

community development partnership

Promoting a vibrant and diverse community on Lower Cape Cod

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The Community Development Partnership has been awarded \$50,000 by CharlesBank Homes and \$10,000 by the Kelley Foundation to support renovations at Canal House, the CDP's residential sober living facility and the only facility of its kind on the Lower Cape.

Wes Blair, treasurer of Charlesbank Homes noted, "Charlesbank Homes is delighted to provide funding to upgrade the infrastructure of Canal House in Orleans, and we commend the Community Development Partnership for all the great work they do providing a safe and supportive living environment for both men and women recovering from substance abuse."

Canal House supports low-income residents overcoming addiction by providing a safe, affordable living environment free from the pressures that can fuel addiction. The supportive living environment at Canal House allows residents to focus on their recovery and get set on the right path towards a happy and healthy future. Canal House provides housing for 5 men, 3 women, and an on-site manager provided through the CDP's partnership with Gosnold on Cape Cod.

"The Kelley Foundation is pleased to be able to add to the generous donation from CharlesBank Homes to fund much needed renovations for Canal House, an important community resource that helps people in their substance abuse recovery journey" said Bert Talerman, President of the Board of Directors.

Since 1998, Canal House has served one hundred and seventy-one individuals working to recover from addiction. Canal House residents can focus on their sobriety, secure employment re-establish family and social relationships and re-engage in personal commitments, including hobbies, cultural activities and community service.

On average, Canal House sees twelve turnovers each year. As a result, the facility experiences an above average amount of wear and tear. The last time the facility received significant renovations was in 2007. These renovations were primarily focused on exterior work, such as re-shingling and painting, and the replacement of select windows and doors.

"An attractive and comfortable home helps to create an environment that supports recovery from substance abuse," said Jay Coburn, CEO of the Community Development Partnership. "We are grateful to CharlesBank Homes and the Kelley Foundation for their support in improving the quality of life for our residents."

The awarded grant funds will go towards both necessary and cosmetic upgrades to the facility, including complete renovations of the upstairs men's bathroom, the men's kitchen, and the manager's kitchen. Renovations are expected to begin in September and be completed by December.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

The Community Development Partnership leads the Lower Cape in building a diverse yearround community of people who can afford to live, work and thrive here.

Our work starts with creating affordable homes—so essential to a healthy economy, but a real challenge in communities like ours where seasonal and vacation dynamics drive the market beyond the reach of many who live and work locally all year round.

We also work to launch entrepreneurs and strengthen local businesses. We believe a vibrant future depends on sustaining traditional industries and inspiring new ones—especially when they're based on renewable natural resources such as fishing and farming.

In all that we do, we aim to facilitate collaboration with business, non-profits and government partners.

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ABOUT THE KELLEY FOUNDATION

The Kelley Foundation was founded in 1954 by two distant relatives: Dr. Julius G. Kelley, the superintendent of what was then the Barnstable County Hospital in Pocasset, and Edward Bangs Kelley, a successful retired businessman born on the Cape. Their mission was to promote the health and welfare of the inhabitants of Barnstable County. In the last 20 years, it has distributed more than \$5 million in scholarships and grants to support health, social services, cultural, educational, and environmental needs on Cape Cod.

ABOUT CHARLESBANK HOMES

Established in 1917, Charlesbank Homes is a foundation that distributes grants to non-profit Massachusetts-based organizations that provide shelter to local citizens of low or no income.