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Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation supports CHAMP Homes with Partnership Grant

Hyannis, MA, December 21, 2016 – CHAMP Homes is pleased to announce that it will be the beneficiary of a \$10,000 Partnership grant from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation. The grant will provide critical renovations at the CHAMP Homes main building, the Alice O'Neill House, providing residence for 25 formerly homeless men and women.

CHAM P Homes' Executive Director Beth Wade said: "We are very excited about this grant. The foundation told us that this was going to be extremely competitive, so we're delighted that this grant reflects the strength of our organization and the impact it's making in the community.

"We're planning to use this grant to renovate the fire escape system and remodel the women's bathrooms, necessary to bring the building up to code and provide a safe and secure living and working environment. Thank you!"



Photo courtesy Eastern Bank, Beth Wade (left) and Erica Clark, VP Eastern Bank

The mission of the <u>Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation</u> is to contribute, in a meaningful way, to the health and vitality of the various eastern Massachusetts and southern and coastal New Hampshire communities served by Eastern Bank. This is done through financial support for selected nonprofit organizations that operate within these communities. To learn more, go to www.easternbank.com/ community involvement.

<u>CHAMP Homes</u> has been providing and maintaining a safe and nurturing family-type environment for formerly homeless individuals for 25 years. Founded in 1991, the organization has helped over 2,500 individuals on Cape Cod. It currently provides housing to up to 65 residents, aged 17 to 80. Many of these residents are at-risk individuals who are challenged by mental, physical and emotional disabilities or are recovering from addiction and have never experienced a loving family environment.

CHAMP Homes is a place where people receive the gift of security, as well as opportunities to attain the tools and experience necessary to become self-supportive through education, career and



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life skills training. For more information about CHAMP Homes, please call <u>508-771-0885</u>, write to us at 82 School Street, Hyannis, MA 02601 or visit our website, <u>www.CHAMPHomes.org</u>.

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