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CAMBRIDGE HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUND ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION



The Cambridge Housing Assistance Fund (CHAF) has announced that David Pap, who co-founded the organization in 1999 and has been its volunteer Executive Director for the entire nine years of its operation, will become CHAF's Chairman of the Board. CHAF welcomed its new Executive Director, Kevin Sheehan, to the organization as of December 1st.

"After nine years directing CHAF, I feel it is time to pass the torch," said Pap, a highly respected Realtor with Coldwell-Banker's Huron Avenue, Cambridge office for the past 21 years. "It has been gratifying to watch CHAF grow and I thank everyone for their participation. I look forward to working with the Board to continue CHAF's mission to break the cycle of homelessness.

"Kevin Sheehan brings a wide range of skills and experience to the position as well as a firm commitment to helping the homeless," Pap added. "He'll do a good job moving CHAF forward."

Sheehan, another award-winning Cambridge Realtor with Coldwell-Banker, has just completed a book on the spirit of leadership, **A Leader Becomes a Leader: Inspirational Stories of Leadership for a New Generation**, which has had a warm

reception around the country. He is the founder of Starbucks Hear Music ("The Voice of Starbucks") and has served as a consultant and board member to various non-profits such as Passim Cultural Center in Harvard Square.

"It is a privilege to serve this organization that has helped so many," Sheehan explained. "Helping homeless individuals and families off the street and into homes is a sparkling legacy that CHAF has created in partnership with HomeStart. Our job moving forward will be to amplify the reach of the organization and to continue to build the network of Cambridge citizens who are involved in making this critical solution happen every day."

The volunteer Board and team of volunteers that guide CHAF consist of concerned citizens, civic and business leaders, and non-profit experts from a variety of disciplines. Dan Malis, a prominent Cambridge real estate attorney who has been instrumental in helping build the organization, described David Pap's legacy this way:

"Without David, this organization simply would not exist," he said. "We have been blessed to have had critical contributions from an important group of individuals, Realtors, banks, business leaders, and other contributors. But one leader, at the end of the day, needs to do the heavy lifting. In concert with a group of very talented people, David has led an effort that has raised more than \$1,000,000 and housed some 1,200 individuals and families."

CHAF is a public/private partnership and city coalition of the Cambridge Community of Realtors, Cambridge Banks, Harvard University, concerned citizens, HomeStart, the Cambridge Multi Service Center for the Homeless and the Cambridge Housing Authority. More information is available at www.chafund.org.