

CHAF REPORTS



CHAF Basics

The Cambridge Housing Assistance Fund is operated by the Cambridge Community of Realtors in a public/private partnership with the Cambridge banking community, 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 initial costs of renting an apartment and providing one time assistance grants to families at risk of becoming homeless.

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 \$1,500,000 - enough to open doors for more than 1,550 households.

Home Sweet Home raises \$150,000

125 homeless and near homeless families will be assisted

The Cambridge Housing Assistance Fund rocked the house with its Home Sweet Home event on October 30, 2009 at the Cambridge Hyatt Regency.

The event capped off a year of fundraising for CHAF in which \$150,000 was raised to benefit nearly 125 homeless and near homeless families and individuals in Cambridge.

"We'd like to thank everyone who supported Home Sweet Home this year," said David Pap, CHAF Board Chair. "This was a challenging year for fundraising, and I'd like to thank the many businesses and individuals who 'dug deep' to help out."

As Host Chef Robert Dougherty and the Hyatt 'rolled out the red carpet' for CHAF, celebrity chefs Nicole Caody of Finale Desserterie



TV Diner's Billy Costa with Chef Michael Klug of Burdick Chocolate and his Yummy Award for Most Creative Dessert

and Michael Klug of Burdick Chocolate led an illustrious array of top pastry chefs from the greater Boston area who competed with tasty treats for the coveted Yummy Awards. The nearly 500 guests and volunteers checked their diets at the door, and while sam-

pling sumptuous and sweet concoctions, were entertained by NECN's TV Diner host, Billy Costa. The awesome Love Dogs kept the dance floor hopping with their rockabilly sounds; and Cort Furniture and Pure Energy Entertainment provided a comfortable lounge-style setting.

The VIP room featured a pasta bar and turkey carving station from the Hyatt's Zephyr Restaurant and an interactive chocolate truffle bar provided by Taste of Chocolate. A variety of vintage Ports and sparkling wines were offered with wine tasting tips from Sommelier Augusto Gabriel.

Home Sweet Home was conceived and organized by Carolyn Oliveri of CoolCat-Events.com. Please watch our website for date of next year's Home Sweet Home.

East Cambridge Savings Bank leads the way with \$17,500 donation

CHAF is pleased to announce that under the leadership of Arthur Spears, President and CEO of East Cambridge Savings Bank and Janine Mahoney, Community Relations Officer for East Cambridge Savings Bank, CHAF met its goal of raising \$150,000 in 2009.

"This year, the Bank, as lead sponsor of Home Sweet Home, donated \$15,000 from the East Cambridge Savings Charitable Foundation and an additional \$2,500 as a match to a live auction guest spot on



East Cambridge Savings Bank presents a 'big' check to CHAF board

Billy Costa's TV Diner," said Spears. "Cambridge community banks, Realtors, attorneys, chefs and other volunteers were very generous in their support to prevent homelessness."

East Cambridge Savings Bank's long-

standing commitment to the community has encouraged the Bank to nurture its relationships with civic leaders like CHAF. Both organizations share a vested interest in the welfare of the community they reside in and the residents they call neighbors.

You can

VOTE

for \$20K to help homeless families

All you have to do is VISIT www.CambridgeSavings.com and CLICK VOTE! CHAF can win \$20,000 to help 20 homeless families move from shelters to safe secure housing. You can also win a \$1,000 "Harvard Square Getaway Weekend" when you VOTE.

(See details on page 2)

Have FURNITURE or HOUSEHOLD GOODS to donate?

Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless Furniture Bank



You can give new life to old furniture by donating it to the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. The Coalition each year assists over 2,000 households to transition out of homelessness into permanent housing, by making furniture and household goods available free of cost. For further information call the Coalition at (781) 595-7570x13 or visit their website at : <http://www.mahomeless.org/getinvolved/donatefurniture.html>

American Friends Service Committee Material Assistance Program



The AFSC Material Assistance Program (MAP) has been giving clothing and basic household supplies to people in need since 1944. Part of their space is structured to resemble a store where clients, referred by local agencies, come in by appointment and “shop,” free of charge, for the items they need. For further information contact the AFSC MAProgram at 617-876-5312 or visit their website at : <http://www.afsc.org/cambridge/ht/display/ContentDetails/i/4505>

You can VOTE for CHAF to win \$20,000 to help Homeless Families, And win a \$1,000 Harvard Square Getaway Weekend
It's easy! JUST VISIT www.CambridgeSavings.com and CLICK VOTE!



Cambridge Savings Bank is celebrating its 175th anniversary by promoting a generous “Community Gift” program that will deliver \$175,000 to local non-profits. “This is a great example of Cambridge Savings Bank’s commitment to the community,” said CHAF Board Chair David Pap. “CSB has been a partner of CHAF since it’s founding in 1999.”

