

CHAF REPORTS



CHAF Basics

The Cambridge Housing Assistance Fund is operated by the Cambridge Community of Realtors in a public/private partnership with Cambridge banks, HomeStart, and the Cambridge Multi-Service Center for the Homeless. CHAF provides a bridge to housing for homeless and near homeless families and individuals by assisting with the startup costs of renting an apartment and helping families avoid eviction.

CHAF is a broad-based community coalition of Realtors, civic and business leaders, universities and local banks pulling together to break the cycle of homelessness. Since its inception in 1999, CHAF has raised over \$1,200,000, enough to open doors for more than 1,300 households.

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CHAF Presents "Home Sweet Home" Taste Delectable Desserts & Port Wines, Boogie to a Hot Reggae Band...and Help the Homeless!



Celebrity Chef Judy Rosenberg of Rosie's Bakery

Got a sweet tooth? Want to help your community? The Cambridge Housing Assistance Fund is pleased to present "Home Sweet Home," a new signature event, on Friday, November 14th, 2008 at the Cambridge

Hyatt Regency Hotel's President's Ballroom.

This dessert tasting event will help open doors for the homeless by bringing together many of the area's greatest dessert chefs and restaurants, reflecting the very best of Boston, Cambridge and surrounding areas.

You will enjoy a wonderful evening of fantastic desserts, reggae dancing to Toussaint and the China Band, raffles and a silent auction. Wine enthusiasts can also purchase separate Passports to a VIP Room where they can dine on appetizers and sample port, champagne, and dessert wines. Guests will vote on the best desserts of the eve-

ning to determine the recipients of the CHAF "Yummy Awards!"

A sampling of participating establishments to date include Rosie's Bakery and Dessert Shop, the Harvest Restaurant, Kick Ass Cupcakes, Taza

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Celebrity Host Chef Jed Hackney of Harvest Restaurant

Cambridge Savings Bank To Lead CHAF

"Cambridge Savings Bank is proud to be the lead sponsor of CHAF's 10th anniversary fundraiser, "Home Sweet Home," said President and CEO Robert M. Wilson.

"Previously I served as Benefit Chair in 2004," said Wilson. "That year, we raised \$125,000 and helped more than 125 families in the community. With a tough economy and rising food and fuel prices, we anticipate the need will be even greater this year. We're hoping to raise



Robert M. Wilson

\$200,000 in 2008, which will help more than 200 homeless and near homeless families and individuals secure places to live."

"CHAF brings together

the Realtor community, banks and other business leaders concerned with reducing homelessness in Cambridge," Wilson added. "Collectively, we've raised over \$1.2 million since CHAF's inception in 1999 and helped more than 1,500 people get a new start. It's gratifying to know that our donations can make the difference between someone living day by day in a shelter or worse, and having a safe roof over their heads and a place to call home."

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SAVE THE DATE!

Home Sweet Home November 14th

CHAF's 10th Anniversary Benefit for the Homeless, "Home Sweet Home" will take place on Friday, November 14th in the Cambridge Hyatt Regency's President's Ballroom, from 7 - 10 p.m.

**President's Ballroom Pass
Dessert & Dancing: \$50**

**VIP Passport: \$75
Dessert/Port Wine Tasting
& Hors d'Oeuvres in
VIP Room including
President's Pass**

Tickets available on our website, www.CHAFund.org, and at participating vendors after Labor Day.

Spring Reception Honors Kathe McKenna of Haley House

On a balmy evening in May, a festive crowd gathered at the Harvard Faculty Club to celebrate the 10th Anniversary CHAF Spring Reception. Welcoming remarks by event chair Robert M. Wilson of Cambridge Savings Bank and CHAF's Executive Director, Kevin Sheehan, began the evening and reminded the group of the CHAF mission and accomplishments to date.

Then Kathe McKenna of Haley House, the evening's honored guest activist, took the podium and spoke movingly of how she opened the doors of her home to several homeless

men when she was in her early 20's and how this led to a lifelong commitment to the homeless.

"We believe in people's innate goodness and just opened a space here at Haley House to celebrate their generosity," said Kathe.

The evening concluded with a rousing live auction conducted by CHAF Board Member Daniel Malis of MALIS | LAW. Items included a weekend stay for two donated by the Charles Hotel, a cheese tasting and visit of the cave at Formaggio's Kitchen as well as the ever popular Red Sox tickets!

CSB to Lead CHAF

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"CHAF has historically relied on donations from the Realtor community, local banks such as Cambridge Trust and East Cambridge Savings in addition to Cambridge Savings, and numerous businesses and individuals," Wilson continued. "This year, we're eager to invite new members of the Cambridge community to join us in supporting CHAF's mission."

"The Home Sweet Home event should attract a new audience who may be unfamiliar with CHAF, as well as involving several members of the vibrant culinary community, many of whom are already dedicated to homelessness issues."

"The Cambridge community has always been incredibly generous to CHAF, supporting our mission to provide

an economic bridge to housing for the homeless. Now more than ever, we hope to count on this generosity as so many in our area are feeling the stresses of a fragile economy."

