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Fellowship Housing Opportunities Receives \$10,000 Rotary Club of Concord Community Support Donation

Concord, NH – With over 50 persons attending, the Rotary Club of Concord presented Fellowship Housing Opportunities, Inc. with a \$10,000 community support donation at its May 15th meeting. Donations were also made to two other local organizations.

Fellowship Housing Opportunities, Inc., newly relocated at 36 Pleasant Street, is a 501(c)3 organization which provides housing and services to adults living with and recovering from mental illness. The organization was founded in the 1960's by a group of citizens concerned about the growing number of people being released from the state mental hospital into homelessness. Fellowship Housing's purpose is to provide decent, affordable housing and "recovery-oriented" support for adults who have no alternative other than costly hospitalization.

With the acquisition of the Pleasant Street building, Fellowship Housing owns or manages 47 housing units serving 62 adults and two children, including Fellowship House, a group home that provides transitional housing and 24-hour support to 12 residents; Fellowship Apartments, Washington Court and Fayette Street Project, which were developed in response to the growing need for residents of Fellowship House to transition into independent and affordable community housing; 106 South State Street, an eight-unit Community Development Block Grant project that offers permanent housing to very low-income people with disabilities; and 21 Spruce Street, a single-family "Home of Your Own Project" that was developed in conjunction with the NH Community Loan Fund.

The donation from Rotary Club of Concord will be used toward furnishing the program service areas that have been created in the Pleasant Street building. Fellowship Housing hopes to partner with Riverbend Community Mental Health and other non-profit organizations to sponsor activities and events aimed at supporting people's effort toward recovery from mental illness and living well in this community. The building is located on the corner of Pleasant and North State Streets – a cornerstone of downtown Concord – and within walking distance of services, shopping, activities, etc.

Rotary is a volunteer organization with over 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. The organization initiates humanitarian programs that address today's challenging issues, such as hunger, poverty and illiteracy.

Rotary Club members represent a cross-section of business and professional leaders worldwide. These 1.2 million men and women donate their expertise, time, and funds to support local and international projects that help people in need and promote understanding among cultures.

The Rotary Club of Concord, NH is a network of community volunteers working to better communities around the world, one person at a time. For more information about the Rotary Club of Concord, NH, please contact Allison Dunn at ADunn@nobisengineering.com.

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