The Cambridge Sav-

ings Charitable Foundation has already donated \$25,000 each to three Cambridge organizations: the Salvation Army, Homeowners Rehab, Inc. and Just-A-Start; and the Housing Corporation of Arlington. They have also just announced an additional \$75,000 in gifts to 10 pre-selected housing non-profits. Each will receive at least \$5,000, two others will receive grants of \$10,000 each

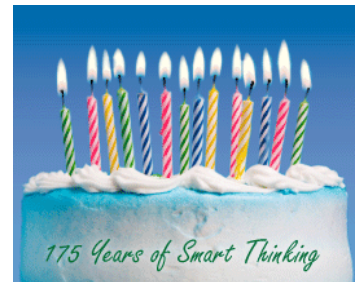
and one lucky organization will ‘win’ \$20,000 – a sizable sum of money in today’s difficult economic times.

CHAF needs your help (and your friends help) to win the top \$20,000 award to help 20 homeless families move from life in a shelter, or on the street, to safe secure housing.

If everyone reading this newsletter votes: that’s 1,100 votes. And if you each ask 5 friends to vote, that’s 6,600 votes total. And if they each get 5 friends to vote... well, we can win! Votes can

be cast online at: www.CambridgeSavings.com until December 31, 2009.

And, if helping homeless families is not enough, every person who votes is eligible to win a \$1,000 “Harvard Square Getaway Weekend.”



Cambridge Local First designates CHAF for Think Local, Thank Local campaign



Rachael Solem of Irving House

Special Thanks to Cambridge Local First for designating CHAF as beneficiary of their third annual Think Local, Thank Local campaign.

Cambridge Local First (CLF) promotes the support of locally owned community businesses. For the week after Thanksgiving more than 30 CLF members pledged to donate a portion of their pro-

ceeds to CHAF.

“Cambridge Local First is pleased to be able to contribute to our local community service organizations. Think Local, Thank Local works on the simple premise that locally owned independent businesses can work together to promote our interests and share with the community part of our success,”

said Rachael Solem of Irving House.

Each year, CLF designates a different non-profit. “CHAF was honored to be chosen to partner with CLF this year,” said David Pap, Board Chair. “The slow economy made fundraising especially challenging this year and the support of organizations like CLF is vital.”



Home Sweet Home “Yummy Award” Winners

Best Chocolate Dessert	Temple Bar/Grafton Street: <i>Chocolate Bars with Chocolate Streusel and Dried Cherries</i>
Best Non-Chocolate Dessert	Zephyr’s on the Charles: <i>Warm Pumpkin & Spiced Pecan Crepes with Apple Cranberry Syrup</i>
Most Decadent Dessert	Finale Desserterie: <i>Manjari Chocolate Mousse</i>
Most Creative Dessert	L.A. Burdick Chocolate: <i>Boris’s “Home Sweet Home” Chocolate Tart</i>
Celebrity Chef’s Choice Award	Sweet Pastry Shop & Dessert Bar: <i>Caramel Bread Pudding with Coopers Farm Fresh Whipped Cream, Dogfish Head Raison D’etre Foam And Almond Brittle</i>

and some of the other delectable delights offered to CHAF guests...



Manjari Chocolate Mousse from *Finale Desserterie*



Apple Tart Tatin with Crème Anglaise and Chocolate Sauce from *Sandrine’s Bistro*



Boris’s “Home Sweet Home” Chocolate Tart from *Burdick Chocolate*



Caramel Apple-Tini from *Kickass Cupcakes*

Warmest Thanks to our Chefs, Sommelier and Emcee

Featuring Celebrity Chefs...

Chef Nicole Coady, Executive Pastry Chef, Finale Desserterie & Bakery Cambridge, Brookline, Boston

Chef Michael Klug, Chocolate & Pastry Chef, L.A. Burdick Handmade Chocolates, Cambridge, Walpole, NH

Chef Robert Daugherty, Executive Chef, Zephyr’s on the Charles at the Cambridge Hyatt Regency

Sommelier: Augusto Gabriel of *Vine Link & Top Notch Food & Beverage Solutions*

Host Emcee: Billy Costa of “TV Diner”

DESSERT COMPETITORS

Cambridge School of Culinary Arts, Culinary Students: *Fudgy Chocolate Brownies and Coconut Triangles*

Christina’s Ice Cream, Ray Ford: *Ice Cream Assortment*

Finale Desserterie, Pastry Chef Nicole Coady: *Manjari Chocolate Mousse*

Hungry Mother, Pastry Chef Heather Tirrell: *Pecan Cider Jelly*

Layer Cake with Brown Sugar & Butter Cream Frosting

Kickass Cupcakes, Sara Ross: *Caramel Apple Mini Cup Cakes*

L.A. Burdick Chocolate, Chef Michael Klug: *Boris’s “Home Sweet Home” Chocolate Tart*

L’Espalier, Pastry Chef Jiho Kim: *Espresso Crème Brûlée with Dark Chocolate Gel, Balsamic Air and Matcha Strusel*

Middle East Restaurant, Nabil Sater: *Baklava*

Sandrine’s Bistro, Chef Raymond Ost: *Apple Tart Tatin, Crème Anglaise, Chocolate Sauce*

