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**Resort Breaks Ground on New Employee Housing**

ACME, Mich., July 27, 2022 – Ground has been broken and construction has started on a new building for employee housing at Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. The two-story building will have multiple units with bedrooms, bathrooms, common spaces, and kitchenettes. The building will be primarily used for additional international labor in the H-2B and J-1 visa programs.

“We are taking a proactive approach to keep our amenities open and service levels where guests expect them,” says Matthew Bryant, general manager. “The need for more employees started back in 2018. In 2019 we really decided to put pen to paper and make this come to fruition.”

The Resort currently has 85 foreign labor employees and will be able to bring in more with the new housing unit. “To have the space to house additional employees during our peak season is incredible. This extra staff will help fill open positions in departments like culinary, food & beverage, and housekeeping,” Bryant says.

Food & Beverage Supervisor Marvin Seekoei is from Cape Town, South Africa. He has worked all around the United States but has never seen a company go to these lengths for their international labor. “We all come to America to work hard for our families. A roof over our head is important,” says Seekoei. “Major kudos to the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa for working to give us the best accommodations possible. It is within walking distance to the property and will be the best housing experience for those from foreign countries.”

Construction is being done by the Resort’s ownership, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, and the Grand Traverse Economic Development. Construction is expected to be completed in March 2023.

Media images are available [here](#).

About Grand Traverse Resort and Spa

Nestled among the freshwater beaches and hardwood forests of Traverse City, MI, Grand Traverse Resort and Spa is miles away from ordinary. Featuring nearly 600 guest rooms and 86,500 square feet of meeting space, the 900-acre property is one of Michigan’s premier resort destinations. The Resort is also home to three championship golf courses, the renowned Spa Grand Traverse, and *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence winner Aerie Restaurant & Lounge. Visit grandtraverseresort.com or call 800-236-1577 to learn more.