing. The sale of 1425 Corporate Center Parkway, which BI acquired almost 20 years ago, closed on January 29, 2021. BI and Burbank Housing are among Sonoma County’s largest and most seasoned nonprofit organizations and have a working relationship that spans decades. BI’s clients benefit from access to affordable housing opportunities provided by Burbank Housing, and through a long-standing contract, clients employed through BI’s Employment Services provide groundskeeping services at Burbank properties.

“This sale represents a huge milestone for Becoming Independent,” says Luana Vaetoe, Becoming Independent’s Chief Executive Officer. “The proceeds of the sale have allowed us to further enhance the agency’s financial stability, and we’re delighted that the new owners and neighbors are a fellow nonprofit with whom we have a long-standing partnership. With the sale of the building, we are now focused on the next chapter for BI and look forward to unveiling those plans very soon.”

“We are very excited about purchasing this building from our longtime partners, and new neighbors, Becoming Independent,” said Burbank Housing’s President and Chief Executive Officer Larry Florin. “Owning our office space will allow us to create a work environment tailored to our needs, in a neighborhood that is home to multiple social service agencies. We’re looking forward to the opportunities this move offers to better serve our community.”

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