Sweet Pastry Shop & Dessert Bar, Chef Alina Eisenhauser: *Caramel Bread Pudding with Coopers Farm Fresh Whipped Cream, Dogfish Head Raison D’etre Foam And Almond Brittle*

Temple Bar/Grafton Street, Pastry Chef Cristina Valente: *Chocolate Bars with Chocolate Streusel and Dried Cherries*

Toscanini’s Ice Cream, Gus Rancatore: *B3 (Brown Sugar, Brown Butter And Brownies), Lemon Ice Cream and Mango Sorbet*

Tremont 647, Pastry Chef Kat Craddock: *Coconut Tres Leches Cupcakes*

Zephyr’s on the Charles, Chef Robert Daugherty: *Warm Pumpkin & Spiced Pecan Crepes with Apple Cranberry Syrup*

Home Sweet Home at the Cambridge Hyatt Regency on October 30, 2009



CHAF volunteer with City Councillor Sam Seidel, and Art Spears, President and CEO and Janine Mahoney, Community Relations Officer of East Cambridge Savings Bank, CHAF's Lead 2009 Sponsor.



Host Billy Costa of NECN's TV Diner and Lisa Drapkin of Coldwell Banker, pointing to an auction bidder.



Sommelier Augusto Gabriel with a 1957 Tawny Port in the VIP room.



Attorneys Steve Clark and Tony Troiano with Donna Troiano



CHAF supporters enjoy the evening



CHAF volunteer



CHAF supporters sample champagne in the VIP room.



Cort Furniture and Pure Energy Entertainment provided a comfortable lounge-style setting



Chefs from the Hyatt's Zephyr on the Charles serve Warm Pumpkin & Spiced Pecan Crepes with Apple Cranberry Syrup

Cambridge Trust to lead in 2010



Joseph V. Roller II

CHAF is pleased to announce that Joseph V. Roller II, president and CEO of Cambridge Trust Company, will chair CHAF's 2010 fundraising efforts.

"Cambridge Trust is pleased to have the opportunity to provide a leadership role and looks forward to continuing CHAF's good work in break-

ing the cycle of homelessness and bringing hope to our neighbors in need," said Roller. "While the local banks and Realtors were the principal drivers behind CHAF's formation twelve years ago, it continues to be individual contributions and the business community in Cambridge and the surrounding communities that are energized by CHAF's efforts and engaged in truly making a difference."

"Time and time again, Cambridge banks have demonstrated an impressive commitment to the community," said David Pap, CHAF Board Chair. Cambridge Trust has been a CHAF partner since its founding in 1999.

FROM THE BOARD



CHAF Board Chair David Pap receives Proclamation from City Councilor Sam Seidel

CHAF helped Leah this year. Leah is a survivor of domestic abuse. Her two children were in a foster home and on the verge of being split up. CHAF helped Leah move into a 2 BR apartment so she could bring her children home. She kept her family together with CHAF assistance and now plans to study Early Childhood Development. There are more than 1,000 families like Leah's with ~1,400 children spending their holidays in the state emergency shelter system. Usually this means living in a motel room.

This was a challenging year for fundraising. The slow economy cut deep into

the philanthropic budgets of businesses and individuals alike. However, CHAF's core supporters came through. They dug deep to help. We ask that you support the businesses listed on the back.

CHAF's community coalition continues to grow. Cambridge Local First chose CHAF for its annual Think Local, Thank Local campaign and First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Harvard Square designated CHAF for its Shared Offerings Program.

As we enjoy friends and family this holiday season, let us remember those who are less fortunate. As the numbers of homeless increase dramatically due to funding cuts and economic hard times, your support is needed more than ever. Please give generously to help our friends and neighbors in need.

And please, DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! CHAF can win \$20,000 to open doors for 20 'at risk' families. YOU NEED TO VOTE BY DECEMBER 31st!



YOU CAN
HELP
BREAK
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\$830 will keep one family from falling into homelessness. It costs the state \$37,000 to house that family in the shelter system for a year.

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**Breaking The Cycle
of Homelessness**

Shared Offerings Program to benefit CHAF

The people of First Parish Cambridge decided two years ago to donate half of their weekly offering to groups doing social justice work in the community. Each month, a different group is chosen and their work is described in the offertory announcement. The Cambridge Housing Assistance Fund was chosen as the recipient for December.

First Parish, located at 3 Church Street in Harvard Square is a Unitarian Universalist congregation with Rev. Fred Small as the senior minister. It is a spiritually diverse community which covenants together to welcome all people to celebrate life, to search together for truth and meaning and to strive together for a more just and compassionate community and world. It is committed to becoming a multiracial, multicultural, and justice making congregation. The Sunday service is held each week at 10:30 am.

For more than 15 years, First Parish has provided Tuesday night dinner for its homeless and hungry neighbors. Volunteers are needed every Tuesday to assist in the preparation and service of the weekly meal. To help out, please contact meals@fpcambridge.org.

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