Breaking The Cycle of Homelessness

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CHAF Spring Reception



(L-R) George Camponigro, CHAF recipient and now HomeStart board member, Naomi Sweitzer and Samara Grossman from HomeStart and Kathe McKenna of Haley House



(L-R) Stephen Leonard, Karen Marryat, and Deborah Marcella from Cambridge Savings Bank



(L-R) Bill Scott of ePlace Homes, David Pap, CHAF Board Chair; Robert Wilson, President & CEO of Cambridge Savings Bank; Maria Wilson & Susan Lapierre SVP of Cambridge Savings Bank



CHAF board members present challenge check; (L-R) 1st Row: Susan Lapierre, Jean LeVaux, Bob Wilson, CHAF recipient George Camponigro, Naomi Sweitzer, Susan Wayne, David Pap and Tony Troiano; 2nd Row: Gene Foley, Lois Brunet, Kevin Sheehan, Bill Scott and Dan Malis.

REALTOR® Magazine Recognizes CHAF Board Chair David Pap



*David Pap,
CHAF Board Chair*

David Pap, CHAF's Co-Founder and Volunteer Director for 9 years, is among the top ten national finalists for REALTOR Magazine's 2008 Good Neighbor Award.

The Good Neighbor Awards recognize REALTORS® who've made an extraordinary commitment to improving the quality of life in their communities through volunteer work.

"Many of America's neighborhoods are stronger because of the great volunteer work that Realtors do to build strong communities," said National Association of Realtors (NAR) President Pat V. Combs. "The Good Neighbor Awards encourage and reward that hard work and give us an opportunity to highlight the enthusiasm, commitment and talent of some of our members."



Thank You To Whole Foods

Whole Foods Markets continued to support CHAF by offering register coupons during the month of June. Whole Foods patrons could make a simple \$2 or \$5 donation while checking out, and many did. Donations for the month totaled \$1,167 from the three Cambridge stores, which

represents several hundred individual donations. That's quite a show of support from the community.

Thank you, Whole Foods, for the exposure and many thanks to Whole Foods shoppers for their support!

A Letter from the Director



*Kevin Sheehan, CHAF's
Executive Director*

Everyone has had a moment in life when someone cutting a check has made all the difference.

Maybe you were a 22-year-old college graduate, needing the first and last month's rent to secure a safe place to live in a new city.

Or you were the head of a household, recently unemployed and struggling to make a mortgage payment in the midst of a difficult, wrenching recession.

Then a friend or relative cut a check to help out.

There are many homeless families around Cambridge tonight who just need us to cut them a check to get them back on track. With a little money and wind at their backs, they can soon be out of shelters and into a place they can again call "home."

Think of this: You can change the trajectory of a family's life forever. Just by cutting a check.



You can help CHAF keep 200 families in their homes this year.

You can prevent one family from becoming homeless with a \$670 donation.

Donate online at www.CHAFund.org or, send your donation to
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Home Sweet Home

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Chocolates, Temple Bar, Tavern in the Square, Tommy Doyle's Irish Pub and the Cambridge Culinary School.

"We are excited to present Home Sweet Home in our 10th Anniversary Year," said CHAF Board Chair David Pap. "After nine years of successful benefit concerts, we expect this new format to reach a new audience and to open more doors for the homeless. After all, who doesn't like dessert?"

Tickets, priced at \$50 for The President's Ballroom and \$75 for a VIP Passport will be available online at www.CHAFund.org after Labor Day. Remember to enter code NL22 when purchasing tickets to be entered



Celebrity Host
Chef Robert Daugherty
of Hyatt Regency

into a raffle for great prizes at the event. Tickets are limited and available on a first come, first serve basis.

CHAF hopes this fun-filled evening of chocolate, dancing and good cheer will result in a record-breaking fundraising year to benefit homeless families in Cambridge.

Introducing *Home Sweet Home's* Celebrity Chefs

Chef Judy Rosenberg of *Rosie's Bakery* (Cambridge, Boston, Wellesley, and Chestnut Hill) is the author of *Rosie's Bakery All-Butter, Fresh Cream, Sugar-Packed, No-Holds-Barred Baking Book*, winner of the Julia Child Cookbook Award. Ms. Rosenberg opened the first Rosie's Bakery in Cambridge, in 1974. Chef Judy's awards are too extensive to list here, but include top awards from the *Chocolatier Magazine*, and so many "best of" awards from *Boston Magazine* that she is in their Hall of Fame.

Chef Jed Hackney, Executive Pastry Chef of the well-known *Harvest Restaurant* in Cambridge, combines a love of New England's local produce with his com-

mitment to flavor as he creates contemporary desserts brimming with rustic comfort. Chef Jed is a graduate of the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier, Vermont.

Executive Chef Robert Daugherty of the *Cambridge Hyatt Regency* is serving as our Host Chef. Chef Robert attended the Culinary Institute of America at Hyde Park, New York. Chef Robert developed the famous Wampanoag Indian Clambake and Regency Caterers, Hyatt's off-premise catering division. Chef Robert was named "Chef of the Year" for Doubletree Hotels and is currently President of the R.I. Chapter of the American Culinary Association.

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